

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.**  
**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)  
 Cllrs. D. Lucas, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell, D Houston, M Simon, J Robinson,  
 D Millington

**In Attendance** Sarah Turnbull (Clerk)

**98 APOLOGIES** CE Cllr A Coiley and PC Ashleigh Jones

**99 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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

The Clerk read an email from PC Ashleigh Jones advising that a new PCSO is now in place. Council asked the Clerk to request contact details for the PCSO. The Clerk read an email from Cllr Coiley who advised that he is making enquiries into a bus route between Nantwich via Wistaston to Crewe Railway Station and then to Crewe bus station via Crewe Retail Park. Cllr Coiley has made enquiries into the missing Church Lane road sign.

Cllr Simon highlighted the Cheshire & Warrington Devolution Consultation and suggested Councillors may want to comment via the website. Cllr Simon explained about the local bus service which is missed and safety concerns on Broughton Lane being used by large vehicles.

**101 Planning Matters**

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

**(i) New Planning Applications**

**Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.**

**24/4809/HOUS** Single storey rear and side extensions - 72 Lear Drive, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8DS – **No Comments**

**25/0004/HOUS** Single storey extension to side of dwelling - 25 Marys Gate, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8HH – **No Comments**

**25/0080/HOUS** Proposed Kitchen Rear Extension - 6 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8JP – **No Comments**

**25/0282/HOUS** To construct a single storey rear extension to the rear of the garage/side of the house - 114 Lear Drive, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8DS – included in error – to be added to Planning Matters on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**25/0062/HOUS** Alterations to front elevation and rear single storey extension – 42 Sandylands Park, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8HD – included in error – to be added to Planning Matters on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**25/0259/HOUS** 2 storey side extension - Elm Close, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8RU – included in error – to be added to Planning Matters on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

**24/4735/HOUS** - Storey & a half side extension with front and rear dormers to existing house – 6 Braemar Close – **Approved with conditions**

**102 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

## **1.Wistaston in Bloom**

### **a) Flower Bed Repairs**

The replacement flower beds at Wells Green **APPROVED** the Clerk to obtain materials from the supplier as per the specifications provided by the Conservation Team.

### **b) Bed Clearance**

This was discussed during the Clerk's Report

## **103 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **i Memorial Tree requests**

Council **APPROVED** three requests for memorial trees at Joey the Swan.

### **ii Virements**

Council **APPROVED** the Virements

### **iii Northwest in Bloom Entry**

Council **DECIDED** that they would enter the Northwest in Bloom this year. The Clerk is to complete the application form

### **iv Flower Bed Clearing Quotation**

Council **APPROVED** the quotation for the clearing of 4 beds from RSC

### **v Wistaston in Bloom**

This was discussed during Item 12

### **vi Training and Events**

Council **APPROVED** an Induction Training Event for the Clerk.

**The Clerk's report was accepted.**

## **104 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schedule of Accounts for payment January 2025 totalling £4,106.78 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

## **105 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Cllr Squirrel reported that the WSLA have received a grant from the Football Foundation towards the cost of the maintenance of the pitch, bookings are good and, they are working to get broadband installed and that hirers have requested an up grade to the MUGA – Multi-Use Games Area

Cllr Houston reported that the Memorial Hall have closed the sub committee as the process to move to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation is complete. The second version of the plans are due in March 2025 and then they need to be signed off by the groups involved. The title of the Hall needs to be changed, there are currently 3 individuals including Kerri Wilcox the previous Clerk and advice from ACRE – Action with Communities in Rural England has been taken and Cllr Houston will provide more information to Council

Cllr Moore reported that there has been a change in all the Officers at the Wistaston Community Council and that there has been an increase in attendance and income at the events so far. They now have a social media team, an assistant treasurer, team leaders for each event and a card reader for use at events. The Community Council need more members in the 100 Club, and they are reviewing a higher interest account in addition to the existing current account for payments. There was a discussion about the lighting at the Firework event in November around the entrance/exit and if there was a way that this could be improved for the evening, the Clerk is to write to the WSLA about the lighting. The Community Council have made Kate Blakemore of Her- Place Charitable Trust (previously Motherwell, Cheshire) as Wistonian of the Year 2025.

## **106 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Park Ranger was received and accepted by the Council

- 107 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED:** That the Press Public be excluded during consideration of Item 12 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.

## **108 FLOWER BED CONTRACT**

Council **APPROVED** the recommended Flower Bed planting contract to ANSA

**The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.**