

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2020 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, Mrs. V. Smith, & R. Squirrell.

In Attendance: 2 Residents of Dane Bank Avenue, 2 Residents of Church House Farm & Mr. J. Cosby of Cheshire East Council.

90 APOLOGIES

Mrs. A. Cross (Clerk), Mrs. M. Simon, PC Clark and PCSO Bowman.

91 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

93 PRESENTATION BY MR JOE COSBY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, CREWE

Mr. Cosby gave an interesting presentation; key items were as follows:-

- 1) He covers the parishes of Crewe, Wistaston and Leighton.
- 2) He concentrates on four local issues - dementia problems, social, transport and community.
- 3) Encourage regular meetings of Youth Groups - for example meet at the Church Hall on Fridays.
There is a need to recruit volunteers to assist with this.
- 4) Provide for two separate Youth Groups - Juniors (Years 3-6) and High School (Years 7-11).
- 5) There is a Bright Ideas Fund up to £10,000 available for groups. Could cover pool tables, table tennis, support workers.
- 6) Projects need to be sustainable and long term.
- 7) His email contact is joe@healthbox.cic.com.

Cllr. J. Moore said if there is to be a Youth Club in the village, there needs to be someone to lead it. In the past, the parish council have allocated small funds to suitable schemes - for example towards equipment for someone at WSLA.

Cllr. Mrs. V. Smith said it was essential to engage with the community.

94 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Two residents from Dane Bank Avenue said they were very concerned about problems with speeding vehicles, and the large number of coaches travelling along their road which caused vibration when crossing over the speed humps, damaging garden walls. After discussion, Cllr. J. Moore said he would ask PCSO Bowman to carry out speed checks of vehicles using the road. Also Cllr. Mrs. V. Smith advised them to chase Cllr. Weatherill and assist with the speedwatch, to which they agreed.

Two residents from Church House Farm expressed their concern regarding random footpaths being created in their fields, fence wire being cut, golf balls being driven onto their land, gluing of locks on their gates and a camper van parked for a long time on the field access by the Brittles. Cllr. J. Moore said he would speak to the PCSO. Cllr. Mrs. V. Smith said she would inspect the fields with the residents.

95 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Planning Subcommittee Meeting held on 7th January 2020

The following item was **RESOLVED**:

19/5699N Variation of condition 1 on approval 17/6024N for application for approval of details of the appearance, landscaping, layout & scale being reserved matters under appeal approval APP/R0660/W/15/3136524 (planning app 14/3024N)

REPRESENTATIONS be made as follows:-

1. The following items are not clear on the submitted plans:-

- a) Which existing trees are to be retained
- b) Which existing trees are to be removed
- c) The location of new tree planting (Drawing no. CL_W_01_F shows some trees, but drawing no. NW033-SL-0014 shows no trees)

2. Comments from Nature Conservation and Ecology say that their earlier recommendations have not been included on the current drawings

(ii) Planning Application 19/5282N Land to the rear of 22 Westfield Drive

Cllr. Millington read out a proposed response to Bower Edleston's rebuttal to the parish council's representations submitted to Cheshire East on 20th December 2019. The response was approved by the meeting.

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

19/5182N GF. FF & side ext. to provide additional bedroom & kitchen space– 33 Princess Dr. **PERMIT**

96 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report was received by Council.

(i) Community Development Officer Crewe

Details of the presentation are covered by item 93 of these minutes.

(ii) Children's Home

The Chairman said Ofsted have visited the site, and the home will open in two weeks. He will ask PCSO Bowman to check the site. The manager, Emma Shea, will introduce herself to local residents.

(iii) Environment Inspection walkabout route

The Chairman has contacted the Wistaston Conservation Group with regard to improving the path by the east side of Hinging Bank Covert, but they are too busy. So councillors need to choose a safer route when carrying out the monthly inspections.

(iv) Civic Service

RESOLVED: That the refreshments be provided up to £400, and a donation of £50 be made to Church Lane Academy Choir and also Shavington Academy Musicians.

The Chairman's Report was accepted.

97 CLERK'S REPORT

The Council considered the Clerks Report.

(i) Financial Assistance

RESOLVED: That a sum of £108.45 be granted to 3rd Wistaston Guides (S.137 Payment funded from Line 21 – Contn. to Voluntary / Other Bodies).

(ii) Membership of Community Voluntary Service CE

RESOLVED: That a sum of £100 be paid to CVSCE (Funded from Line 4–Assoc. Fees & Publications)

(iii) Shopping Trolley in Wistaston Brook

The Chairman said he was still awaiting an update. Cllr. Roberts said there was a shopping trolley out of the water, behind the hedge near the lower entrance to Joey the Swan.

The rest of the report was for information only.

The Clerks Report was accepted by Council.

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

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment January 2020 (as per attached totalling £2,820.22) be approved.

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

RESOLVED: That the following be approved:

- (a) The recommendations set out in the Finance Report.
- (b) The detailed service budgets as set out on Appendix A
- (c) The Capital Projects Programme 2019 - 23 as set out on Appendix B
- (d) That the sum of £6,920 be applied from Balances to reduce the Precept requirement for 2020/21
- (e) That the Precept for 2020/21 be set at £61,000.

99 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**(i) WSLA Report**

Cllr. Kilkenny said the fees were being reviewed, parking was still a major issue and a drainage inspection had been carried out.

100 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Kilkenny & Smith was received by Council.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.