

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
29 JUNE 2021**

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

21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Bailey declared an interest with regard to the proposed financing of the resurfacing work at the playground due to a business connection with the contractor. He left the room for that item and Councillor Todd chaired that part of the meeting. Councillor Salisbury also declared an interest with regard to the same item due to his association with Councillor Bailey and did not take any part in the debate or the vote on that item.

22 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23 OPEN FORUM

A resident of Wistaston Road raised the matter of the large red sycamore tree at the corner of Wistaston Road and Moorfields which is becoming very large and is at risk of impacting upon his property if action is not taken soon to control it, and is also becoming entangled with the overhead power lines. He has reported the matter to Cheshire East Council who have indicated that they are not prepared to do anything about it due to the potential cost involved. Councillor Gage agreed to take the matter up with the Borough Council.

24 POLICE MATTERS

There has been no further cluster meeting in the last month but PCSO Bowman has been doing some speed checks around the village and Councillor Todd has joined the rural crime team on some night patrols.

25 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Simon reported on the following matters :-

- Several local residents have raised concerns about planning application 21/2725N for change of use at 140 Colleys Lane.
- Colleys Lane has been removed from the winter gritting routes following the recent consultation. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the council asking them to reconsider.
- Cheshire East Council is launching a Crowdfunding Platform to aid local communities.
- Cheshire East Council is currently running a Telecare Consultation which is open for responses until 22nd July.

Councillor Gage reported on the following matters :-

- A decision has now been made by the Cheshire East Council legal team regarding the renaming of the Maze area and approval has been given.
- Surface dressing on Rope Bridge and repainting of the railings is being undertaken.
- The land adjacent to the Peacock roundabout on which cars have been advertised for sale is private land and therefore the activity is not illegal.
- Representations continue to be made for a pedestrian crossing over the A51 by the Peacock roundabout from s106 monies available.
- It has been suggested that there may still be s106 funding of £1,972 available towards open spaces and this will be followed up.

26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/2725N – Change of use from C3 domestic dwelling to C2 registered children’s home to provide therapeutic family style care for up to four children, 140 Colleys Lane

There are no planning grounds for objecting to this application

21/3042N – Rear single storey extension, Chelemar 5 The Spinney

No objections subject to the permitted criteria being met

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

No objections

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

No objections

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

No Objections

21/5339N – Demolition of existing side and rear extensions and a new extension to the rear and side of the property, 64 Coppice Road

No objections

Cheshire East Council decisions

21/0894N – Construction of a two storey rear extension, 17 Greenbank Close – **approved**

21/1265N – Rear and side second storey extension, 31 Green Lane – **approved**

21/0459N – Construction of a ground floor and first floor rear extension, loft conversion, front elevation works and full external renovation, 61 Park Road – **approved**

21/1544N – Locating of a 5 x 3m outbuilding forward of principle elevation of the original house, Hollywell Cottage, Wybunbury Road – **withdrawn**

21/0872N – Single storey extension to rear of dwelling to replace existing conservatory, 6 Wistaston Road - **approved**

27 S106 FUNDING & RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA

The clerk reported that the resurfacing of the children’s play area and the entrance to the playing field is due to be completed by early/mid July, and the cost will be covered by s106 funding. However, there is insufficient funding to cover the cost of resurfacing the pathway from the entrance to the play area. The cost of this at £1,150 + VAT will have to be covered by this council from its own resources if that element of the resurfacing is to proceed.

RESOLVED : that expenditure of £1,150 + VAT be approved in order that all the resurfacing may be carried out at the same time.

28 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The clerk presented proposed council Financial Regulations, amended slightly from the current version to remove the requirement to produce a three year rolling income and expenditure budget, which it was considered would add no meaningful value to a council of this size.

RESOLVED : that the proposed amended Financial Regulations be adopted.

29 ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PLAYING FIELD & ALLOTMENT SITE

The following matters were identified during the inspection of the children's play area :-

- The rockers were missing the soft coverings on the handles and there is a bolt missing from one of the bases.
- There is some slight damage to some of the safety surfacing.
- There are some bolts missing from the multi play unit in the centre of the site.
- All of the above were identified as low risk items on the most recent RoSPA report but will need to be dealt with.
- The swing bay frames are in need of repainting. Councillor Keegan volunteered to source some paint and carry out the work at minimal cost to the council.
- The Zip Wire has still not been repaired. The clerk is to write to ANSA to seek a timescale for this work to be carried out.

30 MIKE HEYWOOD GREEN SIGN

The Mike Heywood Green sign is in a poor state of repair and Councillor Keegan proposed that a high resolution photograph of the sign be taken, with the damage photoshopped out, and a full size high quality and weather resistant vinyl print be mounted on an aluminium sheet for display on the green. The original sign could then be offered to the scout group, with whom Mike Heywood was very much involved for many years, for display in their club house. The anticipated cost of the work required is £189 + VAT.

RESOLVED : that the above proposal be approved.

31 WILLASTON IN BLOOM

The contracted out beds and planters have all now been planted up and plants have been provided to Beech Tree Close and the Maze. Additional plants are also to be added to the bed at Jackson's Corner. Volunteer efforts over the next couple of weeks will focus on strimming and tidying around the level crossing and the Maze area. The bed at the entrance to the allotment site will potentially be removed at some point.

32 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES

Cheshire East Council has now approved the renaming of the Maze area in memory of the late Councillor Maurice Jones. The Chairman will speak to Mrs Jones about arranging a renaming ceremony some time towards the end of summer.

33 RETIREMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF THE CLERK

The Chairman reported that the clerk had given notice of his intention to retire from the role on 30th September this year and presented proposals for the recruitment of a new clerk. An interview panel made up of 3 councillors was proposed.

RESOLVED : that the recruitment plan be approved and that Councillors Bailey, Todd and Cutts be appointed to the interview panel with an advertising budget up to £250.

34 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,301.12 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 20 July 2021.

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

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

29 JUNE 2021

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
ChALC – Training course fee		25.00	102742
- Anglia Sign Casting – Plaque for M R Jones		215.17	102743
J Mountford – Grass cutting in the village		270.00	102744
Water Plus Ltd – water at allotment site		120.89	102745
CWC (East Cheshire & Staffs) Ltd - weeding		156.00	102746
C F Todd – Battery for SID		42.98	102747
M Langhorn - June net salary	562.12		
Quarterly telephone account	106.38		
Sanitiser and wipes	11.34		
- Petty cash	<u>18.70</u>	698.54	102748
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		140.40	102749
ChALC – Training course fee		25.00	102750
J Mountford – Grass cutting in the village		405.00	102751
Cheshire Community Action - subscription		50.00	102752
Crewe Road Nurseries – supply of plants		120.60	102753
C T Bailey – Awards for Edith Ridgway		17.15	102754
C W Salisbury – Zoom subscription		14.39	102755
Total	Total	2,301.12	

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