

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr R. Squirrell Vice Chair, Cllrs. D. Lucas, G. Roberts, D. Houston, J. Robinson, K. Garner, M. Scarpa and E. Tatton, V. Shaw arrived at 20.18pm

98 APOLOGIES Cllr. J Moore, D. Millington, Cllr A Coiley and PCSO L Meggs

99 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2025, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

101 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

The clerk advised that a report from the PCSO will be sent to councillors when it is received. An email from Cllr Coiley was read by the clerk advising that he is checking on the development application at Wistaston Green Road/Middlewich Rd. He has responded to a resident with concerns about school transport and the safer walking route at the Peacock roundabout. He thanked Cllr Simon for keeping him informed about the HGV traffic on smaller roads while work is carried out on the A51. The replacement sign has been installed on Church Lane following requests made by councillors. Cllr Coiley is due to meet with Guinness Properties in Wistaston on his return, the clerk is to offer help from WP Council if required.

102 PLANNING MATTERS

The following item was **RESOLVED:**

(i) New Planning Applications

25/2639/OUT Land East of Middlewich Road Development – Council discussed as originally received in July 2025 and comments made. Re-submitted with amendments. Agreed that council are to Object with original comments with any new additional comments from the planning committee. Clerk to add that should planning be accepted the council requires details of what benefits there will be to the Wistaston community including the forthcoming rebuild of the Wistaston Memorial Hall community building.

Planning Views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee:

(ii) Previous Planning Application

25/4097 1 Princess Drive, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8HN

1st floor extension over garage

Approved with Conditions

103 CLERK'S REPORT

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(ii) Ground Graphics at Joey the Swan

The clerk provided a quotation from Wicksteed (the original installers) for the repainting of the ground graphics in the play area, council requested alternative quotations be obtained suggesting contact with R Jones Contractors of North Wales and contractors used by Cheshire East.

(iii) Land Ownership

The response from Cheshire East was discussed, council requested that the clerk ask CE for a copy of the plan and for confirmation of who owns each piece of land in the areas so that we can be clear about who has responsibility for the trees in the area.

Cllr Robinson left the meeting at 19.50

Cllr Robinson rejoined the meeting at 19.54

The clerk's report was accepted by the council

104 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment December 2025 totalling £2,850.42 and the receipts and payments statement have been **Approved**. The 2026/27 Budget and Precept Recommendations of the Finance Committee was **Approved**.

105 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA – Cllr Squirrell reported that they are awaiting details from an electrician, authorisation from the landowner for the additional lights on the carpark and roadway. No football is being played on the pitch or the MUGA currently but due to start again soon and bookings are back to normal.

Memorial Hall – Cllr Houston reported that two surveys have been carried out as part of the rebuild project including an ecological survey and a strategy to increase biodiversity of the site before the demolition of the hall. The next stage will be the planning application, and the hall will be looking for support for this. One of the Land Registry forms remains outstanding the clerk advised that they have arranged for this to be signed and witnessed next week and will post it directly to the solicitor acting for the Memorial Hall.

Wistaston Community Council

Request from the clerk for a councillor to attend the next meeting of the Wistaston Community Council on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7pm Cllr Garner to attend.

106 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report was received from Cllr Lucas. Nothing to report from the Inspection. The clerk advised that we are still awaiting the quotation for the drainage work at Joey the Swan which is fenced off and marked.

Cllr Shaw joined the meeting at 20.18pm

107 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED: That the Press Public be excluded during consideration of Item 12 on the Agenda. Pursuant of Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the act.

Council **APPROVED** the tenders for the Grass Cutting

Council requested additional information for the Flower Bed tender of interest and Cllrs Squirrell and Houston to obtain this and if not proceeding then the remaining competitive quotation **APPROVED** by council.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm