

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
29 SEPTEMBER 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.
Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

45 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

46 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public enquired about the council's response to the proposal from Highways to make alterations to the junction of Colleys Lane and Middlewich Road. The Chairman advised that this matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

48 POLICE MATTERS

A virtual cluster meeting was scheduled for this evening, but it was unclear whether this would go ahead due to security concerns. It was reported that there had been some changes to policing in the area and it was not clear which officers should now be responsible for Willaston. Clarity regarding the new arrangements has been sought from the police but a response is still awaited.

49 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Simon reported that a pre-consultation proposal had been put forward by Highways to make the Middlewich Road end of Colleys Lane one way, ie. there would be no right turn out of or in to Colleys Lane. This was being considered for safety reasons due to the number of collisions which had occurred at the junction.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the formal meeting agenda so that a representative from Highways could explain the proposal and take questions and comments from councillors and members of the public. The Highways representative made a note of the various comments and opinions expressed and agreed to feed these back to the Highways team for consideration prior to taking the matter further.

50 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/3228N – Variation of conditions 2 & 3 on application 20/0029N, rear single storey with side double storey extension, 146 Colleys Lane

No objections

20/4009N – Proposed single storey side and rear extension, 26 Circle Avenue

Objections to be submitted due to loss of parking facilities in contravention of Cheshire East parking standards

20/4142N – Front porch and side and rear extension, 31 Murrayfield Drive

No objections

Cheshire East Council decisions

20/2406N – Variation of conditions 3 & 4 on approval 19/1860N, land to the rear of 10 & 12 Moorfields – **approved**

20/2779N – Extension to kitchen, 343 Crewe Road – **approved**

20/1118N – Two storey side extension, front single storey extension, 37 Park Road – **approved**

51 RENOVATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

Nothing further to report, but the contractor did say that the work would be completed prior to the Remembrance Service in November.

52 APPROPRIATION OF S106 FUNDING

Work is due to start on 5th October on installation of the three new items of equipment at the children's playground. The playing field will remain open whilst the work is being carried out, with just the play area fenced off.

It is anticipated that there should be sufficient s106 funding remaining to cover the repair of the pendulum swing and the resurfacing of the play area, basketball court and entrance way, but this is yet to be signed off and confirmed. This funding has to be allocated by January 2021.

53 RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

As reported in minute 52 above, it is anticipated that the cost of resurfacing of the children's play area will be covered by s106 funding, in which case it is the intention to proceed with this work as that funding has to be allocated by next January.

54 WILLASTON IN BLOOM

The Chairman reported that the Mike Heywood Green and some of the other beds were still in full bloom and he thanked Councillor Keegan for his assistance, both in repairing the bench on the green and maintaining the flower displays. The Chairman will obtain a quotation from Crewe Road Nurseries for the winter planting and consideration will be given to contracting out the planting, or whether to just purchase the plants for planting by volunteers.

55 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES

The public consultation report regarding the renaming of the Maze has been forwarded to Cheshire East Council and their response is awaited.

56 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2020

The clerk has submitted the appropriate application to the Events Advisory Group at Cheshire East Council and Duttons have submitted the Traffic Management Plan. The Chairman will speak to the local ministers about leading the service. In view of the Covid 19 restrictions it is currently intended to just invite a representative from the scout Group, to supply socially distanced seating, and to ask attendees to wear face coverings. It is acknowledged that arrangements may have to change as the Covid 19 situation develops and it is anticipated that some guidance will be issued by the appropriate authorities nearer the time.

57 BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT

The clerk reported that the council had received a Business Support Grant of £10,000 under the government’s Covid 19 support package. There was a discussion about how this money could be used to the benefit of local people and particularly small local businesses. Suggestions included employing local traders to carry out various works required at the allotment site, to refurbish some of the existing play equipment, to replace or refurbish some damaged benches, to make a donation to the local food bank, and to hold some funds in reserve in order to avoid any increase in the precept next year. Members were requested to submit any specific proposals with costings to the clerk for consideration at the October meeting.

58 PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT

It was reported that some older items of play equipment were looking tired and in need of refurbishment and that the Jack Holder memorial bench was damaged. Also, some of the litter bins around the play area are uncovered and would be better replaced by modern covered bins. This ties in with minute 57 above and quotations need to be obtained, using local trades people where possible.

59 PAY SCALES FOR THE CLERK

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a pay award for clerks to be applied from 1st April 2020. The increase for SCP20 grade is from £13.15 per hour to £13.51 per hour.

RESOLVED : that the above increase in the clerk’s pay scale be implemented with effect from 1st April 2020.

60 REQUEST TO ERECT POLY TUNNEL ON ALLOTMENT PLOT 39

A request has been received from the tenant of allotment plot 39 to erect a 3 metre x 6 metre poly tunnel on the plot.

RESOLVED : that permission be granted to erect the requested poly tunnel.

61 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report.

62 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £1,882.56 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

63 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 27 October 2020 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

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

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

29th SEPTEMBER 2020

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - September net salary (including back pay for April to August)	636.92		
Quarterly telephone account	90.93		
Allotment padlock & keys	130.29		
Renewal of Stablepoint hosting	52.79		
6 months use of home as office	60.00		
- Petty cash	<u>27.95</u>	998.88	102687
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		159.20	102688
J Mountford – Grass cutting in the village		540.00	102689
RBL Poppy Appeal – wreath & donation		75.00	102690
C W Salisbury – Hazard tape for playground	18.77		
- Zoom subscription	<u>14.39</u>	33.16	102693
N Keegan – timber for bench repair		76.32	102692
Total	Total	1,882.56	

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

