

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
28 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Present : Parish Councillors C Bailey, A J Cutts, R Greenwood, N Keegan, W Salisbury, C F Todd, K Ward & J Webb.

Cheshire East Councillors A Gage & M Simon.

Apologies : Parish Councillors S Brazier, E Angier, N Lane & F R Morton.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Hannah Marr as the new incoming clerk.

#### **76 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

#### **77 MINUTES**

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **78 OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public expressed concern at the unkempt nature of some areas of the village, in particular the overgrown pavement alongside Park Road and the ginnel by the primary school. Borough Councillor Simon agreed to take up the former issue and Borough Councillor Gage will take up the latter issue.

#### **79 POLICE MATTERS**

Sergeant Caldwell attended the meeting and referred to a recent incident of hate crime against two councillors. He apologised for the initial slow response to the incident and reported that the offender had now been interviewed. He also referred to a reported issue with drug taking at the turning circle on Wybunbury Road and again advised that the main offender had been spoken to.

#### **80 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Simon reported on the following matters :-

- The proposed consultation on car parking charges has been sent back to officers for reconsideration.
- The proposal for free telecare for over 85's has been withdrawn and will now be subject to means testing.
- Pop up clinics for Covid 19 vaccinations are available around the area – information on the Cheshire East Council website.
- Various Covid 19 recovery grant schemes are available to local businesses via Cheshire East Council.
- Councillor Simon also apologised for not being able to attend the recent dedication ceremony in memory of the late Councillor Maurice Jones and paid tribute to Councillor Jones' work within the community.

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

- There continues to be significant feedback from residents about the need for a controlled pedestrian crossing by the Peacock roundabout.
- The hedgerows on Crewe Road between Colleys Lane and the Richmond Village site are significantly overhanging the pavement.

Councillor Gage reported on the following matters :-

- The barriers on the Cheerbrook roundabout are awaiting repair, as is the acoustic fence.
- Electric car charging points are to be installed at the Snow Hill car park.
- The overgrown hedge on Coppice Road has now been cut back.
- There is a dispute between residents over a car port on Wistaston Road to which Building Control are seeking a resolution.
- A tree on the Moorfields estate is being assessed following concerns reported.

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

- A resident has reported a recent near collision at the junction of Cheerbrook Road and Wybunbury Road due to the road markings having faded badly and a consequent lack of clarity over right of way.
- Following previous incidents of contractors dumping equipment on Mike Heywood Green the portfolio holder at Cheshire East Council had agreed to contact the parish council prior to any further need to temporarily store items on the green. However, there has now been another incidence of cable being dumped on the green without any prior notification to the parish council. The items have now been removed but an area of grass has been badly damaged and needs to be re-turfed.

### **81 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

21/4536N – Single storey rear extension, 15 Colleys Lane

No objections

21/4431N – Erection of 2 dwellings with associated parking off Heald Way

Objections to be submitted on the grounds that the previous approval by the Supreme Court was subject to a maximum of 146 dwellings on this site

#### **Cheshire East Council decisions**

21/2982N – Construction of two storey side extension to accommodate new en-suite bedroom with replacement garage/workshop below along with single storey parlour extension to align with existing frontage, 6 Murrayfield Drive – **approved**

21/3152N – Detached double garage, 155 Colleys Lane – **approved**

21/3174N – Single storey rear/side extension, 30 Boden Drive - **approved**

### **82 REQUEST TO ERECT A TELECOMS SHELTER AT THE ALLOTMENT SITE**

VX Fiber Ltd has made an offer to the council to resurface the whole of the allotment driveway and pay rental income of £500 per annum in exchange for locating a telecoms shelter on the allotment driveway behind the bus shelter. Clarification is still required regarding the precise terms of any lease and, in particular, the duration of the lease and the frequency of rent reviews.

RESOLVED : that the above offer be approved in principle subject to clarification over the terms of the lease and that the resurfacing work includes the removal of the flower bed in order to widen the entrance.

### **83 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2021**

The annual Remembrance Service will be held at the war memorial on Colleys Lane on Sunday 14 November commencing at 1.30pm. The usual road closure is being arranged by Duttons, who will produce the Traffic Management Plan. The bugler and PA system have been booked and Paul North will lead the service. The usual dignitaries have been invited and the Mayor will lay a wreath on behalf of Cheshire East Council.

**84 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

A meeting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee was held on 13 September at which Councillor Cutts was elected as Chairman and Councillor Angier as Vice Chairman. A quorum will consist of 3 councillors and it is intended to co-opt 3 members of the public on to the committee. A survey has been published today seeking the views of residents on the type of events they would like to see happening around the village to mark the occasion and further decisions will be made based upon the feedback received.

**85 CONTACT FACILITIES FOR THE CLERK**

The provision of mobile telephone and post box facilities for the clerk was discussed. It was proposed that St Luke's Church should be approached to ask whether they would be prepared to host a parish council post box on their premises. A specific mobile telephone solution was also proposed involving a SIM purchase currently on offer. RESOLVED : that the proposed SIM purchase be approved.

**86 PLAYING FIELD**

Councillor Salisbury proposed a motion to purchase some posters and a banner for the playing field discouraging littering at a total cost of £62.15. He also proposed the purchase of new back boards and hoops for the basketball court at a total cost of £459.72 including VAT.

RESOLVED : that all of the above purchases be approved.

**87 WILLASTON IN BLOOM**

A quotation of £1129.50 + VAT has been received from Crewe Road Nurseries for Winter planting. They have also quoted £30 per planter to supply the plants for the non-contracted out planters to be planted up by volunteers. It was also noted that the herb bed on Coppice Road and the bed at the junction of Wistaston Road and Crewe Road need tidying up.

RESOLVED : that total expenditure of £1,329.50 be approved to cover the Winter planting by Crewe Road Nurseries and to provide an allowance of £200 towards the supply of plants for planting by volunteers.

**88 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES**

The dedication ceremony for the renaming of the Maze on Saturday 25 September was attended by the Mayor, councillors, the Jones family and other members of the public and was a fitting tribute to the late Councillor Maurice Jones. The Jones family were very pleased with the event and conveyed their thanks to the council. Councillor Todd also wished to record thanks to the main organisers of the event, particularly Councillors Bailey and Salisbury.

**89 WILLASTON CIVIC SERVICE**

The Chairman proposed that the 2022 Civic Service should be held in March and will liaise with the minister of St John's Church regarding dates, as well as checking with Wistaston Parish Council and Cheshire East Council that there is no clash of dates. The proposed theme for next year's service is the 127 year history of the council and its achievements.

**90 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The clerk presented his usual written report.

**91 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £5,201.80 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**92 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed as 26 October 2021.

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

## WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

## SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

28 SEPTEMBER 2021

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - September net salary	561.92		
Quarterly telephone account	106.38		
6 months use of home as office	60.00		
- Petty cash	<u>36.84</u>	765.14	102770
H Marr – September net salary		342.33	102771
H M Revenue & Customs – tax on salaries		226.00	102772
J Mountford – Grass cutting in the village		405.00	102773
ANSA Environmental Services - resurfacing		592.73	102774
Holdfast Security Systems – padlock & keys		1,052.58	102775
Value Products Ltd – benches for playground		1,116.00	102776
N Keegan – signage photography		78.00	102777
C W Salisbury – Maurice’s Maze street sign	183.60		
Roll up banner	57.60		
Sign for zip wire	12.31		
Tree for the Maze dedication	85.00		
Bark mulch for the Maze	87.94		
Postcrete for the Maze sign	9.82		
Teak oil for totem pole	19.00		
Printing of newsletter	<u>168.75</u>	624.02	102778
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,201.80</b>	

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