

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr J Moore (Chairman) Cllrs. R. Squirrell, D. Lucas, D. Millington,
G. Roberts, M. Scarpa, E. Tatton and V. Shaw, D. Houston and J. Robinson

118 APOLOGIES Cllr. K Garner, Cllr A Coiley

119 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2026, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

121 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE MATTERS / CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS

No reports provided

122 PLANNING MATTERS

The following item was **RESOLVED:**

(i) New Planning Applications

Planning views following consultation with Planning Subcommittee

26/0828/HOUS 92 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 9QH

Single Storey Extension with steps down to existing garden terrace

Support PROVIDED that the new flat roof is not going to be used as a balcony which could overlook the neighbours' gardens and intrude on their privacy.

No Comments

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

123 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Wistaston in Bloom

a) Perennial Flower Beds

The Chairman confirmed that the work is nearing completion at the sensory bed. And that the theme for RHS in Bloom is "Bringing Nature Home" and that our conservation team's work fits in well with this.

b) Flower Beds

The beds require a tidy and feed and the clerk is to arrange this with a contractor before the planting.

124 CLERK'S REPORT

i Virements

Alter the following in line with 2026 requirements

As we are nearing the end of the financial year the following virements are requested for approval.

Line 12 Contingency £10 to line 13 Website & Hosting

Line 12 Contingency £550 to line 29 Street Lighting

Council **APPROVED** the Virements

ii Assertion 10 Update

The Cllrs Scarpa and Squirrell have assisted the clerk with bringing the Council website in line with the Accessibility requirements. Council emails are now being used by all councillors. The IT Policy requires approval. Clerk will require assistance from Cllr Tatton for a Procurement Policy in the future.

Council **APPROVED** the IT Policy

iii Fly Tipping Update

Increase in fly tipping increase discussed, clerk to check that the litter picking team have a system for reporting any sharps found and to ask about any logging of fly tipping with Cheshire East for monitoring purposes.

iv Additional Finance Meeting

Request to change the date to July 2026 prior to the council meeting to enable all to attend that need to. The clerk to prepare an agenda for the meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th July 2026

Council **APPROVED** the new meeting date

v Renewal of Chalc membership

Renewal of the Chalc membership at approx. £1,631.80 was requested

Council **APPROVED** the renewal

vi Joey the Swan floor graphics

Discussion about the alternative quotation being more expensive and having the area power washed before any new graphics are installed.

Council **APPROVED** the Wicksteed quote and for the clerk to obtain quotations for the power washing

vii Request for financial support

Request received from Girl Guiding Cheshire Border for trip to Malta 2026 discussed and clerk to explain that the council cannot assist and suggest contact with the Wistaston Community Council for support.

Council

The clerk's report was accepted by the council

125 FINANCE

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Accounts for payment February 2026 totalling £5,699.42 and the receipts and payments statement have been **Approved**.

126 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

WSLA – Cllr Squirrell reported that bookings are going well and they are holding their AGM this month, the accounts have been audited and the MUGA agreement is in the process of being prepared.

Wistaston Memorial Hall – Cllr Houston reported that it is their AGM this month and the accounts are with the auditor. The hall received complaints regarding a one-off hire. Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club have a new chair, James Hale. Regarding the rebuild, the leases are progressing with the tennis club and bowling club. The Land Registry change is being processed, and the planning application is due out shortly. The National Lottery funding rules have altered, and this has caused the project to be delayed.

Wistaston Community Council - report not available this month

Speed Watch – Cllr Shaw reported that contact is being made with the new PCSO and that a list is being prepared including historic information from Cllr Moore about the areas and now using what3words to identify locations. We now have 7 members for Wistaston Speed Watch.

127 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Environmental Report was received from Cllr. Roberts. Noted that a tree is leaning on the bus stop sign on Wistaston Green Road. Cllr Roberts confirmed that the park ranger has dealt with this. Clerk reported that the grass next to the sensory garden near Joey the Swan has been left in a poor condition following road works and that this has been reported to be resolved by the contractor Cadent Gas. Damage to the footpaths and field and the removal of the parish councils' padlock at the carpark as reported to the clerk by the park ranger this has been reported to Scottish Power/Opus Utility Solutions, and the clerk is awaiting a response.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm