

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr.J.Moore (Chairman)

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

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

**48 APOLOGIES** Tom Kilkenny

**49 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Margaret Simon declared an interest in item v on the Clerk's report (Cheshire East Councillor Code of Conduct)/

**51 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/POLICE MATTERS/CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS**

Cllr M.Simon reported the following:

- a) There have been several reports of an unusual smell coming from the Brook which Cllr Simon is in regular contact with United Utilities and CE Highways who are currently investigating where it is coming from.
- b) There are concerns vehicles speeding over the bridge on Wistaston Green road as there is now more traffic using the road Cllr Simon is in touch with CE Highways as to a solution to make the road safe. It was also mentioned about the hedge obstructing the view when driving from Joey the Swan car park which Cllr Simon will enquire about the maintenance with Cheshire East.

**52 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(i) New Planning Applications**

The following item was **RESOLVED**

**Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee**

21/4581N – Rear ground floor Brick and tile extension – 5 Wellsgreen place

- **No Objections**

21/5031N – Two Storey extension too rear dormer extension to side and

Detached garage / workshop to rear – 390 Crewe Road

- **The Balcony should not overlook neighbouring properties.**

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

- **No Objections**

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

21/1360N – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – 22 Church Lane – **Approved with conditions**

**53 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman’s report was received by the Council and accepted.

**54 CLERK’S REPORT**

**i. Budget Working Group**

a) The Budget timetable for setting the 2022/23 precept as below was **APPROVED**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Finance Committee Meeting to consider the report from the Budget Working Group, to recommend to the Council a provisional Budget for 2022/23 and an indication of likely Precept requirements.

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Council Meeting to determine the provisional Budget for 2022/23.

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Finance Committee Meeting to reconsider draft Budget in the light of any comments received from residents / organisations.

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Council Meeting to determine Budget for 2022/23 and the Council’s Precept requirement.

b) The establishing of a Budget Working Group

c) For 2022/23 Precept the Budget Working Group will comprise of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman of Finance, Cllr Millington and Cllr Ryan Moore.

**ii. Financial Regulations Review due to Covid Pandemic**

The Council **APPROVED** the change to the Financial Regulations for all future payments to made via BACS on a permanent basis

**iii. Road Verges for Wildlife**

The Parish Council is not responsible for the Roadside verges they are the responsibility of Cheshire East.

**iv. Chalc Courses**

The Council **APPROVED** the Clerk attending upcoming training courses. (funded from line 15 Administration and Room Hire)

**v. Cheshire East Councillor Code of Conduct Consultation**

The Council had no **COMMENTS** to make.

## **vi. Remembrance Day 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **a) Remembrance Service**

The Chairman will represent the Council in placing a Wreath at the Cenotaph at the Church, any other Councillors are welcome to attend the service.

### **b) Donation to Royal British Legion**

The Council **APPROVED** that a donation of £350 be forwarded to the Royal British Legion (Funded from line 18 – Contribution to Royal British Legion S.137 Payment).

## **vii. Wistaston Allotments**

A representative from Wistaston Allotments will attend the meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 to explain the proposal in more detail.

## **viii. Change of meeting date in February 2022**

The Clerk will check if the proposed date is available and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

## **vix. Speeding Issues Consultation**

It was decided that the Council's budget would not stretch to the cost of average speed camera's and it is difficult to manage with vehicles pulling off into side streets / roads. Cllr Scott will look into resurrecting the Speedwatch.

## **x. Quotation for diagnosis of a faulty streetlight on the unadopted road off Middlewich Road**

The Council **ENDORSED** quotation for diagnosis of the faulty street light (funded from line 25 Street Lighting)

## **xi. Joey the Swan Playground Flooring**

The Council have **APPROVED** replacing all the playground flooring and the Clerk will obtain a quotation.

## **xii. Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

The Scouts and Church participated in the Beacon scheme at last Jubilee, so they possibly will again.

**xiii. Christmas Lights**

We do not attach any Christmas lights to Cheshire East street lights.

**xiv. Councillor Resignation**

Mr Jay Revell has resigned from Wistaston Parish Council with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Confirmation of acceptance has been forwarded with thanks for his contribution to the Council.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

**55 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schedule of Accounts and Receipts & Payments Statement for September 2021 (as per attached £7930.57) have been approved.

**56 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES****WSLA VERBAL REPORT**

Cllr Squirrel informed the Council that they are obtaining quotations for the drainage and will be submitting a grant request to the Budget working group. The Cricket Club lease is ending in the next couple of years so it was agreed the Clerk would contact the Council's Solicitor to see what fees would be involved in extending the lease.

**57 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Reports for October was received by the Council and the Chairman commented that he was concerned about the safety of Councillors conducting the report alone, it was suggested that the report is always conducted in daylight and if possible take someone else along. The Clerk is also going to enquire about the costs of personal portable alarms.

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**