

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM

AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. D. Houston, D.Lucas,, G.Roberts, D Millington, J Scott, Squirrel, M Simon,
R.Moore

In Attendance : Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

83 APOLOGIES None received

84 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021, be approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

86 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/POLICE MATTERS/CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Millington reported that Andrea Cross (Our previous Clerk) has been awarded Wistonian of the year 2022 and it was agreed the Clerk would arrange for a congratulations card to be sent to Mrs Cross.

Cllr Simon reported that there have been a few 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. If anyone experiences this then if they contact Cllr Simon she will report it to Cheshire East. There are currently consultations on Cheshire East website regarding Speed management and Crewe Active Travel.

87 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) **New Planning Applications**

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

21/6347N – Proposal of garage to be built within garden retaining walls
– 521 Crewe rd - **No Objections**

22/0009N – Retrospective permission for conversion of integral
vehicular garage to living accommodation – 11 Buckley av
Change of use so no plans and work already completed.

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

21/4581N – Rear Ground floor Brick & Tile Extension – 5 Wellsgreen Place - **Approved with conditions**

88 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

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

1. SID Post

The Chairman asked Cllr Simon to set up a meeting with the Chief of Highways to discuss the post as this post was initially agreed in 2019 and has been fully paid for but is still not in place.

2. Litter

The Chairman reported the litter picking totals for 2021 and advised that CE have informed us that replacement bins are on the back burner at the moment but they will be in touch when they have moved back up the priority list.

89 CLERK’S REPORT

i. Mercia Tree Care Invoice

We have received the invoice for the tree work required after the recent storms and the tree work required rear of properties at Field Lane at a cost of £1180 (funded from line 29 Environmental General which has a virement of £2000 from line 13 contingency general)

The Council **APPROVED** the payment of invoice(line 29) and the virement from Contingency (line 13).

ii. Street Light on the unadopted road by the Rising Sun

The Clerk reported that the bulb has now been replaced in the street light.

iii NALC policy Consultation Briefing - OFCOM Postal Regulation Consultation

The Clerk informed the Council of the consultation.

iv. List of Bird Sightings 2021 from Wistaston Conservation Group

The Clerk informed the Council that the bird sightings list from Wistaston Conservation group 2021 is available by request to the Clerk.

Additional Item not included on the original agenda

v. April Meeting Date

Our April Parish Council meeting and Annual General meeting normally takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month which would be the 14th April 2022 rather than the normal 3rd Thursday, as this falls on the day before Good Friday are Council happy to change the meeting to the 3rd Thursday which would be 21st April 2022.

Council **AGREED** the change of the April meeting to the 3rd Thursday (21st April 2022)

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

90 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts totalling £5407.21 and Receipts & Payments Statement for December 2021 have been approved.

91 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA VERBAL REPORT

Cllr Kilkenny reported that all is ok financially despite receiving a few cancellations due to the increase in Covid. The Cricket club lease is due to be discussed at their next meeting which they have been looking for a more cost effective way of having the lease drawn up.

92 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report completed by Cllr Lucas was received by the Council and accepted.

93 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED : That the Press & Public be excluded during consideration of Item 13 on the Agenda. Pursuant to 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.

94 CLERK SALARY

RESOLVED : As per the Clerk's employment contract the wages will go up 1 SCP after the first year's employment.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.