

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING
30 MARCH 2021**

Present : Parish Councillors C Bailey, E Angier, A J Cutts, N Lane, F R Morton, W Salisbury, C F Todd, K Ward & J Webb.

Apologies : Parish Councillors S Brazier & N Keegan.
Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming back the clerk and placing on record his thanks to Samantha Roberts for stepping in at the February meeting at no cost.

135 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

136 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising :- Councillor Salisbury reported that the new football nets had now been put in place at the playing field.

137 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised by members of the public.

138 POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Todd reported that there had been no cluster meeting since the last council meeting in February.

PCSO Bowman attended the meeting and reported on the following matters :-

- The two Labrador dogs which were stolen from Nantwich last week have now been traced and returned to their owners.
- Talks have recently been given to years 5 and 6 school groups about Covid regulations and mental health issues.
- PCSO Bowman has joined the Board of Governors at Willaston Academy.
- There has been increased visibility around the area of the playing field and names and addresses of youths are being taken to see who is entering the village.
- Parking problems in the village have improved recently following the issue of several fixed penalty notices.
- Littering and dog fouling remains a significant issue and PCSO Bowman is to spend a day in the village with the Enforcement Officer.
- There have been no reported breaches of Covid 19 regulations in the village during the last two weeks.
- Volunteers are being sought to act as new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

139 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

There were no Cheshire East Councillors present at the meeting. The clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding the recent non attendance at parish council meetings by the Borough Councillor for Willaston and Rope.

140 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/1151N – Rear extension to detached garage and loft conversion and dormer to main house, 2 Brassey Way

Objections submitted due to the overbearing nature of the proposed extension and potential loss of privacy to neighbouring properties

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

Objections submitted on the grounds of over domination of the site and loss of amenity to neighbouring properties

21/0780N – Construction of a new part two storey extension, 26 Green Lane

Objections submitted on the grounds of the over bearing bulk and mass of the proposed extension which is in contravention of Willaston Neighbourhood Plan Policy H6

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

Objections submitted on the grounds of over domination of the site in contravention of Willaston Neighbourhood Plan Policy H6

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

Objections submitted on the grounds that the proposed construction stands forward of the principal dwelling and is not in keeping with the street scene

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

No objections

Cheshire East Council decisions

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

20/5384N – Variation of condition 1 on 19/4462N and variation of condition 8 on approval 18/1352N, residential development of 6 dwellings, 32 Cheerbrook Road - **approved**

141 RESTORATION OF WILLASTON WI SIGN ON MIKE HEYWOOD GREEN

Northwich Town Council has provided a quotation of £369.00 + VAT for the refurbishment of the WI sign on Mike Heywood Green.

RESOLVED : that the quotation from Northwich Town Council should be accepted.

142 S106 FUNDING & RESURFACING OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The S106 funding has been signed off but is still waiting release. It was reported that Staffordshire Surfacing require full weed control to be carried out before commencing the resurfacing work. The clerk will write to Cheshire East Council to make them aware.

143 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF RISKS

The clerk reported that he had undertaken a manual review of the risk reports produced in March 2012 and that no material changes to the risk profile had been identified.

RESOLVED : that all of the procedural and financial risks to the council have been considered and that adequate controls are in place to manage those risks.

144 DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN

Dog fouling is a recurring issue in the village and Councillor Salisbury presented a proposal to purchase 4 dog waste bag dispensers and bags, and produced some posters for display around the village, the total initial cost of which would amount to £516.00

RESOLVED : that the proposal and expenditure be approved.

145 REPLACEMENT OF DOG WASTE BINS

Councillor Lane presented a proposal for the purchase of 3 dog waste bins to replace the existing bins at Lettie Spencer Playing Field, Moorfields, and the war memorial. The cost would be £115 per bin plus £35 delivery, totalling £380.00.

RESOLVED : that the proposal and expenditure be approved.

146 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE PEACOCK ROUNDABOUT

Councillor Webb proposed that representations should be made to Cheshire East Council seeking a light controlled pedestrian crossing over the A51 Nantwich bypass at the Peacock roundabout. Many residents walk this route into Nantwich and crossing the A51 is considered to be very hazardous. Councillor Todd pointed out that a crossing at this location was already included for consideration within the Cheshire East Council Transport Delivery Plan, with substantial S106 funding earmarked for reconstruction of the Peacock roundabout.

RESOLVED : that the clerk should make representations to Cheshire East Council reiterating this council's request for a controlled crossing at the Peacock roundabout.

147 MEMORIAL TREE AT LETTIE SPENCER PLAYING FIELD

A request has been received from a local resident to plant a tree on the Lettie Spencer playing field in memory of their daughter, together with a small plaque, to be provided at the resident's own expense.

RESOLVED : that the request be agreed in principle, with the size and genus of the tree to be discussed with the residents concerned.

148 MEMORIAL TO PAST CHAIRMAN MAURICE JONES

There is no further update on this matter and a decision from Cheshire East Council is still awaited.

149 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £1,928.31 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 27 April 2021 (to be a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform).

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

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

30 MARCH 2021

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - March net salary	561.92		
6 months use of home as office	60.00		
- Petty cash	<u>8.65</u>	630.57	102729
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		140.60	102724
CW Salisbury - Monthly Zoom Subscription	14.39		
Laminating pouches	<u>9.95</u>	24.34	102725
Northwich Town Council – repaint WI sign		442.80	102726
Border Tree Care – pruning of trees		660.00	102727
ChALC – training course fee		30.00	102728
Total	Total	1,928.31	

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