

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM

AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. D. Houston, D.Lucas,, G.Roberts, B.Squirrell, M Simon, R.Moore

In Attendance : Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) 3 Members of the Public

95 APOLOGIES Cllr's Kilkenny, Millington

96 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2022, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

98 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/POLICE MATTERS/CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Simon reported that there have been ongoing complaints with regards to the fibre broadband work going on in the village and the contractors leaving the verges in a mess after they have completed the work.

The footpath from the new Kingfisher Estate down to Wistaston Green Road has been constructed with steps which makes it difficult for pushchairs / wheelchairs, so Cllr Simon is going to look into it.

Cllr Simon is currently in discussions with the Chief Executive of Cheshire East with regards to the SID post.

Cllr Moore informed the Council of the details of the Wildlife Trust project (included in the Clerk's report) which then a representative from the Wildlife Trust arrived to inform Council of further details. It is a project of 6 Wellbeing and Nature outdoor programmes, 4 times a year that are to be run from the Scout Hut on Joey the Swan. They are for people to improve their health and wellbeing and meet new people. The Council were also informed that they are happy to help with any ongoing projects that the Wistaston Conservation group are undertaking. It is all funded by themselves so is no cost to the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Conservation group would let them know if there are any projects that they can assist with.

99 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) **New Planning Applications**

The following item was **RESOLVED.**

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

22/0317N – Single Storey Extension to the side of dwelling – 422 Crewe Road - **No Comments made**

(ii) The following planning decisions have been notified from Cheshire East Council

21/4631N - Demolish existing garage and form back into Garden space, New detached Garage built in front of existing (Supersedes 20/4168N) – 340 Crewe Rd - **Approved with conditions**

21/2121N – Two Storey side extension to dwelling incorporating single storey extension to the front – 88 Valley Road - **Approved with conditions**

100 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman’s report was received by the Council and accepted.

1. SID Post

The Chairman reported that the SID post decision has been referred to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council and we await the reply.

2. WLSA Barrier

The Chairman reported that he has been in touch with the Landowners, and they are concerned a barrier would pose restrictions on access so an alternative bollard method was discussed. Cllr Squirrel is going to check with WLSA to see if they still require barriers / bollards to stop people parking at the top of the road and blocking access for the landowner.

101 CLERK’S REPORT

i. Fallen tree into Joey the Swan Brook at the back of Field Lane

There has been a tree that has fallen into the brook at the back of Field Lane (as per photograph enclosed) when I checked it was not causing a blockage but there has not been any rain for a few days.

The Clerk reported that the Environmental Agency had been informed and they are going to investigate.

ii. Replacement Union Jack Flag

The Council **APPROVED** the purchase of a replacement Union Jack Flag to be sited outside the Memorial Hall. Approx costs £50.00 & Vat (funded line 12 com amenities)

iii. Wildflower Area

A member of the public emailed with regards to a Wildflower area and mentioned a space where this could take place. After discussions with the Council the space is not Parish Council owned so they are unable to plant Wildflowers in the area, but the Conservation Group are looking into an area within Joey the Swan which could possibly be undertaken with the Wildlife Trust.

iv. Memorial Tree – Joey the Swan

The Council **APPROVED** the request for a memorial tree within Joey the Swan for a former resident of Wistaston. The Clerk will email them to let them know to confer with the Conservation Group with regards to costs and the type of tree which would be suitable.

v. Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Earlier in the meeting the Council were informed about the Cheshire Wildlife Trust project which requires the following decisions from Council.

Council **AGREED** to permission to use the site for the sessions.

Council **AGREED** to the use of a supervised fire bowl.

The Clerk has forwarded the Council's risk assessment to the trust.

vi. Transfer from balances

Council **APPROVED** a transfer from balances for the over expenditure on 10. Audit fees, 28. Children's Playground and 29. Environmental General.

Council also **APPROVED** the Park Ranger's pesticide courses being move from 13. contingency general to 15. Administration.

vi. Avian Influenza – Outbreak management

The Clerk informed the Council about a local case of Avian Influenza.

The Clerk's Report was **accepted** by the Council.

102 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts totalling £3070.07 and Receipts & Payments Statement for January 2022 have been approved.

103 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA VERBAL REPORT

Cllr Squirrel reported that they have got an appointment with the Solicitor to discuss the Cricket Club Lease renewal and they have been in touch with contractors with regards to the drainage project. He also reported that bookings are now increasing.

104 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report completed by Cllr Roberts was received by the Council and the Clerk is going to get in touch with Guinness with regards to the rubbish at the back of Beech Drive properties and ask the park ranger to replace the mesh on the boardwalk as per item 4.

The Environmental report was accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.