

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
11 AUGUST 2020**

Present : Parish Councillors C Bailey, E Angier, S Brazier, N Keegan, N Lane,
F R Morton, W Salisbury, C F Todd, K Ward & J Webb.
Cheshire East Councillor A Gage.
Apologies : Parish Councillor A J Cutts.

28 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

29 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising :- Councillor Salisbury reported on continuing playing field issues which include an increase in litter, potential misuse of the zip wire, and potential drug bags found around the Millennium Shelter which has been reported to PCSO Bowman. Councillor Morton asked about the funds from Wybunbury United Charities and the Chairman confirmed that some of the funds had been distributed, but there were still some funds in the bank account pending awards.

30 OPEN FORUM

A resident of Bayley Road raised concerns about planning application 20/3028N at 61 Park Road in that the proposed development is out of context with the design and visual appearance of other properties in the village and includes an 86% increase in the flank wall which will block light to surrounding properties. Also, the proposed second floor alteration includes two large windows in the gable which will impact on the amenity and privacy of surrounding properties.

31 POLICE MATTERS

There have been no recent cluster meetings but the Chairman reported that he had attended a recent virtual meeting held by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Town and Parish Councils at which the main issue raised was speeding. The issue of what powers were available to the police to enforce local byelaws was also raised and this is to be referred to the constabulary's legal team.

32 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Gage reported on the following matters :-

- There has been an increase in fly tipping during lockdown, including on the Eastern Road layby, but this has reduced since the refuse centres were reopened.
- Cheerbrook Road has had some resurfacing and also some gully clearance.
- Cycle path hedges near to the Peacock roundabout have been trimmed back.
- There have been some recent issues with bin collections which have been addressed.
- Highways have confirmed that a 20mph speed limit applies on Moorfields.
- Councillor Gage is happy to support the re-naming of the maze in memory of the late Councillor Maurice Jones.

Members raised the following matters with Councillor Gage for attention :-

- There are still some issues with flooding on Cheerbrook Road opposite the entrance to Kensington Drive.
- There is a missing drain cover near to the junction of Wistaston Road and Coppice Road.
- There have been requests going back six years for the resurfacing of Gladstone Street and several opportunities to undertake this work have been missed when the equipment has been in the village working on roads nearby.

33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/2702N – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two detached dwellings, 57 Eastern Road

Objections submitted due to location within the Green Gap

20/2779N – Extension to kitchen, 343 Crewe Road

No objections

20/3028N – Construction of ground & first floor rear extension, loft conversion, front elevation works, internal works, full external renovation, 61 Park Road

Objections to be submitted due to the scale and out of character design of the proposed development and non-compliance with Neighbourhood Plan Policy H6

20/3254N – Single storey front, side & rear extensions, two storey front extension and two storey side extension, 330 Crewe Road

Objections to be submitted due to the scale and out of character design of the proposed development and non-compliance with Neighbourhood Plan Policy H6

Cheshire East Council decisions

20/2493N - Single storey extension, 15 Green Lane – **approved**

20/2506N – Proposed dwelling on land adjacent to 16 The Paddock - **approved**

34 RENOVATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that instructions had been given to Midland Masonry to proceed with the renovation of the war memorial and they had confirmed that the work would be completed prior to Remembrance Sunday.

35 APPROPRIATION OF S106 FUNDING

The work on the Maze area has now been completed.

A revised quotation has been received from Kompan for installation of the three new items of equipment on the children's playground. Two of the original items have been replaced by newer models and the cost (excluding VAT) has increased by just over £4,000, but this will be covered by the s106 funding.

RESOLVED : that the revised quotation be approved and instructions given for Kompan to carry out the work.

36 RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

ANSA have provided a quotation of £8,989.51 + VAT for the resurfacing of the children's play area, and Staffordshire Surfacing have quoted £7,000 + VAT. A third company approached has not responded. It is hoped to cover the cost from remaining s106 funding through ANSA, but it was decided to request a revised quotation from ANSA to cover resurfacing of the entrance to the playing field as well as the children's play area.

37 PARISH BOUNDARY SIGNS

Cheshire East Council have been approached regarding the possibility of producing and installing Willaston boundary signs on the A51 and other entrances to the village. They advise that the cost will be a minimum of £1,000, depending upon the number of signs required, plus the potential cost of temporary traffic lights during installation.

RESOLVED : that the potential cost could not be justified at this time and that this item should not proceed further.

38 WILLASTON IN BLOOM

The Chairman reported that responsibility for four of the planters in the village had been taken on by local residents, for which the council is grateful. Thanks were also expressed to members for their work in weeding the Maze area and repairing the bench on Mike Heywood Green. The allotment judging was carried out on 20th July and it is intended to make the awards earlier this year than in recent years.

39 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES

A three week consultation process regarding the renaming of the maze area has now taken place and the consultation closed on 7th August. The results of the consultation were circulated to members showing that there were 29 formal responses, all but two of which supported the renaming of the area as “Maurice’s Maze.” There were also 237 engagements with the article on the council’s Facebook page. As indicated above, Borough Councillor Gage has also offered his support for the renaming. The Chairman will now progress the matter with Cheshire East Council.

40 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2020

The Chairman reported that it was clarified at the recent PCC meeting that the police will not provide assistance with road closures for Remembrance Services, but may provide a presence for safety reasons where appropriate. However, Duttons have agreed that they will manage the road closure at the same cost as last year and have agreed that there will be no charge if the event has to be cancelled due to Covid 19 regulations being imposed. It was agreed, therefore, that preparations for holding the annual Remembrance Service should proceed and it will be necessary to contact the Events Advisory Group at Cheshire East Council with the usual details of the proposed event.

41 ST JOHN’S METHODIST CHURCH

A request has been received from the minister of St John’s Methodist Church for approval to hold church services on the council playing field. Concerns were expressed that this could set a precedent for approaches from other organisations in the village to use the playing field for their activities. Any such event would place a significant responsibility on the council to ensure that social distancing and other Covid 19 regulations are adhered to, at a time when those regulations are very fluid and changing frequently.

RESOLVED : that approval to the use of the playing field for any such events should not be given at the current time.

42 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report and made particular reference to the book box for which a risk assessment has been drawn up with a view to re-opening.

43 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,127.81 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 29 September 2020 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

Chairman..... Date.....

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

11th AUGUST 2020

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - August net salary	547.00		
- Petty cash	<u>25.15</u>	572.15	102679
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		136.80	102680
J Mountford – Grass cutting in the village		405.00	102681
Crewe Road Nurseries – supply of plants		687.65	102682
Water Plus Ltd – Water at allotment site		127.34	102683
W Salisbury – Maze expenses	60.68		
Timber for bench on green	58.80		
Zoom subscription	<u>14.39</u>	133.87	102684
N Keegan – Paint for bench renovation		40.00	102685
C T Bailey – VJ Day wreath		25.00	102686
Total	Total	2,127.81	

Chairman..... Date.....

