

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
26 JANUARY 2021**

Present : Parish Councillors C Bailey, E Angier, S Brazier, N Keegan, N Lane, F R Morton, W Salisbury & C F Todd.

R Greenwood attended the meeting and joined the council following minute 106 below.  
Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

Apologies : Parish Councillors A J Cutts, K Ward & J Webb.

**104 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**105 MINUTES**

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**106 CO-OPTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

The clerk provided details of an application for co-option to the council to fill the current vacancy in Willaston Village Ward.

RESOLVED : that Rubina Greenwood be co-opted to the council to fill the current vacancy in the Willaston Village Ward.

**107 OPEN FORUM**

A resident of Wistaston Road raised concerns about little used double decker buses going through the village and causing damage to properties around the junction of Wistaston Road and Coppice Road. The buses are said to have collided with house walls, guttering and street signs in their attempts to negotiate the corner whilst avoiding parked vehicles. It was suggested that the residents affected should keep a log of incidents which occur, with dates, times, and photographs of damage where possible, and report these to the Customer Services Department at Arriva head office. It was further suggested that residents may like to respond to the Cheshire East Council consultation on the Local Transport Delivery Plan which remains open until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**108 POLICE MATTERS**

Councillor Todd reported on the recent police cluster meeting and talked about the crime figures for the last quarter. These indicate that Willaston remains a relatively safe place to live, although the figures can sometimes give a false impression as an argument between two people, for example, will be recorded as two crimes, causing a doubling up in the figures.

Sergeant Caldwell also attended the meeting and provided some more detail around the figures, making particular reference to the fact that four youths had been issued with fines for gathering around the A500 footbridge in contravention of Covid regulations.

He also advised that Willaston now shared a PCSO with Wistaston. In the long term this will be PCSO Bowman, although she is currently on sick leave and cover is being provided by PCSO Siddall. However, for electronic reporting purposes Willaston is paired with Rope. PC Tim Clark has also returned to cover the area having completed a period of secondment on other duties.

## 109 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Simon reported that there had been a high proportion of objections to the proposed alterations by highways to the junction at Colleys Lane and Middlewich Road, as a result of which the proposal has now been dropped. A feasibility study is now being undertaken for an alternative proposal of a central reservation on Middlewich Road. If a decision is taken to consider this further then there will be a fresh public consultation with published plans.

Councillor Angier raised the issue of the fly tipping close to the PROW in the farmers field off Park Road. Councillor Todd reported that the farmer was aware of this and was taking steps to have it removed.

## 110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/5384N – Variation of condition 1 on 19/4462N and variation of condition 8 on approval 18/1352N – residential development of 6 dwellings, 32 Cheerbrook Road  
No objections

### Cheshire East Council decisions

20/4544N – Install roller shutter door, 51 Wistaston Road – **approved**

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

20/4009N – Proposed single storey side and rear extension, 26 Circle Avenue – **approved**

20/3228N – Variation of conditions 2 & 3 on application 20/0029N, rear single storey with side double storey extension, 146 Colleys Lane – **approved**

20/4168N – Proposed detached garage, 340 Crewe Road – **approved**

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 – **refused**

17/2123N – Request to modify the terms of S106 Agreement (Affordable Housing), Land at Eastern Road - **withdrawn**

## 111 S106 FUNDING & RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The clerk reported that he had spoken to the ANSA representative yesterday who had confirmed that the s106 funding had been approved and signed off to cover the surfacing of the play area, basketball court and entrance path, the line marking of the basketball court, the floor graphics on the play area, and repair of the pendulum swing. This leaves an amount of around £1,000 which may, or may not, be sufficient to cover the cost of repair to the zip wire, depending upon what is found upon further inspection. There is still some administration which needs to be completed before the funds are released and work can commence.

## 112 WILLASTON IN BLOOM

The Chairman reported that the 2020 Allotment Awards had now been presented to the winners individually. A plan for Willaston planting in 2021 has been sent to Crewe Road Nurseries for a quotation. The proposed planting plan is more extensive than last year, if not quite what would be undertaken in any normal year. Application forms have just been received for the North West in Bloom Competition, but the general feeling was not to enter this year in view of all the uncertainty over Covid. However, the date for receipt of entry forms has been put back to 30<sup>th</sup> April, so there is still time to react if things change.

**113 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES**

A decision is still awaited from the Cheshire East Council Legal Team regarding the change of name of the maze.

**114 BUDGETARY CONTROL REVIEW**

The clerk presented Income & Expenditure figures for the first 9 months of the financial year up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 for comparison against budget. Overall expenditure remains well within budget due to scaled down activities during the Covid 19 pandemic, although expenditure on the maintenance of open spaces is over budget due to the renovation of various benches and the need to purchase a new strimmer. Renovation of the war memorial also cost significantly more than budget, but the increased expenditure was approved under Minute 17 at the July meeting.

RESOLVED : that the Income & Expenditure figures for the 9 months to 31 December 2020 be approved.

**115 BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Councillor Salisbury reported that he had checked and verified the bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2020.

**116 PRUNING OF TREES**

The Chairman presented a quotation of £400 + VAT from Border Tree Care for the pruning of various trees on Mike Heywood Green and the playing field which are in need of attention.

RESOLVED : that the quotation be accepted.

**117 GRASS CUTTING IN THE VILLAGE**

The clerk reported that the anticipated quotation from Chris Mountford & Family had not arrived in time for the meeting. This was due to the fact that Chris Mountford had sadly passed away last week. However, Jamie Mountford will be continuing the business and has verbally offered to continue the grass cutting in Willaston at the same rates as last year, ie. a total of £135 per visit.

RESOLVED : that the contract for grass cutting in 2021 should be awarded to Jamie Mountford on the understanding that the cost per cut will be the same as in 2020.

**118 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The clerk presented his usual written report.

**119 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £1,148.22 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed as 23 February 2021 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

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

## WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

## SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

26 JANUARY 2021

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - January net salary	561.92		
Quarterly telephone account	104.43		
- Petty cash	<u>12.55</u>	678.90	102714
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		140.60	102715
ChALC – Course fee		30.00	102716
ANSA – removal of fly tipping at allotments		60.00	102717
C W Salisbury – Remembrance Service bugler	120.00		
Cable ties for Christmas lights	9.00		
Monthly Zoom subscriptions	28.78		
Purchase of football nets	<u>80.94</u>	238.72	102718
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,148.22</b>	

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