

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING 28th APRIL 2015

Present : Parish Councillors M R Jones, S Brazier, M T Carter, A J Cutts, J M Flackett, D W Lewis, F R Morton, S Potts, C F Todd & K Ward.

Cheshire East Councillor : M Simon.

Apologies : Parish Councillor W E Kirby.

Cheshire East Councillor : B Silvester.

190 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Brazier, Cutts and Todd declared an interest with regard to the Green Gap, due to their involvement with the Green Gap Action Group. Councillors Brazier and Cutts also declared an interest with regard to the Parish Plan Implementation due to their membership of the Communities Opportunities Group. Councillor Jones declared an interest in the planning application at 1 Hollybush Crescent as a neighbour of the applicant.

191 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th March 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising :- it was suggested that the Chairman`s report from the Annual Parish Meeting should be published in a newsletter for distribution around the village.

192 OPEN FORUM

The poor state of the pavement on Wistaston Road between Coppice Road and the railway line was referred to and questions were raised as to why this was not being re-surfaced at the same time as the road. Also, why are the side roads of Gladstone Street and Orchard Street, which are in a very poor state of repair, not being re-surfaced at the same time. It was agreed that members should email their specific concerns to the clerk, who will collate them and write to the Highways Department.

193 POLICING ISSUES

Councillor Todd reported on the cluster meeting held yesterday. Crime within the village has been at very low levels over the last quarter, with very little in the way of anti-social behaviour. The police continue to make regular patrols around the village, particularly around the old Horseshoe public house, which had become an area for youths to congregate. The police have also been undertaking engagements at the local school and recently carried out bike marking at the social club.

With regard to speeding, the PCSO`s have now been given authority to issue fixed penalty tickets and have been issued with a new speed gun which take photographs of vehicles. Councillor Todd also reported on the various initiatives coming out of the local HUB and provided contact details and accompanying literature.

194 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Simon reported the following matters :-

- The new 30mph speed limit on Crewe Road will take effect from this coming Thursday (30th April).
- New speed indicator devices (SID) have been placed in Park Road and Colleys Lane and there should be more to come.
- The best site for the SID on Colleys Lane was identified by knocking on doors and speaking to residents.
- The new Puffin Crossing on Crewe Road is almost complete and the cabling should be installed tomorrow.
- The emptying of bins in Coppice Close was missed last week, but this has now been resolved.
- A request to repair potholes on Crewe Road outside of numbers 306, 308 and 314 has been submitted.
- The Willaston Neighbourhood Plan area is due to be signed off by early next week.
- The recent Cheshire East cabinet meeting focussed almost entirely on funding for Crewe town centre.

Councillor Silvester was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following written report :-

- The planning applications for 120 houses and 5 houses off Cheerbrook Road have both been refused.
- Wistaston Road is in the course of being re-surfaced.
- A speed indicator device has been located in Park Road.
- A TPO has been placed on trees on land off Park Road, Cheerbrook Road and Moorfields.
- A new street sign has been requested for Brassey Way

195 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/0971N – Reserved matters for erection of 40 two storey dwellings, parking, landscaping and associated works (re-submission of 13/4462N), land to the rear of 11 Eastern Road

No objections

15/1471N – First floor extension to form additional bedroom, 64 Coppice Road

No objections

15/1016N – Proposed new dwelling, access and parking, 1 Hollybush Crescent

Objections to be submitted on the grounds of over development of the site, the potential effect on wildlife and the application does nothing to address the need for affordable homes

15/1839N – Extension to existing storage building for the storage of equipment used by the dairy industry, 351 Crewe Road

No objections

Cheshire East Council planning decisions :

14/4944N – Construction of up to 5 dwellings with associated access, 44 Cheerbrook Road – **refused**

14/5825N – Outline application for residential development for up to 120 dwellings with access and associated works, land to the rear of Cheerbrook Road – **refused**

15/1136N – Alterations, new roof over existing extension, new single storey extension and move rear side boundary fence, 2 Bayley Road - **approved**

196 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

Councillor Cutts reported that she had been approached by a representative from the Protect Stapeley Group with a view to joining forces. He advised that much of the land in Willaston which is currently the subject of large planning applications is actually Grade 2 agricultural land.

197 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

The Cheshire Community Pride judges are due to visit the village at 11am on 12th May and would be interested in speaking to any village representatives. Councillors Lewis and Flackett agreed to make contact with the organisers and arrange a meeting on the day.

198 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There will be a meeting tomorrow evening (29th April) with Andrew Thompson, Neighbourhood Planning Consultant, to consider the Neighbourhood Plan process.

199 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Councillor Lewis reported the following :-

- 60% of the village beds have now been cleared in preparation for the new season.
- The village green and war memorial beds have been left for now as the flowers are still in display.
- Two new planters have been acquired and sited at the end of Coppice Road.
- The silver birch tree on the village green has now been trimmed.
- Three other trees have also been trimmed, one on Moorfields and two at the end of Coppice Road.
- Sponsorship money for this year is starting to come in, with £400 received so far and more promised from regular sponsors.
- Summer planting will take place in early June and several new hanging baskets have been acquired.
- The scout group is making bat boxes to put up around the village.
- Some of the village signs were cleaned last weekend, but the Cedar Court street sign needs replacing.
- Work has already begun on producing the brochure for the North West in Bloom Competition.

200 VILLAGE FETE 2014

The village fete committee continues to meet once a month and arrangements are progressing well, with some different themes and attractions to be added this year. The main theme for this year will be Frozen. Application forms for the position of Rose Queen have already been circulated. It is proposed that a new banner be purchased at a cost of £120 to publicise the fete. This is to be an agenda item at the May meeting.

201 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council accounts for 2014/15 be approved.

202 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15

RESOLVED : that the answer “Yes” be given to all questions in the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15.

203 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES

The clerk reported that renewal papers had now been received for the Zurich Municipal insurance policy and an alternative quotation has also been received from AON. The respective quotations for the coming year are as follows :-

Zurich - £747.09

AON - £770.22

The clerk provided a schedule of the levels of cover provided by each policy. The AON policy does provide higher levels of cover in some areas, albeit in areas where it is not really required.

RESOLVED : that the Zurich policy provides adequate insurance cover in all relevant areas and the quotation of £747.09 should be accepted.

204 REQUEST TO ERECT A SHED ON ALLOTMENT PLOT 87

A request has been received from the tenant of plot 87 to erect an 8`x 6` wooden shed on the plot.

RESOLVED : that permission be granted for the erection of the shed as described above.

205 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report.

206 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,092.89 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

207 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as **Wednesday 20th May 2015 (NB. This will be the Annual Meeting).**

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

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

28th APRIL 2015

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn – April net salary	512.48		
- Petty cash	<u>24.15</u>	536.63	102210
H M Revenue & Customs – tax and NI on clerk`s salary		128.00	102211
Dave Espley – Quarterly playground inspection		43.00	102212
Chris Mountford – grass cutting in village		291.00	102213
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC – hire of room		73.50	102214
A J Cutts – Cheshire Community Pride entry fee		40.00	102215
ChALC – Annual subscription		822.76	102216
Cheshire Community Action - subscription		50.00	102217
Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society - subscription		8.00	102218
Alder Hey Children`s Charity - donation		100.00	102219
Total		2,092.89	

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