

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
27 OCTOBER 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.

64 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

65 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising :- Councillor Angier asked whether there was any feedback from Highways regarding the proposed Colleys Lane road alterations. The clerk reported that he had received no further information.

66 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised by members of the public.

67 POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Todd reported on the cluster meeting, at which the issue of drug use and vandalism on the playing field was raised. It was confirmed that PCSO Bowman was still the PCSO responsible for Willaston under the Wistaston and Willaston team.

68 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

There were no Borough Councillors present at the meeting.

69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

No objections

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

No objections

Cheshire East Council decisions

No decisions received since the September meeting.

70 RENOVATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The cleaning and repointing of the war memorial has now been completed by Midland Masonry. Councillor Salisbury will now spray paint the chains, weather permitting.

71 APPROPRIATION OF S106 FUNDING

The three items of new play equipment have now been installed at the playground, although we are still waiting for the area to be cleared and signed off. Confirmation from ANSA regarding the remaining s106 funding is still awaited.

72 RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

As reported in minute 71 above we are still awaiting confirmation from ANSA that the resurfacing can proceed within the s106 funding available.

73 WILLASTON IN BLOOM

The Chairman reported that a quotation from Crewe Road Nurseries for winter planting is awaited, but the various beds will be cleared within the next few weeks.

At this stage it is not known whether the North West in Bloom Competition will take place in 2021, but consideration will have to be given to whether Willaston would wish to enter the competition next year and what level of planting will be required.

74 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES

The Chairman reported that the Green Space Manager at Cheshire East Council had passed on the request for the re-naming of the Maze to the Council's Legal Department. It is not clear at this stage whether it will then have to be referred to cabinet for a decision to be made.

75 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2020

The Remembrance Service will take place at the war memorial at 1.30pm on Sunday 8th November led by Reverend Paul North and representatives from Cheshire East Council, the Royal British Legion, Nantwich Town Council, the Women's Institute, Willaston Scout Group, Willaston Social Club and Willaston Academy will be invited to lay wreaths. A Covid 19 risk assessment will have to be prepared and the public will not be invited to attend on this occasion due to the Covid 19 restrictions. However, the service will be streamed live on Facebook and a recording will be available to view on the council's website after the event. The usual road closure has been cancelled due to the scaled down nature of the service and the central island around the war memorial will be sealed off with entry for invited guests only. Members of the public are invited to place remembrance rocks around the memorial prior to the service taking place.

76 BUDGETARY CONTROL REVIEW

The clerk presented Income & Expenditure figures for the first half of the financial year up to 30 September 2020 for comparison against budget. These reveal overall expenditure well within budget due to reduced outgoings as a result of activities being cancelled or scaled down because of the Covid 19 pandemic. One area of expenditure in excess of budget is the maintenance of open areas due to the necessary repair of certain benches and the purchase of a new stimmer. Income is significantly higher than budget due to the Business Support Grant received.

RESOLVED : that the Income & Expenditure figures for the 6 months to 30 September 2020 be approved.

77 BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Councillor Salisbury reported that he had checked and verified the bank reconciliation as at 30 September 2020.

78 EXPENDITURE ON BENCHES, LITTER BINS AND FOOTBALL NETS

Proposals had been submitted for the purchase of three new park benches costing £425 each, renovation of the Peter Bebbington memorial bench on The Spinney at a cost of £147, replacement of two open topped litter bins on the playing field at a cost of £485.57 each, and the purchase of new football nets for the playing field at a cost of £80.94.

RESOLVED : that approval be given to all of the above items of expenditure.

79 REQUEST FROM NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

A request has been received from the North West Ambulance Service to sponsor a “How to Save a Life” billboard for display at Willaston Academy at a cost of £299.

RESOLVED : that sponsorship of a billboard at Willaston Academy be approved.

80 BUDGET 2021/22

It was proposed that some allowance be made in the 2021/22 budget for additional maintenance issues at the allotment site, the potential provision of more benches in the village, and the replacement of dog waste bins. All for consideration under the budget agenda item at the November meeting. The possibility of installing outdoor gym equipment at the playing field was also raised, but this would be a larger project requiring detailed costings.

81 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED : that Councillor Todd should attend the Cheshire Association of Local Councils Virtual Annual Meeting as the representative of this council.

82 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROL SINGING ON THE GREEN

The Christmas lights will be in place by late November for switching on at the beginning of December as usual. However, the carol singing on the Mike Heywood Green will not take place this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

83 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report.

84 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £928.21 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 24 November 2020 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

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

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

27th OCTOBER 2020

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - October net salary	562.12		
- Renewal of Microsoft 365	79.99		
- Engraving of allotment cup	10.00		
- Petty cash	18.70	670.81	102694
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		140.40	102695
St Mary's Wistaston PCC – hire of meeting room		57.00	102696
Local Allotment Competition prizes :-			
S Brown		30.00	102697
Mrs E Smith		20.00	102698
J Bebbington		10.00	102699
Total		928.21	

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