

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM

AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr.J.Moore (Chairman)

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

34 APOLOGIES K.Wilcox.

35 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2021, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

37 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/POLICE MATTERS/CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Cllr M.Simon reported the following:

- a) Cheshire East are reviewing car parking strategy, and it will be available for consultation.
- b) There had been complaints about overhanging trees in Princess Close, but it did not involve parish council trees.
- c) Phase 1 of the Crewe Royal Arcade reconstruction was approved yesterday.
- d) Mr.Bancroft of Church Lane Academy has complained about growth affecting the pavement between the school and St.Mary's Gate.
- e) Funding has been approved for remedial works to Connect 2 Greenway.
- f) She is awaiting a response from Cheshire East with regard to poles for SIDs.

38 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Planning Applications

The following item was **RESOLVED**

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee provided during Recess

21/3923N – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – 2
Abbey Fields - **No Objections**

- 21/3934N – Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey garage extension- 21 Broughton Lane - **No Objections**
- 21/4018N – Two storey dormer extension to side of dwelling – 10 Cowper Close - **No Objections**

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

The following item was **RESOLVED**

- 21/0094N – Agricultural Workers Dwelling – Red Hall Farm, Middlewich Rd, Wistaston - **Refused**
- 21/1898N – Single Storey Rear Extension & New Front Porch – 21 Sandon Park Gardens - **Approved with conditions**
- 21/1973N – Single storey extension to side of dwelling – 34 Langdale Road - **Approved with conditions**
- 21/2391N – Ancillary residential accommodation – 428 Crewe Road - **Approved with conditions**
- 21/2909N - Single storey extension to rear, first floor dormer construction to rear and changes to front and side elevations – 78 Sandylands Park - **Approved with conditions**

It was agreed that the decision on planning application 21/4581N would be included in the next meeting.

It was agreed that any further action with regard to Cheshire East's refusal of planning application 21/0094N Red Hall Farm, would await the outcome of Phil Vaughan's appeal.

39 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

40 CLERK'S REPORT

i. Risk Assessment - Annual Review

The Council approved the review.

ii. Bank Signatories

The current signatories are Cllrs. Kilkenny, Millington, J.Moore and Roberts. It was agreed that Cllrs. Houston and Squirrel would be added to the list.

iii. Poppies for Lampposts

It was agreed that the Council would donate £60 for 20 poppies (at £3 each) to be affixed to lampposts on Church Lane, from the Memorial Hall, past the Church, to Sandylands Drive.

iv. Chalc Annual Meeting

No one expressed a wish to attend the meeting or forward a motion.

v. Audlem Party in the Park.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Community Council to consider having a similar party at Wistaston.

vi. Tree Inspection

The Council endorsed payment of £1350.00 & Vat to TreeWise.

vii. Joey the Swan Playground Flooring

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Park Ranger for the exact length of the trip hazard that needs attention, then the cost would be considered at the next meeting.

viii. Joey the Swan Spinning top bearing repair

The Council agreed to the sum of £275.50 for the repair.

ix. Park Ranger equipment

The Council agreed to the purchase of a new Blower and Helmet.

x. Sleepers across the Stream

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Park Ranger to clarify the location of the sleepers. If they were on a “designated footpath”, then they would need to be replaced, but if they were only on a “desire line” then it would be prudent to remove them completely.

xi. Joey the Swan Brook

It was agreed that the Clerk should inform Mr. Waling that maintenance of the brook was the responsibility of United Utilities. The Council agreed not to erect warning signs with regards to the brook.

xii. Wistaston Community Council Flower and Produce Show.

The Council agreed to the sum of £18.00 for prize money.

xiii. External Audit years 2020/2021

The Council agreed to the sum of £300.00 & Vat for the audit.

xiv. ChALC Board Membership

Councillors noted that it was each individual’s decision.

xv. Litter Picking group totals January - August 2021

The Chairman stressed that the group generally collected litter outside the Joey the Swan area, so the amount listed was in addition the large quantity also collected by the Park ranger.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Council.

41 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts and Receipts & Payments Statement for July (as per attached totalling £2679.80) and August 2021 (as per attached totalling £3850.00) have been approved. Also, the Audited Annual Governance & Accountability Return was approved.

42 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA VERBAL REPORT

Cllr Kilkenny informed the Council that the new Clerk had found the work too onerous and had resigned; however, they were coping and may try and recruit a replacement.

Cllrs. Scott and Simon expressed interest in representing the Council at the WSLA, and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the October meeting.

43 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Reports for August and September were received by the Council.

44 RECOMMENDATION: Exclusion of Press and Public.

The Council approved the Recommendation.

45 TENDERS - TREE MAINTENANCE

The Council agreed to the contract for Tree Maintenance being awarded to Mercia Tree Care in the sum of £4660.00 plus Vat.

46 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported that Cllr. J. Revell had resigned because he was moving from the area.

47 STREET LIGHT OFF MIDDLEWICH ROAD

The Chairman reported that one of the Parish Council's street lights on an unadopted road off the Middlewich Road needed repairing. Cheshire East Council have said Ringway Jacobs could carry out the work for £376. The Clerk would pursue the matter.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.