

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. D. Houston, T. Kilkenny, D. Lucas, D. Millington, R. Moore, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell,
M. Simon, J Scott

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

23 APOLOGIES Cllr S Perry

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2022, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

The Clerk delivered a report from PCSO Siddall and PC Clark and also informed the Council of Future Police Surgery dates.

Cllr Simon reported the Middlewich Road Closure is causing problems, but Bentley have opened Pym's Lane for emergency vehicles. A few Cheshire East Councillors had driven the diversion route which was 10.6 miles in distance and observed bad signage for the diversion which has been reported to Cheshire East.

The missing Post Box on the corner of Church Lane / Crewe road is currently being chased as it was damaged by a HGV a few months ago.

The diesel pollution in Wistaston Brook source has been found by the Environmental agency and they are currently working on getting it resolved.

The Broughton lane road markings are very faded so Cllr Simon has been in touch with Cheshire East and a safety inspection is due to be carried out.

Cllr Simon has tried to report the overflowing dog bins on the Bloor home estates and not yet had a response.

There is an overgrown hedge on Rope Lane which has been reported to CE who are going to get in touch with the apartment block owner with regards to getting it trimmed back.

The voting for Crewe to become the Rail Headquarters will be taking very soon so Cllr Simon has encouraged all Council members to vote.

27 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

22/1979N – Proposed single storey extension – 4 Borrowdale Close, Wistaston

- **The Planning Sub Committee feel this would cause over development in the area.**

22/1043N – New build dwelling to the side of No 2 to replace existing double garage Building – 2 Beech Drive.

- **The Planning Sub Committee feel this would cause over development in the area.**

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

21/5231N – Proposed single storey extension to Garage – 14 Riverside Grove, Wistaston

- **Refused**

22/0317N – Single Storey Extension to side of existing dwelling – 422 Crewe Road

- **Approved with conditions**

28 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

1. SID

Further to my summary comments at our last meeting on the post installation this was fully reported to Street lighting with details of the correct spec required and a request to install a new post.

No reply has been received, so we are still awaiting a response.

2. Bank Loans

Following the WSLA enquiry to examine the process to take out loans our Clerk has consulted CHalc for advice.

The procedure can be complex and take a considerable time to implement.

There is no record during the last 25 years of Council seeking loans. Expenditures have always been identified during the budget process and covered with a precept request.

WSLA reported that they do not wish for the Council to take out a loan but rather the Council to loan the money to WSLA from reserves which they intend to pay back over a couple of year period.

It was agreed that the Clerk will ask questions of Chalc with regards to if it is possible and what the process would be.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

29 CLERK'S REPORT

i. Internal Audit

The Internal Audit has taken place for the financial year 2021/22. Copies of the report are included in your papers. Issue 1 was an error on my part by not noticing that the notices should have gone up a day before the notice period. Issue 2 I have added the Supplier fraud to our Risk Assessment as included in the papers.

We have also received the invoice for £243.00 & Vat (funded from line 10 Audit fees). The Notice of Public Rights and Publication of unaudited annual governance & accountability return for year ended 31st March 2022 has been displayed on the notice board and website commencing 13th June 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022.

The Council **ENDORSED** the payment and **APPROVED** the Supplier Fraud Risk Assessment.

ii. Wistaston Parish Council Facebook Page

Cllr Perry has mentioned about the idea of setting up a facebook page for Wistaston Parish Council for information purposes. I have investigated how this can be completed, and we can set up a facebook page and when posts are added I can set it that no one can comment (to ward off any derogatory comments) so that way it is just for putting information on ie. upcoming meetings, events and organisations within the Parish. If Council agree then I shall draw up a social media policy for approval at our next meeting.

Council **AGREED** to a Council Facebook being set up as an information page only which will be updated by the Clerk. The Clerk will also draw up a Social Media policy for approval at the next meeting.

iii. Park Ranger Expenses

The Park Ranger has recently purchased wooden planks for the boardwalk at Hinging Bank as 4 boards have been damaged. He has also purchased weed killer and dye all for a total cost of £118.91 (funded from line 29 Environmental General)

The Council **ENDORSED** the Park Ranger expenses.

iv. Mileage Claim

I had to go to the Auditors to pick up the papers in Mold which was 35 miles each way. After checking with Chalc it seems that it is acceptable to claim mileage at a rate of £0.45 per mile.

Councils **APPROVED** the mileage claim of £31.50 (funded from line 15 administration and room hire)

v. Email from a member of the public

Enclosed in your papers is an email from a member of the public with regards to the grass cutting.

Council **COMMENTED** that the bank needs to be cut due to not being able to see the edge of the brook but they will investigate further with regards to the area's mowed.

vi. Community Governance Review

The Clerk informed the Council of the results of the Community Governance Review as follows :

Number of Councillors overall reducing from 15 to 12 made up as below :

St Marys Ward – 5 Councillors – Reduced from 7
Wells Green Ward – No Change
Wistaston Green Ward – 4 Councillors – Reduced from 5
The changes will come into effect in 2023.

vii. Joey the Swan Event

We have received an email (as enclosed in your paper's about 'The Big Green Weekend'.

Council's **APPROVED** is requested for them to advertise and host some activities at Joey the Swan.

viii. Thank you email from Wistaston Bowling Club

The Clerk reported that the Council have received a thank email from Wistaston Bowling Club for the recent grant of £300.00

The Clerks Report was accepted by the Council.

30 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment May 2022 (as per attached totalling £3987.92) have been approved.

31 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES

WSLA VERBAL REPORT

The WSLA finances were discussed in the Chairman's report (item 28)

32 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

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

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.