

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL, CHURCH LANE, WISTASTON.

Present: Cllr. J. Moore (Chairman)

Cllrs. D. Lucas, D. Millington, R. Moore, G. Roberts, Mrs. V. Smith & R. Squirrell.

In Attendance:- Mrs. Cross (Clerk), Borough Cllr. Mrs. M. Simon & 2 Residents.

65 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. T. Kilkenny & J. Scott.

66 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

68 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) The following planning applications have been notified from Cheshire East Council for this Council's VIEWS at the November Meeting

The following item was **RESOLVED:**

19/4921N Rear conservatory – 8 Nessina Grove.

NO OBJECTIONS be made on the above application.

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

19/2085N Wood garden pagoda from 6" x 6" oak beams with apex roof –
85 Broughton Ln. Revised plans to the above were submitted for a flat roof. **PERMIT**

19/3821N Variation of conditions 1 & 3 on 15/5563N – 535 Crewe Road **PERMIT**

19/3988N Dormer Conversion – 6 Yew Tree Road. **PERMIT**

19/4063N Single storey ext. to side & changes to front of house - 4 Harrow Cl **PERMIT**

19/4388N Proposed single storey front ext. to form new entrance and internal alterations to form study and canopy over side door, proposed first floor dormer roof both sides and side ext. to form larger front and rear bedrooms with ensuite and 2 additional bedrooms. **PERMIT**

19/4404N Rear and side two/single storey ext. – 386 Crewe Road **PERMIT**

69 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

Borough Cllr. Mrs. M. Simon reported on the following:-

- a) Cheshire East Council are proposing to delay the second phase of the New Homes Bonus Scheme until 2021/22, to allow a full evaluation of the first phase.
- b) Winter gritting routes have been reassessed. Wistaston Green Road will continue to be gritted, however, Colley's Lane in Willaston has been removed from the gritting route.
- c) The road surface from Wistaston Memorial Hall to St. Mary's Church in Church Lane will be resurfaced once weather permits in this financial year and road markings will be refreshed.
- d) A scheme has been drawn up to alleviate parking problems outside the shops in Kings Drive, however, this will not be carried out in this financial year.
- e) Mr. Bancroft, Principal of Church Lane Academy School, is concerned regarding lack of school signage. He has been asked to place a formal request for more signs on behalf of the school.
- f) Concerns raised regarding the crossing outside the school are currently being addressed by Cheshire East Council Highway Officers.

A resident raised concern regarding 4 new street lights installed in a cluster opposite the Bellway Homes site. Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon agreed to make enquiries regarding this and report back.

PCSO Bowman reported on the following:-

- a) Residents are concerned regarding the dangers involved in crossing the road outside the Co-Op, Crewe Road. Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon agreed to pursue this matter requesting a crossing point on the Crewe side of the road. Wistaston Parish Council and PCSO Bowman agreed to write to Borough Cllr. Simon regarding this matter.
- b) There has been a spate of theft from unlocked vehicles.
- c) Due to recent antisocial behaviour issues all children are being stop checked.
- d) All social media posts are now being printed each month for those people who do not use social media.

The Chairman asked PCSO Bowman if she could carry out Tru-cam checks in Laidon Avenue, which she agreed.

The Clerk asked PCSO Bowman to speak to the occupier of a house on Crewe Road, regarding cigarette ends being thrown from the property onto Broughton Lane, which she agreed to do.

70 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Council considered the Chairman's Report

(i) Remembrance Services

The Chairman represented Wistaston Parish Council at the Crewe Town Remembrance Service, laid the Parish Wreath at the Cenotaph St. Mary's Church and attended the Memorial Hall Service of Remembrance.

(ii) Playground Light and SID Post Update

The Chairman will write to Mr. Wallace of Cheshire East Highways to clarify a number of technical points regarding the playground light and SID post issues, due to a scheduled meeting being cancelled.

(iii) Civic Service

The Civic Service will take place on 9th February 2020 at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

(iv) Vandalism

Vandalism to the children's playground at Joey the Swan is ongoing, requiring extra clean-ups by our Park Ranger and the children's picnic table requires replacing.

(v) Parish Awards

The Chairman was pleased to report outstanding results in two competitions:-

North West in Bloom

Two awards – Gold Certificate for the Parish and a special award to the Conservation Group for their outstanding work.

Community Pride

Two awards – Best Kept Village Award and a Little Gem Award for the flower bed in Church Lane opposite Wistaston Memorial Hall.

Congratulations were expressed to Wistaston in Bloom, Conservation Group, Litter team and residents who contributed to this success.

The Chairman's Report was accepted by Council.

71 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's report was considered by Council.

(i) Picnic Table – Children's Playground Joey the Swan

RESOLVED: That a new picnic table be purchased from Wicksteed at a cost of £675 + £34 carriage + VAT, to replace the vandalised table. This will be installed by the Park Ranger. (Funded from Line 28 Children's Playground)

(ii) Steps at Hinging Bank Covert

RESOLVED: That Wistaston Conservation Group be requested to replace the steps at Hinging Bank Covert at an approximate cost of £269.50 for materials only (Funded from Line 29 – Env. General).

(iii) Annual Tree Inspection

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders relating to contracts be waived in order to accept the only quotation received from Treewise Solutions in the sum of £1,275+VAT to carry out a tree inspection survey. (Funded from Line 29 – Environmental General).

(iv) Cheshire East Council Pre-Budget Consultation Report 2020-2024

Members received details of the news release from Cheshire East Council regarding its Pre-Budget Consultation Report for 2020-2024. To take part go to: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/budget

(v) Condition of Road Surface at Wistaston Green Road

Members received a copy email from a resident enquiring whether the Parish Council will request Bellway Homes to repair Wistaston Green Road. He was informed to contact Cheshire East Council Highways Department, as this is their responsibility. The meeting was closed to allow Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon to report the road would be resurfaced once all the heavy traffic work is complete, in the meantime she will ask for remedial work to be carried out. The meeting reconvened.

(vi) Garden Subsidence - Field Lane

Members were notified that the owner of a rented property at 137 Field Lane has been advised to request her insurance company contact the Council's insurers directly regarding the back garden subsiding following heavy rain on 25th / 26th October 2019. Cllr. Roberts has inspected the Council's woodland at the rear of this property and found no sign of land movement or subsidence. He stated the land on which the houses were built used to contain several pools and springs, the foundations have not been designed taking this into account.

(vii) Police Beat Report

Members received a copy of the beat report for September from PCSO Bowman. Thanks were expressed to PCSO Bowman for her dedication and support to the Council.

(viii) Cheshire East Council Community Governance Review

Members were notified that Cheshire East Council is conducting a review of town and parish council governance arrangements before the May 2023 local elections. Formal consultation will take place next year with workshops/events across the Borough with Town and Parish Councils.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by Council.

72 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment November 2019 (as per attached totalling £5,314.51) be approved.

73 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**(i) Report from Cllr. Scott regarding Church Lane around Church Lane Academy**

Members received a report from Cllr. Scott advising of highway issues around Church Lane Academy School. This was useful information and it was agreed that a copy of the Report be forwarded to Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon.

(ii) WSLA Report

Cllr. Squirrell gave a report on the activities of Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association. They are in the process of raising fees between 8 – 10%. Following information that the New Homes Bonus Scheme been delayed they have established a grant sub-committee to see what other funding is available. There was a break-in in November and several of the roofs on the garages behind the Multi Use Games Area were damaged. The local PCSO has offered to provide advice on improving security. An award ceremony will take place to present Wistaston Athletics Under-17 with the Ray Westwood Trophy.

(iii) Community Speed Watch Report

The Clerk circulated a report on the speeding offences in excess of 35mph from the Community Speed Watch Coordinator 269 offences as at 13th November 2019.

74 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report from Cllrs. Millington and R. Moore was received by Council.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

