

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**  
**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. T. Kilkenny, D. Lucas, D. Millington, R. Moore, G. Roberts. J. Scott, Mrs. V. Smith, & R. Squirrell.

**In Attendance:** 10 Residents.

**77 APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Cross (Clerk), PCSO Bowman, Mr. M. McCormick.

**78 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

**80 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/POLICE MATTERS/CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Several residents raised the following concerns about planning application No.19/5282N Land to the rear of 22 Westfield Drive:-

- a) Public comments were not on Cheshire East's website; CE had said that the lady who adds them was ill. WPC said they would request a two weeks extension of the closing date.
- b) The presence of Japanese Knotweed on the site needs to be highlighted. This matter would be included in WPC's objections.
- c) Invasion of neighbours' privacy. This would be included in WPC's objections.
- d) The development is close to trees with TPOs. This would be included in WPC's objections.
- e) The property boundaries shown on the drawings were out of date. WPC would raise this matter with CE.

A resident expressed concern about the disruption to the drainage on the north side of Wistaston Green Road by the developer Bellway. Cllr. J. Moore said a resident Mr. Bellis had raised the matter with Cheshire East; he would ask Cllr. M. Simon to chase the matter up.

**81 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(i) Planning Subcommittee meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

The following items were **RESOLVED:**

19/5182N GF, FF and side ext to provide additional bedroom and kitchen space -33 Princess Drive.  
**NO OBJECTIONS** be made on the above planning application.

19/5442N Proposed alterations and extensions – 427 Crewe Road

**OBJECTIONS** be made that the proposed balcony would overlook neighbouring properties causing invasion of privacy.

**(ii) The following planning applications have been notified from Cheshire East Council for this Council's VIEWS at the December Meeting**

The following item was **RESOLVED**:

19/5282N Re-submission for proposal of 2 det. Dwelling at land to the rear of 22 Westfield Dr., following refused app. ref. 19/2676N – Land to rear of 22 Westfield Dr.

**OBJECTIONS** be made that:-

1. The proposal will cause over domination and loss of privacy to 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 Kings Drive 18, 20, 24, 26 Westfield Drive and 33, 35, 37 Princess Drive. The proposed balconies and windows will cause additional loss of privacy to properties in Princess Drive and Kings Drive
2. It is out of character with the existing neighbourhood
3. Over development of the site – one bungalow would be acceptable
4. Background development which contravenes the Wistaston neighbourhood plan.
5. The proposed development is very close to existing protected trees. It is essential that the roots of these trees are protected.
6. Two additional properties could create drainage problems.
7. The constant movement of traffic could cause damage to the cover and the terminals underneath an access panel for British Telecom.
8. Japanese knotweed on the site requires safe removal before any building work
9. Residents are concerned that the boundaries shown on the proposed development are out of date and the proposed development is closer to adjoining properties than shown on the drawings

**(iii) The following planning DECISIONS have been notified**

19/4446N Proposed rear extension – 28 Langdale Road

**PERMIT**

**(iv) Appeal**

**19/2657N Proposed repositioning of brick screen wall – 20 Arley Place.**

An appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate against the refusal of the above planning application or failure to discharge one or more of the conditions. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations already received.

**82 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Council considered the Chairman's Report.

**(i) Update Playground Light SID Unit**

The Chairman has received no response from Cheshire East. Cllr. Scott said he would contact Brian Roberts of Cheshire East Highways.

**(ii) New Bin Church Lane**

The Chairman reported that work was in progress.

**(iii) Subsidence Claim 111 Field Lane**

After discussing the matter, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to WPC's insurers, Zurich.

The Chairman's Report was accepted by Council.

**83 CLERKS REPORT**

The Council considered the Clerks Report.

**(i) Bagged Dog Waste**

Cllr. Squirrell said the problem was a police matter, and should be reported to PCSO Bowman.

**(ii) Dead Fox at Joey the Swan Recreation land**

**RESOLVED:** That a payment of £80 be made to ANSA to remove the dead fox.

**(iii) Tree Related Subsidence to 74 Beech Drive**

**RESOLVED:** That the claim be forwarded to WPC's insurers, Zurich.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

**84 FINANCE****(i) Schedule of Accounts and Receipts and Payments Statement**

**RESOLVED:** That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment December 2019 (as per attached totalling £3,323.31) be approved.

**(ii) 2020/21 Budget and Precept Recommendation of the Finance Committee for Decision**

**RESOLVED:** That the following be agreed **provisionally** for the purpose of public consultation:-

- a) The recommendations set out in the Finance Report be approved.
- b) The detailed service budgets as set out on Appendix A, with Line 18 increased from £6145 to £6400, and Cont. from balances increased from £6665 to £6920, and EST Balances reduced from £5949 to £5694.
- c) The Capital Projects Programme 2019 - 23 as set out on Appendix B.
- d) That the sum of £6920 be applied from Balances to reduce the Precept requirement for 2020/21.
- e) That the Precept for 2020/21 be set at £61,000.

**85 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES****(i) Crewe Cycle and Walking Group Extension along A530**

The Notes of Workshop by Cllr. Roberts were accepted by Council.

**(ii) WSLA Report**

Cllr. Kilkenny gave a report on the activities of Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association, and thanked the Council for the contribution of £2500 included in Capital Projects towards the drainage scheme.

**(iii) Community Speed Watch Report**

A copy of Mr. McCormick's report was tabled at the meeting, and a copy will be sent to the PCSO.

**86 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Lucas and Squirrel was received by Council; they confirmed that no Rope Swings were present at the time of the inspection.

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm.**