

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
23 FEBRUARY 2021**

Present: Parish Councillors C Bailey, E Angier, S Brazier, R Greenwood, N Keegan, N Lane, F R Morton, W Salisbury, and C F Todd, K Ward, J Webb.

Cheshire East Councillor M Simon

Apologies: Parish Councillor A J Cutts

**123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor F Morton expressed an interest in agenda Item 8. Planning Application 21/0664N

**124. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 26 JANUARY 2021**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**125. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY 2021**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 17 February 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**126. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

A resident made representations to council relating to Planning Application 21/0459N to be considered later on the agenda. The resident made members aware of his concerns, and his objection to the original plans. He advised that he had spoken with the applicant about his concerns which included being over-looked by the development, which is a significant build and would be quite domineering and would cause a loss of light. He was also concerned about the possible future impact on the future sale of his own property. He believed that after speaking with the applicant changes would be made to the original application, and whilst some changes have been made, they have not been significant.

The applicant, also present offered to meet with the resident to discuss the concerns. The applicant gave some background to his original application in August 2020, advising that he had consulted with neighbouring properties so he could understand objections to the proposals. He advised that he had instructed a professional to assist with the amended application to ensure the proposals meet with local policies including the Neighbourhood Plan, providing details of the amendments made to the application.

The Chair thanked both residents for their comments which would be considered when agreeing a response to Cheshire East Council on the planning application.

## 127. POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Salisbury provided members with an update on policing matters after receiving an email from PCSO Bowman with an update and apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Salisbury informed members that PCSO Bowman had been back on duty since 1 February and had been very active in the community, supported by the return of PC Clark from secondment. PCSO Bowman is aware of the ASB at The Maze recently and has stepped up patrols in the vicinity.

There is speed monitoring being conducted at various locations, with Park Road, Colleys Lane and Moorfields being the focus this month. There is regular visibility across farming fields and outdoor hidden areas, and PCSO Bowman is looking to arrange a joint patrol with civil enforcement officers relating to litter/dog fouling concerns.

## 128. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Simon advised members that Cheshire East had now voted on the Council Tax rise for 2021/22 at 4.99%. She informed members that the speeding concerns for Colleys Lane has been fed into the Highways Department who will liaise with the Police.

Councillor Simon also advised members that there has been no decision to date on the proposals to withdraw Colleys Lane from the winter gritting schedule. Councillor Simon reminded members of the consultation for Active Travel Plans which ends on 3 March encouraging members to feed into the consultation.

The Chair informed Councillor Simon about the issues relating to the Richmond Village development and contractor vehicles parking on the verge damaging the daffodils, he hoped that planning would take this into consideration. He also advised that the advertising board between Peacock roundabout and the entrance to Richmond Village was very unstable.

Councillor Webb asked about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing near the Peacock roundabout. In response Councillor Simon advised that when she had last enquired there had not appeared to be any plans, but she would be happy to make further representations on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chair suggested that this could be considered at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

## 129. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/0036N – to drop existing kerb outside of property and remove/reposition obstructing streetlight, 339 Crewe Road (response submitted by deadline). **Objection** on the following grounds: Loss of parking space on road, repositioning of streetlights could impact on road safety issues and contravene regulations. Concern that a vehicle may overhang the pavement and cause an obstruction.

21/0459N – Construction of a ground and first floor rear extension, loft conversion, front elevation works and full external renovation, 61 Park Road. **Objection** on the following grounds: The scale of the proposed extension will substantially increase the overall size of the existing dwelling, will over dominate the site, and be out of character with adjacent dwellings and the street scene of the neighbourhood. This is contrary to Policy H6 of the Willaston Neighbourhood Plan. The proposal bears very little resemblance to the existing dwelling and does not reflect the character and appearance of the existing dwelling.

21/0664N – Single and two storey extension – 76 Park Road. **No objection**

**130. S106 FUNDING AND RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA**

The Chair provided members with an update on progress advising that the funding will cover all the points raised by the Parish Council, including resurfacing, play areas and painting. There will be an assessment of the zip wire to determine if the S106 funds will also cover this. The Chair advised that he hoped to have a further update later this week.

**131. WILLASTON IN BLOOM**

The Chair provided members with details of the quote received for the summer season 2021, advising that in his opinion it was a competitive quote. Councillor Ward asked how much extra it would be to include the planting and maintenance of the tub on The Maze. The Chair suggested that the planter on The Maze could be done by volunteers, but the issues is that the planter is off the main watering root. Councillor Ward suggested that he would be happy to water the planter.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote for the summer season 2021.

**132. MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES**

The Chair advised members that he had sent several emails since the New Year to Councillor Gage to liaise with Cheshire East Council to confirm the progress. The last update available was that it had been passed on to Legal late last year.

**133. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED: that the accounts totalling £810.24 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**134. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed as 30 March 2021 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

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**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS  
23 FEBRUARY 2021**

<b>Details of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>
Water Plus Ltd – water at allotment site		78.63	102719
M Langhorn – February net salary		562.12	102720
- Petty Cash		14.70	102723
H M Revenue & Customs – tax on salary		140.40	102721
CW Salisbury – monthly zoom subscription		14.39	102722
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£810.24</b>	

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