

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. T. Kilkenny, D. Lucas, D. Millington, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell, M. Simon, J Scott
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In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) & 6 members of the public

33 APOLOGIES Cllr D Houston

34 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2022, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Squirrell, Kilkenny, Simon & Scott declared an interest in item 38 item 4, Cllr Simon declared an interest in item 39 iii.

36 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Members of the public attended the meeting to express their concerns over planning application 22/2643N. It was mentioned that not all residents had been informed of the application and there are concerns regarding the loud music from the property and swearing, the regular Police presence and the blocking of driveways on the close.

Cllr Simon reported that pothole and hedgerow work is gradually taking place as per Cheshire East's Schedule and the Broughton Lane road markings have been looked into and Cheshire East have agreed the markings need to be remedied which will likely take place later in the year. Cllr Simon has requested that the ward budget be used to fetch this work forward which is currently being considered.

37 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) **New Planning Applications**

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

22/2124N – Two storey extension and single rear storey extension – 68 Millrace Drive

- **No Comments**

22/1886N – Demolition of conservatory and new single storey extension – 418 Crewe rd

- **No Comments**

22/2299N – Single storey rear extension – 56 Windermere road.

- **No Comments**

22/2532N – Proposed front & rear one and a half storey extension with replacement flat roof dormer windows front & rear – 12 Broughton Lane

- **No Comments**

22/2490N – Side elevation single storey extension – 4 Alvaston Cottages, Middlewich rd

- **No Comments**

22/2358N – Internal and external alterations to an existing C2 Use property to create Three supported living apartments and associated staff room – 552 Crewe Road

- **No Comments**

22/2373N – Replace concrete sectional garage with asbestos roof which has existing planning (ref br952 19/11/1974) with new brick and block garage with tiled roof – Manor Lodge, Manor Court

- **No Comments**

22/2643N – Retrospective change of use of a dwelling house (Class C3) to 2 child Children’s home (Class C2) – 20 Herrick Close

- **Requested a call in from CE Councillor**

38 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman’s report was received by the Council.

1. PCSO meetings

The Chairman reported that the Police meetings had resumed so Clerk is to inform the Council of when these are taking place and post them on the facebook page and website.

2. Covid

The Covid cases are again on the increase so the Clerk will keep an eye on guidance ready for the September meeting.

3. Litter picking

The following table are the details from Jan to end of May.

171 Green Bags
101 Dog Bags
261 Face Masks (no longer being recorded)
20 Nitrous Oxide Canisters
27 Snap Bags

Councillors mentioned that people are keen to volunteer for the litter picking team, so it was **agreed** that the Clerk will post the details on the facebook page.

4. WSLA loan request

Further to our last meeting discussion, views were requested from CHalc.

We tabled a number of key questions. A copy of their reply was included in the papers along with WSLA’s official request and repayment plan.

The following procedure is proposed and accepted.

Discussion at our July meeting.

Subject to Council's ruling a special meeting to be set with the C/man, Chair of Finance and Clerk.

Their remit will be to revisit our current budget plans with consideration to ongoing commitments.

Identify any issues affecting both current and future year's budget.

Submit recommendations to our September meeting for Council's approval.

Council **APPROVED** the loan request for WSLA as per their official request which states the following repayment schedule :

Loan Amount £14,000.00

August / Sept 2022 - £0.00

Oct / Nov 2022 - £3000.00

Dec / Jan 2022/23 - £2000.00

Feb / Mar 2023 - £1000.00

Apr / May 2023 - £500.00

Jun / Jul 2023 - £500.00

Aug / Sept 2023 - £0.00

Oct / Nov 2023 - £3000.00

Dec / Jan 2023/24 - £2000.00

Feb Mar 2024 - £1000.00

Apr / May 2024 - £500.00

Jun / Jul 2024 - £500.00

and agreed that a meeting will take place between the Chairman, Chair of Finance and the Clerk before our September meeting to discuss where the funds are being borrowed from and how to show the funds going out and being repaid for the Auditor.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

39 CLERK'S REPORT

i. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY IN RECESS

Delegation of Authority is requested for the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to act on behalf of the Council during recess.

Council **APPROVED** the delegation of authority during recess.

ii. BROKEN ROPE ON MULTI PLAY UNIT AT JOEY THE SWAN PLAYPARK

Included in your papers is a photograph of the broken rope on the multi play unit on the Joey Playpark, Three quotations for repair have been requested from Ace Playgrounds (still awaiting quotation) Ray Parry Playgrounds (could not quote due to it being Wicksteed equipment) and Wicksteed Leisure who's quote is £2096.94 excluding Vat (£500.00 funded from line 28 Children's playground and a virement of £1596.94 from line 13 contingency general) should we accept Wicksteed Leisure's quotation.

Council **APPROVED** the quotation for repair from Wicksteed and the virement.

iii. BOWLING CLUB GRANT

We have received a request for a contribution from Wistaston Bowling Club towards the purchase of 10 sets of lighter bowls for School Children to learn with (as per the enclosed letter).

Council **AGREED** to donate 2 sets of lighter Bowls at a cost of £200 funded from line 12 Community Amenities.

iv. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

At our meeting on the 16th June 2022, Council agreed setting up a Parish Council Facebook page for information purposes only (so posts will be added but nobody can comment on the posts). It was also agreed that the clerk would compose a Social Media Policy which is enclosed in the papers and be the moderator and post on the Facebook account.

Council's **APPROVED** the Social Media Policy and **AGREED** that the Clerk will be responsible for posts on the Facebook page.

v. DUCK RACE

We have received an email from Wistaston Community Council with regards to a date for the Duck Race in September, they are planning for it to take place on the 10th September 2022 with a back up date of 17th September 2022.

Council **APPROVED** the proposed dates for the Duck Race.

vi. AIRBAND HIGH SPEED INTERNET

The Clerk reported that our community is earmarked for Airband's rollout of essential broadband infrastructure. This is part of a new Ultrafast fibre to the premises (FTTP) broadband network Airband are providing across a large part of rural Cheshire in partnership with the Digital Cheshire project which is represented by Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, Halton Borough and Warrington Borough Council's to roll out ultrafast full-fibre broadband to over 4,000 properties across rural and hard-to-reach areas of Cheshire

As part of this new Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) Broadband network, a number of premises in your Parish within this contract are to benefit directly.

There is a Community Liaison Executive who is going to attend our meeting in September should any Councillors have any questions about the project.

vii. GREAT BRITISH RAILWAYS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMPETITION

The Clerk informed the Council of the voting procedure for the Great British National Railways Headquarters competition.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

40 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment June 2022 (as per attached totalling £2442.86) have been approved.

41 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

There were no reports from other bodies.

42 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllr. Lucas was received by the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.