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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 30th July 2024

Attendance:

Councillors: Emma Angier, Craig Bailey, Anna Cutts (Vice-Chairman), Shirley Brazier, Bill Kirby, Nigel Lane, Wayne Salisbury. (Chairman), Keith Ward.

Sue Togay (Clerk), Two member of the public.

43. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Frank Morton.

44. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Angier in respect of item 14 Authorisation of Payments as a payee.

Councillor Cutts in respect of item 14 Authorisation of Payments as a payee.

Councillor Salisbury in respect of item 14 Authorisation of Payments as a payee.

45. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 25th June 2024

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council held on Tuesday 25th June 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by The Chairman with the following amendments:

Item 19 Minutes 19th May - amend to :RESOLVED: To give delegated responsibility to named Councillors Anna Cutts, Craig Bailey, and Nigel Lane to meet and agree on the Council's response to the local plan consultation.

Item 25 – year amended from 2029 to 2019.

Item 26 – include the request by Councillor Brazier to include signage and speeding at Moorfields as a future agenda item.

Item 29 – correct spelling of board.

Item 32 -correct spelling of Britain and successful to successfully.

Item 33 – correct spelling of non-compliant.

Item 36 – Resolution had been made as follows: RESOLVED: to submit a formal proposal of motion to ChALC relating to the use of the term 'local council'.

Item 38 – correct spelling of for.

Item 39 – insert a space.

Item 41 – replace @ with ‘.

Matters Arising:

Councillor Bailey had noted that the comments for planning applications 24/2139N and 24/2187 had not appeared on the Cheshire East website.

46. Point Of Order.

Councillor Bailey wished to raise a 'Point of Order' relating to the opening of the small Railway at The Peacock on 21st July when the Nantwich Town Mayor had been formally invited. However, the Chairman of Willaston Parish Council had received no invitation. He had contacted the Clerk of Nantwich Town Council who had apologised for the error in protocol. Councillor Bailey requested a statement is made on the Council's website and The Peacock. It was felt that as the Nantwich Clerk was now aware of the error that no further action was required.

47. Public Participation

A resident who lived near the playing field updated the Council on the situation regarding asb. As it was now the school holidays, asb continued with bad language and loud explicit music being played. There was also a specific individual playing loud music and flying a drone from the field. It was suggested that some signage clarifying the expected behaviour of those visiting the park could be displayed.

It would also appear that the security company often did not close the park until after the designated opening hours. The Chairman to contact them to address this. It was still felt that an increased Police presence would aid in reducing the problem. Further solutions would be considered in the next item.

48. To Receive a Report Regarding Policing Matters in the Parish

Unfortunately, there were no Police officers available to attend.

The Chairman related an incident on 3rd July 2024 where the Police were called to the playing field as there was unreasonable and aggressive behaviour. PC Fulton attended, and the individual was dealt with. PC Fulton also attended the Garden Party

RESOLVED: Following input from members of the public the Council wishes to call a parish meeting with all electors and the Police. The Police & Crime Commissioner, local Inspector, Sergeant, and PC to be invited. In addition, a press release to be issued to local media and flyers distributed to residents with meeting details to inform all those interested in attending.

49. Cheshire East Borough Councillors Report

There were no Cheshire East Ward Councillors in attendance, but the following issues were highlighted by Councillors:

Councillor Kirby again mentioned the Lila Connect issues on Colleys Lane.

50. Report from the Clerk to Willaston Parish Council

No additional issues that are not included within the agenda.

51. To consider matters relating to Planning Applications notified in the Parish.

Reference	24/2338N	Deadline for Comments	24 th July 2024
Address	156, Colleys Lane, Willaston, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6NU		
Proposal	Single storey rear extension to enlarge existing garage		
RESOLVED: No objection			

Reference	24/2452N	Deadline for Comments	29 th July 2024
Address	1, COPPICE CLOSE, WILLASTON, CW5 6NL		
Proposal	Removal of flat roof rear extension and proposed ground floor front, rear and garage extensions, removal of existing first floor flat roof dormer and replacement with first floor pitch roof dormer extensions, solar panel installation and amendments to driveway.		
RESOLVED: Objection based on H6 of the Willaston Neighbourhood Plan Paragraphs 1 and 2.			

Reference	24/2651N	Deadline for Comments	21 st August 2024
Address	Premier Inn The Peacock, 221 Crewe Road, Willaston, CW5 6NE		
Proposal	The substantive amends to the bulding and surrounds.		
RESOLVED: an observation to be submitted that all the existing knee rail fence should be replaced.			

Reference	24/2625N	Deadline for Comments	14 th July 2024
Address	The Peacock, 221 Crewe Road, Willaston, CW5 6NE		
Proposal	Advertisement Consent for the erection of illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.		
NOTE: received and dated 24 th July but deadline for submission 14 th July. Email sent to planning for clarification of deadline date. Confirmed 14 th August.			
RESOLVED: An objection to be submitted with a request for the sign to state 'The Peacock Inn, Willaston.'			

52. Willaston Events Committee.

Councillor Cutts gave the following report:

A very successful, well-attended Willaston Garden Party was held on Saturday 6th July from 12 noon – 7pm.

We were lucky that the weather consistently improved throughout the day. At a peak there were 900 attendees, so we estimate approximately double that (i.e. 1800) attended throughout the event. This was despite several other local events and England taking part in (and winning!) the Euros Semi-Final which started at 5pm.

No issues of any kind were reported relating to the event either at the time or afterwards. A lot of positive feedback has been received.

For the first time, the event had a large marquee in front of the stage, fencing around the arena and a PA booth near the arena, all of which successfully enhanced the event.

Thanks to all the committee members for their hard work especially Cllrs Salisbury & Angier who both put in hundreds of hours over many months to ensure the success of the event.

Thanks to:

- the Parish Council for being the main sponsor and Richmond Villages Willaston for their additional sponsorship.
- all our suppliers who provided a great range of food, snacks and beverages
- our suppliers of children's entertainment and face painting
- all market stall holders for enhancing the event.
- charity stalls with special thanks to Paw Prints for Freedom for arranging the dog show.
- all the volunteers who helped with set-up / take-down and during the event.
- all the musical acts who provided a very enjoyable variety of entertainment
- all the arena entertainment including line dancing, morris dancing and a bird display.
- Willaston Academy and especially Mr Woollam for supporting the Choir and organising the sports events.
- St. John's Church for allowing us to use their facilities.
- Masonic Hall for the use of their car park
- Local Police for attending with a vehicle.
- All residents who attended and created a great atmosphere at this successful event.

The event was provided within budget – details will be provided to Council at a future meeting as there are still a few outstanding financial transactions.

53. Willaston in Bloom.

All the contractual planters are now complete and looking good. Two omitted on Murrayfield had also now been planted. Several maintenance sessions are planned with the volunteers to include the railway crossing area and Maurice's Maze.

54. Playing Fields & Open Spaces**a. To consider matters relating to Lettie Spencer Playing Field, The Spinney, and Mike Heywood Green.****The Playing Field.**

The CCTV System is now fully installed and the asb is being monitored to see its affectiveness. There will be some tweaks to the equipment to provide additional power.

Mike Heywood Green.

No further progress had been made on transferring ownership to the Parish Council.

The War Memorial.

The post had now been partially cut down and wrapped in hazard tape. This need to be fully removed for the resurfacing project to go ahead. Councillor Bailey will be acquiring quotes for the job.

b. To consider the quote for essential tree works on the Spinney.

Work was required on the Spinnery and Crewe Road as overhanging branches were hindering access. A quote had been provided for the work.

RESOLVED: that the quote for work from Border Tree Care for £400 plus VAT is approved by the Council

55. Allotments.

To consider an application from tenants of allotment 42 to replace existing wooden shed with a metal one of the same dimensions.

RESOLVED: that permission is given to the tenant to erect a new metal shed.

56. Internal Audit Report 2023-24

Deferred.

57. Authorisation of Payments

After the normal procedure of checks and control, Councillor Cutts reported on the payment schedule and requested the Council's approval.

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the accounts totalling £18,443.98 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment

It is recommended that Council considers items under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the meeting during the discussion of the next item (part 2 of the meeting) on the grounds that matters contain sensitive information and by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

RESOLVED: to exclude public and press from the meeting.

Chairman: Date:

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT			
30th July, 2024			
Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
S Togay - July Salary		£655.20	103152
HMRC - July (tax and Employer NICS)		£180.22	103153
S Togay - Expenses July Only		£26.00	103154
U Storeall- Inv: 41887498 13/7		£87.33	103155
Water Plus 8/6- 7/7		£48.01	103156
Mike Webster & Son:			
Inv :8845	£370.00		
Inv :9008	£370.00	£740.00	103157
Alpha Omega Inv: 93349		£324.00	103158
Camtek Cheshire Ltd CCTV Final pment Inv: 0749 - already issued		£4,099.66	103149
Starboard Systems Limited ta Scribe - Scribe allotment set up		£314.40	103160
JD Services - removal bench at Memorial		£120.00	103161
Crewe Road Nurseries -WIB Inv: 0370		£9,372.80	103162
Melody Corporation - GP Marquee Hire Inv: 3623		£1,320.00	103163
St John's Church -GP - use of church		£100.00	103165
Cllr Anna Cutts:			
Bean Bags	£16.99		
Sacks	£19.70	£36.69	103166
BSB (Sound) Ltd - GP Commentary Box & PA		£408.00	103167
ANSA Environmental Services GP - Waste		£394.04	103168
Cllr Emma Angier:			
GP Plywood for Hoardings	£68.40		
GP sand	£24.17		
Amazon TV Aerial	£13.99		
Amazon aerial lead	£5.84	£112.40	103169
Cllr W Salisbury:			
Aux Cable for Garden Party PA	£5.99		
Marking Flags for Garden Party	£9.99		
2 x walkie talkies for events £	£28.99		
Jack Adaptor for Garden Party PA	£3.99		
Fuel for hire van for Garden Party	£35.27		
Gloves used for events	£21.00	£105.23	103170
Total	Total	£18,443.98	

Chairman: **Date:**

**Confidential Business
Part 2**

58. Staffing Committee.

To receive an update from the staffing committee and to consider any required decisions.

The Chairman updated members on the recruitment process and informed members of the candidates who were due to be interviewed by the staffing committee.

RESOLVED: that the Staffing Committee are delegated to make an offer to the successful candidate based on up to 14 contracted hours at a rate of pay of up to SCP 23.

59. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 20th August 2024

Chairman: Date: