

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MAY 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, S Perry

**In Attendance:** Kerri Wilcox (Clerk)

**8 APOLOGIES** None

**9 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2022, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Houston and Squirrell expressed an interest in item 12. Clerks Report – Memorial Hall Registry.

**11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2022/23:**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. J Moore be elected Chairman for the year 2022/23.

**12 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2022/23:**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. B Squirrell be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2022/23.

**13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2022/23:**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. D Houston be elected Chairman of Finance for the year 2022/23.

**14 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED: That**

- (i) The full Council be elected to the Environmental Committee.
- (ii) The full Council be elected to the Finance Committee.
- (iii) The full Council be elected to the Planning Committee.

**15 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**RESOLVED: That**

- (i) Cllr's. Kilkenny, Squirrell, Lucas, Scott & Simon be Council's representatives on the **Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association**. The appointments be increased to 5.
- (ii) Cllr. J Moore be Council's representatives on **Wistaston in Bloom**. The appointment of one further representative be deferred.
- (iii) Cllr's. Houston & Squirrell be Council's representative on the **Memorial Hall Management Committee**
- (iv) Cllr's. R Moore & S Perry be Council's representatives on **Wistaston Community Council**.
- (v) Cllr's. Millington, Houston, Roberts, & Lucas be Council's representatives on the **Planning Subcommittee**. The appointment of one further representative be deferred.

- (vi) Cllr's. Roberts & J Scott be Council's representative on the **Wistaston Recreation and Woodland Management Group**.
- (vii) Cllr's. Squirrell & Lucas be appointed to the **Website Subcommittee** with the Clerk.
- (viii) Cllr J Scott be appointed to the Speed watch team.

## 16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr Simon reported that there are still people contacting her with regards to the Broadband works being undertaken in the area.

The recent roadworks and diversions have come as a bit of a shock to residents as they are worried about accessing the Household Waste depot. Cllr Simon has requested that Highways make the signage clearer.

Cllr David Marren has been declared the Mayor of Cheshire East and Cllr Rod Fletcher the Deputy Mayor.

The Cheshire East website is encouraging people to vote for Crewe for the Rail Headquarters.

Cheshire East website also have several consultations in progress including one which is Have your say which can be found at the bottom of the Cheshire East home page.

Council have requested the Clerk get in touch with our new PCSO to ask if he is able to attend a meeting or submit a report and also when the Police Surgeries will resume.

## 17 Planning Matters

The following item was **RESOLVED**.

### (i) New Planning Applications

**Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee.**

22/1462N – Proposed Rear Extension and detached outbuilding – 16 Chesterton Dr

- **No Comments**

22/1702N - Proposed extended roof canopy and new / enlarged window openings as well as internal alterations – 45 Park Drive

- **No Comments**

22/1678N – Proposed two storey extension – 5 Wistaston Avenue

- **No Comments**

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

22/0451D – Agricultural Workers Dwelling – Red Hall Farm, Middlewich Road

- **Approved**

22/0009N – Retrospective for conversion of integral vehicular garage to living accommodation - 11 Buckley Avenue - **Approved with conditions**

21/6347N – Proposal of Garage to be built within garden retaining walls – 521 Crewe rd

- **Approved with conditions**

22/1411N - 27 Langdale Road

- **Determination approval not required (stage 1)**

## 18 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

### 1. Brittle's Road barrier

Following the reply from WSLA that the parking problems are not a serious concern at present their request for a barrier is no longer a requirement.

This has since been discussed with Anne & Mike Xiourouppa ( Church Lane Farm ).

It was jointly agreed that we leave things as we are for now.

Suggest we put our project on hold. If the situation remains unchanged, review later in the year during the Council's budget process.

Council's **AGREED** to put the project on hold.

### 2. CEC Governance Review

The Chairman reported the Governance Review has now taken place and the only change for Wistaston Parish Council is the number of Councillors it to reduce to 12 from 15. The full report can be found on Cheshire East Website.

### 3. Speed Watch

Council **APPROVED** the resurrection of the Speed watch team and Cllr J Scott has volunteered to oversee the running of the team.

### 4. SID post

The SID Post installation is still ongoing as the post that has been installed is too small for the unit so the Chairman is continuing communication with Cheshire East.

### 5. Crime Reports

The Chairman reported the latest crime details for Wistaston ( CW2 area) for a period of one month These are reported in categories as below,

Harassment	14
Theft	3
Violence	3

Details are taken from Cheshire Police alert website.

The Chairman's report was accepted.

## 19 CLERK'S REPORT

### i. Annual Insurance

Our Long term agreement (LTA) is due for renewal on 01/06/2022 and Zurich have made the following offers :

- A 5-year LTA premium of £1172.69
- A 3-year LTA premium of £1226.96
- A 1-year standard premium of £1281.25

The Council **AGREED** to the 5 year plan.

### ii. Boardwalk

Further to recent meetings regarding the Boardwalk, I have looked into the costs of purchasing non-slip boards which would work out quite expensive. I have found an alternative option which is strips that can be purchased and secured to the existing boards (as per attached picture) with screws and adhesive. It is suggested to try 5 of these strips before purchasing the full amount to see how they will work at a total cost of £19.25 (funded from line 29 Environmental General).

The Council **APPROVED** the purchase of 5 strips to try before purchasing the full amount.

### iii. Memorial Hall Land Registry

The Memorial Hall property and land has never been registered on Land Registry, having investigated the process it seems that we will need a Solicitor to register it correctly on our behalf. I have obtained a quote from our Solicitor at approximately £600.00 (funded from line 15 Administration and room hire).

The Council **APPROVED** the use of the Solicitor to register the property and land.

### iv. Wistaston Conservation Group

The Clerk reported that Council has received a thank you note from the Conservation group for the recently awarded grant.

The Clerks Report was accepted by the Council.

## 20 FINANCE

**RESOLVED:** That the Receipts and Payments Statement and the Schedule of Accounts for payment April 2022 (as per attached totalling £11,359.82) have been approved.

**21 REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES****WSLA VERBAL REPORT**

Cllr Kilkenny reported that the Drains project which involves going from a Septic Tank to a main drain is being completed in two stages. The first stage which is underway is the work required on the WSLA land at a cost of approximately £25,000. The second stage will be undertaken later when they have additional funds. The Chairman suggested we will look at funds when Council undertakes the budget meetings later in the year

**22 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Cllr. Scott was received by the Council and the Clerk is to request the Park Ranger looks at the signage problems

**The meeting closed at 8.21 p.m.**