

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JULY 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. G. Roberts, D Lucas, M.Simon (left the meeting at 8.34pm) B Squirrell and D Houston

In Attendance Sarah Turnbull (Clerk)

9 Members of the Public attended

- 31. APOLOGIES** Cllr D Millington, Cllr J Robinson
 Borough Cllr A. Coiley

- 32. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2025, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

- 33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

- 34. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Local residents raised their concerns about a change of use of a property in Towers Close including the lack of reply to emails sent to the head of the planning team at Cheshire East, narrow road with no pavement at the end of the Close, suitability of the company running the business, the increase in traffic including deliveries, disruption to wildlife in the garden and the dangers of the trees (approximately 30 trees with TPO's) in the garden for children

The Chairman summarized and answered the points and questions raised, that there appears to have been an error by the planning department as the property was marked as being under Willaston and Rope and not Wistaston and the clerk is dealing with this. Cheshire East will only look at the current situation and not what might or might not happen in the future. The Chairman advised that the parish council do not know anything about the company or the Director.

Cllr Simon will raise the concern around response from the planning officer not being from the person the email was sent to. Cllr Simon advised that we do not know and will never know anything about the children living on the property.

Cllr Squirrell noted that if the owners want to alter the building in the future, they will have to apply for planning permission in the usual way.

Council agreed that the clerk would write on behalf of the council to Cheshire East in support of the residents.

Six members of the public left the meeting after thanking the council for listening to them.

The Chairman welcomed the three applicants to the meeting, and they each introduced themselves to the council provided information about themselves in reply to the Chairmans question about what area of council business they are interested in. Resumes have already been provided with the papers.

Vicky Shaw has an interest in the environment and the effects on future generations, politics, problem solving and having a voice for residents.

Kay Garners has interests in finance and accounts, planning and house building and the local area and community events and would like to give something back.

Mario loves living in the Wistaston area and wants to help change things within his reach and wants to help improve the area.

Cllr Simon noted that we have a vacancy in St. Mary's ward which would be suitable for Kay and for Mario and Vicky there are vacancies in Wistaston Green Ward.

Cllr Houston noted that we do require assistance with capital projects, so the new applications and help is welcome at this time.

The Chairman summarized the work carried out by the council including the environment and woodland work overseen by Cllr Roberts again where help would be welcomed.

The Chair put forward a composite resolution to move in on block the 3 applicants and this was accepted by a group majority subject to the completion of the forms and allocation of the wards within Wistaston Parish Council.

The Chairman highlighted the items in the report provided by the PCSO; copies were provided to the councillors.

Cllr Simon reported that she attended a full council meeting at Jodrell Bank and that a motion to council that the Government Housing Targets is to be challenged and was unanimously supported. Also, discussions about Devolution and the mayoral elections to be put back to 2027 to reduce costs and allow more time to research. Items that are available online include Consultations at Active Travel, Equality & Diversity, Fix My Street is now TRACE – Track, Report, Alert, Cheshire East.

The Clerk read part of an email from Cllr Alan Coiley including his request to replace the missing road sign on Church Lane, he has requested thoughts from officers about the proposed Toucan Crossing at the Peacock Roundabout.

35. PLANNING MATTERS

All the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee were **ACCEPTED**

36. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council

1. Footpaths, the need to clear the path between Crewe Road and Merrivale Road which does not belong to the parish council or Cheshire East but is in very poor condition. The clerk is to obtain quotations to clear it.
2. PCSO Meetings, the Chair and Cllr Squirrell have attended local meetings which need to be supported, there is progress and residents are attending. Councilors do not need to confirm that they will attend but to do so when they can.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

37. CLERK'S REPORT

Council **APPROVED** the request from the Chair of the Council to hold their Duck Race at Joey the Swant on 06/09/25 with a reserve date of 13/09/2025. The clerk is awaiting sight of their Public Liability Insurance.

Cllr Roberts agreed to complete the flood resilience survey from NALC and ACRE.

Delegation of Authority – Council **APPROVED** the delegation of authority during recess.

Tree in the Book at Joey the Swan the clerk informed the council about a fallen tree that the tenant is looking at, the clerk is to chase the tenant for an update.

Bench Quotation the clerk presented a quotation to the council, an alternative quotation to be obtained as it needs to be made from metal and not wood, to be situated in Joey the Swan. The clerk to obtain an alternative quotation.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

38. FINANCE

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Accounts for June 2025 totaling £5,301.48 and the Receipts and Payments Statement for June 2025 have been approved.

39. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Wistaston Memorial Hall Cllr Houston reported that bookings have been good with reduced bookings for July/August. They have been approached for a booking as the Polling Station for Cheshire East in 2027 but are unable to confirm now. They have viewed the CCTV at St. Mary's Church Hall and are having cameras installed over the main entrance and side doors as a temporary measure. They are having problems with a boiler with working being carried out in August. The planning for the rebuild continues, the change to the Land Registry is in the hands of the solicitor, the latest plans have approval to issue to the community and user groups with links via their website to view and comment on version 6. Open days have been arranged for 12/08/2025 4pm to 7pm and Saturday 16/08/2025 10am to 2pm. The next stage will be a planning request to Cheshire East and then an application to the National Lottery.

WSLA Cllr Squirrell reported that there have been no further discussions about the MUGA and the committee are meeting soon. Bookings have been good but will reduce as usual during the summer. There are to be new line markers for the football pitch.

Wistaston Community Council Cllr Moore explained what the Community Council provide to Wistaston and that the next meeting is the following Monday and he will report back at the next council meeting in September. Cllr Squirrell commented that the CC have located the original ducks for the duck race and no longer need to hire them.

40. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The report from Cllr Roberts was received and accepted. The Clerk commented that the fallen tree has been discussed with the tenant who is looking into what can be done to clear the tree.

41. Item 11 Co-option of Casual Vacancies – Council **APPROVED** the three applications

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.