

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
27 APRIL 2021**

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

151 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

152 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising :- Councillor Salisbury reported that the new dog bag dispensers and campaign posters were now in place and had received positive feedback.

153 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised by members of the public.

154 POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Todd reported on the recent cluster meeting and provided details of the crime figures for the first quarter of the year.

PCSO Bowman attended the meeting and reported on the following matters :-

- There has been a high proportion of neighbourhood disputes in the village and mediation is taking place.
- Funding for lunchtime sports sessions at Willaston Academy has been provided.
- Anti-social behaviour remains a priority across the Crewe area as a whole and names and addresses of youths entering Willaston are being taken. Two scooters have been seized and warnings issued to other scooter users. If threatening behaviour is encountered it should be reported via 999 rather than 101.
- There has been a spate of thefts from vehicles, often where the vehicles in question are left unlocked.
- Speedwatch is being conducted on Moorfields and letters are to be sent to residents of Bayley Croft advising them of the 20 mph speed limit.
- The Civil Enforcement Officer will be in the village on Thursday with the PCSO addressing dog fouling issues.

155 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Gage reported on the following matters :-

- The Cheerbrook roundabout and the cycle path on Newcastle Road are to be cleared and tidied up.
- The Community Wardens recently issued two fixed penalty notices on Park Mills Close for parking on double yellow lines.

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

- There is a car parked for sale on Crewe Road near the Peacock roundabout.
- A resident of Green Lane has raised the issue of the grass verges following recent pipe laying.

156 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/1854N – Development of existing integral garage into habitable room, 5 Brassey Court

Concerns to be expressed regarding the loss of a parking space

21/1744N – Two storey extension to side and rear, single storey extension to rear and front bay window extension and open porch, 49 Colleys Lane

No objections provided that there is no loss of light to adjacent properties

Cheshire East Council decisions

21/0664N – Single and two storey extension, 76 Park Road – **approved**

21/0036N – To drop existing kerb outside of property and remove/reposition obstructing street light, 339 Crewe Road – **approved**

21/0664N – Single and two storey extension, 76 Park Road – **approved**

21/0780N – Construction of a new part two storey extension, 26 Green Lane - **refused**

157 S106 FUNDING & RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Nothing further to report at this stage.

158 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The clerk presented the internal audit report for the year ended 31st March 2021 which concluded that the council's systems of internal controls in place was adequate for the purpose intended and effective.

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

159 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21

RESOLVED : that the answer "Yes" be given to all questions in the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21.

160 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council Accounting Statement for 2020/21 be approved.

161 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES

Renewal papers for the Zurich Municipal insurance policy were made available to members prior to the meeting and reveal a small increase in the renewal premium to £871.29 for the same level of cover

RESOLVED : that the renewal premium be accepted and the policy renewed.

162 PULL UP BANNER FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Chairman presented a motion to purchase a pull up banner at a cost of £48 to be displayed at council meetings.

RESOLVED : that the purchase of a pull up banner at the cost quoted be approved.

163 BENCH AT WISTASTON ROAD BUS STOP

The possibility of installing a seat at the Wistaston Road bus stop was discussed. Some concerns were expressed about a bench attracting anti-social behaviour, particularly as that was the reason for the original bench being removed.

RESOLVED : As it is intended to buy new benches for the playground, it was agreed that a bench should be purchased for the bus stop on the basis that it could subsequently be moved to the playground if anti-social behaviour at the bus stop became a problem.

164 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON REMOTE MEETINGS

H M Government is currently running an online consultation regarding the ability of councils to hold meetings remotely going forward. It was agreed that this council should respond to the consultation and members were requested to submit their comments to the clerk by the end of the week, who will then collate the comments received and respond on behalf of the council.

165 TRAFFIC ISSUES ON MOORFIELDS

Councillor Brazier raised various issues regarding traffic on Moorfields, including double parking, speeding, parking on pavements, the number and timing of construction vehicles attending the Bayley Croft development, and vehicles idling with engines running. Councillor Gage reported that repeater 20 mph signs were to be added on Moorfields and PCSO Bowman agreed to do some patrols on the road to check for illegally parked vehicles as well as speeding. It was also agreed to deploy the SID on the road. Councillor Todd reported that he had visited the site manager at the Bayley Croft development in the last few days and discussed the issues regarding construction traffic with him. It was agreed that Councillors Todd and Keegan would visit the site manager again to further discuss these issues and that letters would be provided to purchasers of the new properties advising them of the 20 mph speed limit on Moorfields. A 20 mph speed limit sign has also been requested to be located at the exit of the Bayley Croft development.

166 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES

There is no further update on this matter and a decision from Cheshire East Council is still awaited. Councillor Gage was asked to ascertain whether the matter had been approved by cabinet and to follow up with the Chair of the Environment Committee.

167 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £3,458.95 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 4 May 2021 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

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

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

27 APRIL 2021

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - April net salary	562.12		
Quarterly telephone account	104.43		
- Petty cash	<u>11.80</u>	678.35	102730
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		140.40	102731
ChALC – Annual Subscription		967.40	102732
JDH Business Services Ltd – internal audit		257.04	102733
Mercia Tree Care Ltd – grinding tree stump		240.00	102734
Earth Anchors Ltd – supply of dog waste bins		464.40	102735
C T Bailey – Wreath for Prince Philip		25.00	102736
C W Salisbury – Dog bag dispensers & bags	576.00		
Sign printing for dog campaign	61.99		
Steel bands for dog dispensers	19.98		
Cable ties for football nets	14.00		
Zoom monthly subscription	<u>14.39</u>	686.36	102737
Total	Total	3,458.95	

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

