

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

B Squirrel, D Millington, G. Roberts, D Lucas, M.Simon, D Houston

In Attendance Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) Borough Cllr Alan Coiley

40. APOLOGIES Cllr J. Robinson

41. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

43. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Coiley reported that the white lines had been completed at Broughton lane, Woodside and School which were all done from the Borough Councillor's budget. He has been receiving comments from members of the public with regards to the bus route as during the summer it was diverted through Wistaston due to road works on Crewe Road and some residents are keen for it to continue the route, so he is encouraging people to form a group to tackle Cheshire East over a permanent bus route through Wistaston. He is actively pushing for a replacement school crossing patrol at Vine Tree school. Cllr Coiley has made first contact with Guinness with regards to overgrown pathways near to properties. He also attended the Flower & Produce show and the helped at the Duck Race. Cllr Robert's asked about the road markings on the A534 and both Cllr Simon and Coiley commented that it is on the wish list. Cllr Simon reported that it was pleasing to watch the road marking process as both Cllr Simon and Coiley were invited to watch the process and pick which area's were deemed a priority. 7.47pm – Cllr Coiley left the meeting.

44. PLANNING MATTERS

All the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee were accepted.

45. CLERK'S REPORT

Council **APPROVED** 2 memorial tree requests and the tree request that was added after the agenda had been issued, they also endorsed 2 further requests that were granted during recess.

Disabled Access to Joey the Swan – Cllrs **ASKED** that the resident get's in touch with Cheshire East first as they would have to install a pathway to the gate onto the Joey and also suggested the resident reports the parked cars along Beech Drive to the police and then they would be able to access the Beech Drive car park entrance via the pathway.

Joey Bench Plaque – A request was made to add a further plaque to a Joey Bench for s residents recently passed away parent in addition the existing parents plaque already on the Bench - Council **ASKED** that a further inscription be added to the existing plaque or a replacement plaque be installed rather than having another plaque on the bench.

Tenders were sent to 3 companies for the works required as a result of Council's recent Treewise survey. Only one quotation was received due to the other companies being too busy to quote which was from Mercia Tree Care at a cost of £3600 & Vat (funded from line 33 Environmental General) – Council **APPROVED** the Mercia quotation.

The included the report from Councillor's about the recent United Utilities site visit with regards to Better Rivers, Better North west.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

46. FINANCE

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Accounts for Jul 2024 totaling £14,056.42 and August 2024 totaling £1012.89 and the Receipts and Payments Statement for Jul / Aug 2024 have been approved.

47. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA. Cllr Squirrell reported that the Cricket Club lease should be with them any day. Bookings are picking up as we go into Winter and they have gained a couple of new regular bookings. The Insurance has recently been renewed at a cost of £3000 and the football pitch has been resurfaced.

Community Council – Cllr Squirrell reported that he has attended two meetings and they have a new treasurer and have appointed an assistant treasurer for holiday cover. The Flower and produce show and the Duck Race were both a big success and the 100 club is due to be audited

Memorial Hall – Cllr Houston reported that they are now a registered ICO after a 2-year process. The new charity currently has 3 trustees, and the rest will have transferred over by the end of September. The transfer of monies needs to be completed from the old account to the new account and they need to apply for a premises license. They have gone for option 6 for the rebuild which is to utilize all the empty space. The Tennis Club is quite flexible, but the Bowling club would prefer to keep their existing area. They are currently working on a design brief which will be on their agenda for their next meeting. They then have to obtain planning permission and can then apply to the Lottery for a grant. They have celebrated their 75th anniversary and have gained a extra committee member.

48. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The reports from Cllr Squirrell and Cllr Lucas was received and accepted.

Council **APPROVED** and additional items as below.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED: That the Press Public be excluded during consideration of the additional item not included on the Agenda. Pursuant of Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the act.

Council was informed about the appointment of the new Clerk and Council **AGREED** the new Clerk is to commence employment on the 11th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.