

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JUNE 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.

AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. B Squirrell, D Millington, G. Roberts, D Lucas, M Simon

In Attendance Sarah Turnbull (Clerk)

22. APOLOGIES Cllr D. Houston and Cllr Robinson
 Borough Cllr A. Coiley

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2025, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

The Clerk reported that the PCSO is unable to attend the meeting and has provided a report for Wistaston and made available at the meeting.

Cllr Simon advised that she has received communications about 2000 new homes near Leighton Hospital and has requested a map showing the exact location. Also, an email has been received about 22 Towers Close which is to be a home for young people and Cllr Simon mentioned the suitability. Cllr Simon is meeting with Planning at Cheshire East about the new plans for housing in Wistaston and the current flooding, narrow bridge and roundabout that has been discussed previously.

26. PLANNING MATTERS

All the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee were accepted.

27. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The wood surrounds of four flowerbeds have been replaced and have now been fully completed by the conservation team, which are excellent and were on time and ready for the contractor to carry out the planting which has been done, and the plants are being watered and are looking good. The other flower beds do now require a tidy and clear out and volunteers are required. The Chairman to discuss with the conservation team.

The Chairman obtained information from Rope Parish Council about their active Speed Watch Group and asked our Clerk to obtain information from the Clerk at Rope Parish Council about working together or for details about how they obtained their volunteers.

We will need 3 volunteers; the Chairman will send information to the clerk regarding the locations and requirements.

28. CLERK'S REPORT amended to 19th June 2025 and not 20th June 2025

The council **APPROVED** 2 memorial tree requests, being the last and all **AGREED** that there would be no further memorial trees planted. Clerk to put details onto the website and Facebook.

A request from Mid-Cheshire Footpaths requesting £8.00 subscription was **APPROVED**

Information regarding the surgeries to be conducted by PCSO was provided, Clerk to provide information on the noticeboards and social media where possible.

The new lease has been received by the Clerk and is available. Cllr John Moore requested a paper copy of the document.

The replacement hedge cutter has been purchased at a cost of £765 including VAT plus delivery.

The Clerk advised that Cheshire East Fix My Street reporting tool is changing in June 2025 to TRACE – Track, Report, Alter, Cheshire East.

A quotation has been obtained for the repair to the rope ladder at Joey the Swan play park at a cost of £578.22 plus VAT with the work due to be carried out in June or July by Wickstead. **APPROVED**

The Clerk's report was accepted.

28. FINANCE

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Accounts for May 2025 totaling £13,440.81 and the Receipts and Payments Statement for May 2025 have been approved.

29. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Cllr Squirrell reported that they now have the internet at The Brittles. WSLA are now obtaining quotations for additional lighting for the street leading up to the car park and for the car park too and making contact with the owner for their approval.

Cllr Squirrell reported for WSLA that as per the report provided with the papers an offer to replace the MUGA by a company who will then run football training and hire it out to others to use under the WSLA current rules. The WSLA do not have the funds to do this or time to apply for grants or to manage the bookings, so they are keen to investigate the proposal that has been made to them. Cllr Simon asked about the life span of the new pitch and the conditions around the rent charged over the 10-year period, Cllr Moore asked if the drainage issues had been discussed & ongoing maintenance, Cllr Millington asked when this is going to happen. Cllr Squirrell to obtain more information and ask for WSLA to submit a formal request as a formal agreement with the Council would need to

be in place. Clerk to read the Land Registry document and sub letting of the premises, conditions around access, car parking and start/end times for use.

Cllr Moore reported that the Community Council Fete had been very successful with a profit of £865. The company that hires the duck race are no longer doing this, the CC are looking into buying their own ducks or for another company that will hire the ducks to the CC. The Roundabout Magazine runs at a loss of £2,600 each year with the prospect of new houses and struggling with distributors which will increase costs and cause problems for delivery of the magazine.

Conservation Group took £400 at the village fete for the sale of plants

30. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The report from the Park Ranger was accepted and the Clerk confirmed that the contractors were cutting the grass at College Fields.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.