

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)
 Cllrs. D. Lucas, G. Roberts, R. Squirrell, D Houston, J Robinson,
 D Millington

In Attendance Sarah Turnbull (Clerk) and one member of the public

109 APOLOGIES Cllr M Simon

110 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2025, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Squirrell declared an interest with the Memorial Hall

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Member of the Public, Chair of Wistaston Memorial Hall thanked the Chairman for the item in the Wistaston Roundabout. The Chair of the Memorial Hall described the rebuild project and explained about the support and advice received from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) including reference to the documentation provided to the Council. And made their request to Vest the title in the Official Custodian of Charities.

112 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

(i) New Planning Applications

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.

25/0282/HOUS To construct a single storey rear extension to the rear of the garage/side of the house - 114 Lear Drive, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8DS – **No Comments**

25/0062/HOUS Alterations to front elevation and rear single storey extension – 42 Sandylands Park, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8HD – **No Comments**

25/0259/HOUS 2 2 storey side extension - Elm Close, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8RU – **No Comments**

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

25/0080/HOUS Proposed Kitchen Rear Extension - 6 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW2 8JP – **Approved with conditions**

24/4328/HOUS 55 Bowness Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire East CW2 8RY – **Refused**

Cllr. Millington commented about the local news report about 220 new houses off Crewe Road

113 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council and accepted

1. Wistaston in Bloom

a) Flower Beds new materials ordered, and replacement plans are in hand. The Chairman and Clerk to keep a check on the progress of the planting and maintenance of the flower beds.

2. Events of Interest

a) Cheshire Tree Alliance Conference – details provided to Council by the Chairman

b) Police Alert Crime Prevention Team – details provided by the Chairman

114 CLERK'S REPORT

i Memorial Tree requests

Council **APPROVED** three requests for memorial trees at Joey the Swan.

ii Memorial Tree Ashes

Council **APPROVED** the request to place ashes with a memorial tree with specific instructions to be passed to the Conservation Team by the Clerk including

- a) Ashes only to be buried with the tree planting and not scattered on open ground
- b) No additional memorial signs or stones to be added
- c) Conservation team to keep the Clerk informed of all requests
- d) Clerk to keep a record of the requests

iii Virements

Council agreed that the Virements were not necessary and that the contingency fund can be used

iv Beech Drive Car Park

Council **DECIDED** the car park will be left open. The Clerk is to speak to the new owner of the house next to the car park to ask if they would like to open and close the gate each day if not the Clerk is to do a leaflet drop to the nearby houses asking for a volunteer.

iv Flower Bed Clearing Quotation

Council **APPROVED** the quotation for the clearing of 4 beds from RSC

v Fly Tipping behind Willow Crescent

The Council **APPROVED** for a Contractor to remove various rubbish and white goods from the area, the Clerk to arrange as soon as possible.

vi Replacement Chain links to Swings and Joey the Swan

Council **APPROVED** the Park Ranger to fit the new chain links recently purchased

vii Memorial Hall

The transfer of title was discussed and confirmation that there would be no change to the constitution Council **AGREED** to Vest the title in the Official Custodian of Charities with the Memorial Hall Solicitors to make the application to the Land Registry

The Clerk's report was accepted.

115 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment February 2025 totalling £2,353.76 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

116 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Cllr Squirrell reported that all is running smoothly at WSLA, with no recent meeting as the AGM is due to be held this month. The broadband is being planned via the school grounds. The lease for the cricket club remains outstanding.

Cllr Houston reported that the Memorial Hall bookings remain healthy with new hirers and a band coffee morning booked. Version Two of the plans need some tweaking and the next meeting is on 15/04/2025 followed by meetings with the attached clubs. The plan is to submit to the National Lottery in October and they are currently awaiting details of the new criteria for new applications.

Cllr Moore reported that the funds of Wistaston Community Council continue to improve and that the SWLA had requested a grant for some flower tubs. As the Parish Council have some tubs currently in store with no plans to use them it was agreed that the Council will gift these to the WSLA

117 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Clerk to check with Park Ranger if broken plank on westerly bend of boardwalk has been or can be fixed see number 4 on route

Clerk to contact Cheshire East for progress report on College Fields

The Environmental Report from Cllr Roberts was received and accepted by the Council

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.