

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance: Kerri Wilcox (Clerk) and Sarah Turnbull (Clerk)

70 APOLOGIES None

71 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2024, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

73 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Email received from PC Ashleigh Jones the new PC for Wistaston and Willaston who was unable to attend the meeting but provided the Summary for Wistaston which was passed to each Councillor.

Cllr Simon reported that the Cheshire East Planning Portal is not user friendly or helpful and there is no information for the public to assist with pre planning applications. The Clerk (Kerri Wilcox) advised that this has already been reported to Peter Hooley who is trying to improve matters. Cllr Simon also highlighted the flooding issues on Eason Grove and on Wistaston Green Road towards the Rising Sun. Cllr Simon working to improve the flooding problems.

74 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was received by the Council.

The Chairman reported that the plan is to work within the budget and that he will work with the clerk to obtain alternative quotations, sadly Crewe Road Nurseries are unable to provide a quotation this year due to ill health.

The Chairman thanked Kerri Wilcox for her service to the Council and gave his best wishes for her retirement break.

75 CLERK'S REPORT

i Memorial Tree requests

Council **APPROVED** the three Memorial tree requests

ii Field Lane Tree Complaint

Cllr Roberts visited the person; the house is in a terrace of three properties and is the one furthest away from the trees. The family has lived in the house for 3 years and Cllr Roberts explained to her that when you live by woodland there are a lot of leaves, and that if any branches are overhanging into your property you can trim them back. The Clerk to reply to the person.

Council **APPROVED** that the Clerk reply

iii Clerk Holiday January

The Clerk is unable to attend the January 2025 Council Meeting. Cllr Roberts to take the Minutes of the Meeting on 16/01/2025

iv Tree Monolith Quotes

The two quotes presented, the Chairman asked if the recent winds damaged the tree and if the work is urgent, Cllr Roberts explained as per the tree report the work does need to be completed. The Clerk to accept the quotation and ask STS to contact Cllr Roberts to arrange a date in 2025.

Council **APPROVED** the quotation from STS Contractors UK Ltd

v Wistaston Green Road Car Park Barrier Welding Quote

Clerk to ask Peter Baskerville to assist with lifting the barrier, the Clerk to attend at the entrance on the repair day and for the carpark to be closed whilst the repair is carried out. The quotation is now £150.

Council **APPROVED** the quotation from Fox's Bench Iron Work

vi Meeting Dates 2025

Cllr Roberts requested an amendment to the date 18th September 2025 and not 2023

The Clerk's report was accepted.

76 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment November 2024 totalling £9,906.79 and the receipts and payments statement have been approved.

77 **REPORTS FOR OTHER BODIES**

WSLA – Cllr Squirrell reported that WSLA are still awaiting a reply from Lynne Thornton. The Defibrillator has been replaced. Maintenance work has been carried out and hire bookings have been good.

Memorial Hall – Cllr Houston reported there are no Trustees meetings in December. They are still working to close the old charity down. Bookings are good and they will continue to take bookings to the end of December 2025 and will review this in the summer. The new building project plans are still with the Architect.

Community Council - Cllr Squirrell reported that the last event was the Christmas Concert that went well, all the events in 2024 made a profit, and they are looking into a new function or to improve existing events and hope to have something new for early 2025. The Roundabout magazine continues to make a loss. They will start planning the Summer Fete in January 2025 but currently need a new leader for this.

78 **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report was received from Cllr Squirrell commented the Conservation Group have improved the paths at Joey the Swan, but more paths are needed. Cllr Roberts said that previously there were grants for creating and improving paths. Cllr Roberts to contact Peter Attwood and Alistair to ask if anything is available and to be assisted by the Chairman in looking for grants.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.