

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Cllrs. Ms. D. Houston, D. Lucas, D. Millington, R. Moore, J. Revell, G. Roberts, J. Scott & R. Squirrel.

**In Attendance:-** Mrs. Cross (Clerk), Borough Cllr. Mrs. M. Simon and 2 residents.

**140 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. T. Kilkenny and Mrs. V. Smith.

**141 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Min. no. 133 (v) – The Chairman reported that Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon has requested the Council's support to maintain Colley's Lane Willaston, on the winter gritting route.

**RESOLVED:** That Cheshire East Council be requested to maintain the winter gritting route in Colley's Lane Willaston.

**142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Houston declared an interest on agenda item 5 planning matter. The application 20/4971N at 6 Park Drive is for her neighbour, she would not speak or vote on the matter.

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

A resident requested the Council's support regarding planning application 20/4518N outline permission for 1 detached dwelling in the garden at 100 Church Lane. The proposal is to remove a garage and build a 3 storey dwelling adjacent to Badgers Wood. If approved restrictive covenants would be breached, it would cause loss of privacy to dwellings in Badgers Wood and cherry blossom trees which are a feature of Wistaston would be removed. Borough Cllr. Mrs. Simon stated she has 'called-in' the application. The Chairman replied this application will be considered later in the Agenda.

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

1. Colley's Lane is recommended for removal from the winter gritting route, she thanked the Council for their support to request this be maintained.
2. At the Area Highways Group Meeting it was agreed that £3,000 will be spent to reposition the mini roundabout at the junction of Valley Road and Wistaston Green Road, to improve visibility. At the same meeting, a request for a speed indicator device on Wistaston Green Road was not approved. She suggested that Wistaston Parish Council consider the installation of a post in Wistaston Green Road to move their speed indicator device and agreed to obtain the cost. Cllr. Scott stated the Speedwatch Group almost never record speeding vehicles in Wistaston Green Road, an unmanned device would be a better option.
3. Rope Parish Council have not supported 50% of the cost of the planning application for a portacabin at the allotment site in Wistaston Green Road.

## 144 PLANNING MATTERS

**(i) Planning views provided following consultation with the Planning Subcommittee during recess due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic**

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

20/4168N Proposed garage – 340 Crewe Road.

20/4305N Proposed extension to provide accommodation for elderly parents – 84 Laidon Avenue

20/4389N Rear single storey ext. – 2 Hardy Close.

20/4394N Erection of ground floor extension to side / rear to provide sitting room with pitched roof – 33 Millrace Drive

20/4567N Construction of front elevation boundary wall and gates – 449 Crewe Road

**NO OBJECTIONS** be made on the above 5 planning applications.

Cllr. Lucas declared an interest regarding application 20/4329N as he lives in Rectory Close. He did not provide any views on the matter.

20/4329N Rear single storey extension – 1 Rectory Close.

**NO REPRESENTATIONS** be made, provided there are no external lights fitted to the new extension.

20/4538N Release from legal obligation on 5 properties in relation to the mortgagee exclusion clause on S106 agreement on approved application 14/1326N – Outline planning permission for up to 150 residential dwellings 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 Corbetts Close.

No response was received from CEC regarding **CLARIFICATION** sought on 3 matters:-

1. The application title is for dwelling 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. The solicitors letter stated 1, 3, 7, and 9, which is correct?
2. Where is the “mortgagee exclusion clause” in S106 agreement?
3. What is this application in regards to? It appears that all the houses mentioned have people living in them.

20/4557N Re-design of approved dwellings to achieve ownership boundaries–Land rear 22 Westfield Dr

**OBJECTIONS** be made that:-

1. The proposal will cause over domination and loss of privacy to properties in Princess Dr. & Kings Dr.
2. It is out of character with the existing neighbourhood
3. The proposed development is close to existing protected trees. It is essential that the roots of these tree area protected.

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

The following items were **RESOLVED**:

20/4518N Outline planning permission for 1 detached dwelling in the garden to the side of existing dwelling (with some matters reserved) – 100 Church Lane.

**OBJECTIONS** be made that the proposal would create an incongruous feature not respecting the character and appearance of the site and surrounding area. Many mature trees that apparently have existing tree preservation orders on them would be destroyed. It is believed that there is a covenant dating back to 1925 that the land at 100 Church Lane is for one property only, this would be breached by approval of this application.

20/4565N Application for the re-plan of the existing planning permission – Outline 14/0365N and reserved matters 18/1193N. The re-plan focuses on plots 123-139 (17 plots) to now show 32 plots, an increase of 15 plots. Plots to be 2, 3 and 4 bedroom mews and semi-detached units. Roads remain unchanged – Land north of Moorfields.

**OBJECTIONS** be made that the extra houses would add to the already overdeveloped area and village of Willaston. More houses would exacerbate the already heavy traffic congestion, particularly parking in Wistaston Road, thus adding more frustration for motorists and buses trying to park or overtake.

20/4862N Proposed 2 storey extension to side of semi detached house, comprising of garage, studio and utility at ground floor and master bedroom, ensuite and robes at first floor level – 111 Church Lane.

20/4971N Loft Conversion – 6 Park Drive.

**NO OBJECTIONS** be made on the above 2 planning applications.

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

20/0864N Cycle and walking route on east side of A530 – Middlewich Road	<b>PERMIT</b>
20/2955N 2 storey side ext. & 1 <sup>st</sup> floor ext. above existing grd floor area–36 Broughton Ln	<b>PERMIT</b>

**145 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Council considered the Chairman’s Report

**(i) Clerk Vacancy**

Four requests have been received for the job description. The Council **APPROVED** that the post be advertised more widely on the Facebook sites Jobs in Crewe and Nantwich.

**(ii) Remembrance Day**

Wreaths were laid by the Chairman at St Mary’s Church and Crewe Town Centre Cenotaphs.

**(iii) Conservation**

Due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, work has been suspended by Wistaston Conservation Group. The Park Ranger will continue with tasks ensuring safe working practices are carried out.

**(iv) Crewe Area Highway Group Schemes.**

Members received a copy of details of the Crewe Area Highway Group Schemes for 2020/21 October monthly update for the Wistaston Ward.

The Chairman’s Report was accepted by Council.

**146 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk’s report was considered by Council.

**(i) Subsidence Claim – 74 Beech Drive****RESOLVED: That**

1. Wistaston Parish Council's Insurance Company Zurich be informed that a 25% crown reduction be made to T3 Oak tree near to 74 Beech Drive.
2. The quotation from Mercia Tree Care in the sum of £850 +VAT be accepted to carry out a 25% crown reduction to T3 Oak tree near to 74 Beech Drive (Funded from Line 28 – Env. General with a virement from Line 13 – Contingency General)

**(ii) Strimmer**

**RESOLVED:** That a replacement Stihl FS 71 RC-E strimmer be purchased at the cost of £281.25 +VAT (Funded from Line 28 – Env. General with a virement from Line 13 – Contingency General)

**(iii) Directional Signs - Hydrants in Windermere Road**

Members received a copy email from a resident requesting the Parish Council to resolve who is responsible for supplying and fitting the direction notices to three hydrant posts outside his property.

**RESOLVED:** That the resident be informed advice has been received from United Utilities that the pavement in Windermere Road appears to be newly resurfaced, this means the pipes are derelict, therefore signs are not required. Also, Cheshire Fire and Rescue have taken some hydrants out of service and confirmed they do not rely on the direction signs, they have on board systems which indicate the position of the hydrants.

**(iv) Virtual Meetings of Wistaston Parish Council**

The Council **ENDORSED** the purchase of Pro-Zoom at a cost of £119.90+VAT for a 12 month licence, following consultation by the Clerk with the Chairman and Chairman of Finance (Funded from Line 17 – Administration and Room Hire)

**(v) Britain in Bloom Certificates of Recognition in 2020**

The Britain in Bloom competition was cancelled this year. In recognition of the valuable work still carried out by Wistaston in Bloom and Wistaston Conservation Group, certificates have been awarded.

**(vi) Strategic Planning Update – October 2020**

Members received a copy of the Strategic Planning Update for October 2020.

**(vii) Sewage (Inland Waters) Bill**

Members received a copy email from Hugh Emerson, resident, sent to Kieran Mullan MP regarding sewage (inland waters) bill.

The Clerk's Report was accepted by Council.

**147 FINANCE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Accounts be accepted and the Schedule of Accounts for payment November 2020 (as per attached totalling £5,548.41) be approved.

**148 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES****(i) WSLA Report**

Cllr. Squirrell gave a report on Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association. They are closed during the latest lockdown and are taking the opportunity to carry out small maintenance work. They have applied for the additional Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grant. LaMaternelle are moving from Church Lane and will no longer use the car park, the revenue will be missed.

**(ii) Report from Cllr. Revell on Cheshire East Council Area Highways Group Meeting 2/11/20**

Cllr. Revell reported on the Area Highway Group Meeting. Shelley Drive road will be resurfaced. Street signs will be replaced in Woodford Close and Milton Drive. Weed removal on the poet's estate has not been carried out for 20 years, they only spray weed killer. This will only change if the weeds pose a safety risk.

Cllr. Scott agreed to discuss with the Highways Officer weeds being removed on the Poets estate. The Chairman replied this would be helpful.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to Andrew Ross of Cheshire East Council Highways, requesting weed removal be carried out in the Wistaston area.

**149 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

The Environmental Report from Cllr. Roberts was received by Council.

**The meeting closed at 8.14 p.m.**

