

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
24 NOVEMBER 2020**

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

**86 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**87 MINUTES**

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising :-** thanks were offered to the Chairman and Councillors Salisbury, Cutts and Lane for their efforts at the Remembrance Service, which was a success despite the restrictions. There were over 400 views of the service on Facebook and virtual streaming of the service was watched live by more than 30 people. Unfortunately it was not possible to spray the chains around the memorial due to inclement weather and this will now be done in the Spring.

It was also reported that the Peter Bebbington memorial bench had been refurbished and was now back in place on The Spinney. The proposed football nets for the playing field are currently out of stock and will not be available until the end of January.

**88 OPEN FORUM**

No matters were raised by members of the public.

**89 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Bowman will be absent from work for the foreseeable future and it is not clear at this stage how she will be replaced. There has been no cluster meeting since our October meeting.

**90 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Simon reported on the following matters :-

- There have been numerous responses to the consultation regarding Winter gritting routes with particular reference to Colleys Lane and the lobbying will continue.
- There are Cheshire East consultations currently taking place on Household Recycling and on Transport and Parking, which members may wish to consider.
- The local Cheshire East Covid 19 contact and trace system goes live this week.

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

- Cheerbrook Road has been dug up by the Gas Board for pipe laying and poorly resurfaced. This is also happening in other areas of the village.
- The SID sign on Crewe Road has not been repaired. It is understood that this is in hand to be attended to.
- A speed control sign on the A51 by the Cheerbrook roundabout is obscured.
- Someone has been selling cars from the grass verge by the old school on Crewe Road.
- The possibility of a pelican crossing over the A51 by the Peacock roundabout was once again raised.

**91 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

20/4565N – Application for the re-planning of reserved matters approval 18/1193N to increase the number of plots by 15, Land north of Moorfields

Objections to be submitted on various grounds

20/2702N – Revised plans submitted for the erection of two detached dwellings, 57 Eastern Road

Objections to be submitted on the grounds that our comments in response to the original plans still apply.

**Cheshire East Council decisions**

No decisions received since the September meeting.

**92 APPROPRIATION OF S106 FUNDING**

The post inspection of the new play equipment has been completed and signed off, and the play area is now open. We are awaiting a quotation from Staffordshire Surfacing for the line marking on the basketball court and graphics on the play area before the s106 funding can be assessed and drawn down. The backing of our local Borough Councillor is also required and is being sought.

**93 RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

As reported in minute 92 above we are still awaiting confirmation that the resurfacing can proceed within the s106 funding available.

**94 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020**

The clerk presented the external audit report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 which concluded that the return was in accordance with proper practices and there were no matters giving cause for concern.

RESOLVED : that the external audit report be approved and accepted.

**95 WILLASTON IN BLOOM**

The Chairman reported that the Winter planting on Mike Heywood Green had been completed. It is also intended to plant up some of the other square planters around the village with Winter planting. The allotment awards have had to be postponed due to the current Covid 19 lockdown, but will go ahead once the lockdown is lifted.

**96 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES**

A response is still awaited from the Cheshire East Council legal team regarding the renaming of the maze area. However, quotations have been obtained for the purchase of a street sign and a memorial plaque at a total cost of £373.25. It was just suggested that the plaque should include the word “parish” in the wording.

RESOLVED : that the above expenditure on the street sign and plaque be approved, subject to approval from Cheshire East Council to the renaming of the area.

**97 WILLASTON CHARITIES**

The Chairman reported on the activities of Wybunbury United Charities and the Sarah Jane Wood Charity. Grant applications have been invited from households in Willaston who find themselves in financial difficulties due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Twelve applications have been received to date and eight grants of £200 each have been awarded.

**98 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021/22**

The clerk presented the draft budget for consideration, estimating the income and expenditure for the current year and including proposals for 2021/22. It is anticipated that reserves will have increased to £40,312 by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 due to reduced expenditure in the current year as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic and receipt of the Business Support Grant of £10,000. Budgeted net expenditure for 2021/22 is £27,679 after anticipated income of £2,781.

RESOLVED : that the budget for 2021/22 be approved.

RESOLVED : that a precept of £25,208 be made on Cheshire East Council in line with current tax base arrangements, thereby maintaining the Band D Council Tax at the current level.

**99 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Christmas lights will be put in place this coming weekend and will be switched on from this weekend onwards.

**100 REQUEST TO ERECT A SHED AND POLY TUNNEL ON PLOT 55**

A request has been received from the new tenant of allotment plot 55 to erect a 7' x 8' wooden shed and a 4m x 3m poly tunnel on the plot.

RESOLVED : that approval be given to the shed and poly tunnel.

**101 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The clerk presented his usual written report. Councillor Todd also reported on the ChALC Annual Meeting. The two key items discussed were subscriptions, which are to remain unchanged, and concerns around communication with the Borough Councils. A motion was passed seeking better communication with the Borough Councils and a maximum response time of 15 days.

**102 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £6,516.81 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**103 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2021**

RESOLVED : that the following meeting dates be agreed for 2021 :-

26<sup>th</sup> January  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
 30<sup>th</sup> March  
 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 25<sup>th</sup> May  
 29<sup>th</sup> June  
 20<sup>th</sup> July  
 24<sup>th</sup> August  
 28<sup>th</sup> September  
 26<sup>th</sup> October  
 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Chairman..... Date.....**

## WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

## SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

24 NOVEMBER 2020

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - November net salary	561.92		
- Petty cash	<u>11.35</u>	573.27	102700
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		140.60	102701
J Mountford – Grass cutting in the village		405.00	102702
ChALC – Course fee		25.00	102703
PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit fee		240.00	102704
Water Plus Ltd – water at allotment site		122.89	102705
Glasdon UK Ltd – new litter bins		1,132.35	102706
Northwich Town Council – renovation of bench		176.40	102707
The CPR Group – billboard at Academy		299.00	102708
Crewe Road Nurseries – winter planting		630.00	102709
Powa Pak Cleaners Ltd – clean war memorial		2,034.00	102710
C W Salisbury – padlock for playground	7.00		
2 months Zoom subscription	<u>28.78</u>	35.78	102711
<b>December Payments :-</b>			
M Langhorn – December net salary		562.12	102712
HM Revenue & Customs – tax on salary		140.40	102713
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,516.81</b>	

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

