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Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 26th April 2022

Attendance:

Councillors: Craig Bailey (Chairman), Shirley Brazier, Anna Cutts, Rubina Green, Nigel Keegan, Nigel Lane, Frank Morton, Colin Todd (Vice Chairman), Wayne Salisbury, Keith Ward, Wayne Salisbury.

Sue Togay (Temporary Clerk), 5 members of the public.

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Emma Angier, Cheshire East Councillor Margaret Simon, The Police.

246 To receive declarations of Member' Interests

Councillor Bailey declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 256 being a resident of Cheerbrook Gardens phase 2 and subsequently being subject to a service change for the management of open spaces within the estate which share a boundary with the Playing Field. He also disclose a personal interest being a playing field officer. In accordance with standing order 29.e-h Councillor Bailey requested a dispensation to stay to Chair the debate but would not express an opinion and will abstain from voting. He also declared an interest in item 260 as he is listed on the schedule of payments.

Councillor Wayne Salisbury declared an interest in item 256 as a resident of Cheerbrook Gardens and Item 260 as listed on the schedule of payments. Councillor Salisbury requested a dispensation in relation to item 256.

RESOLVED: that dispensations be granted to Councillors Bailey and Salisbury.

247 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman except for the following amendment:

Item 223: Date of next meeting to be amended to 26th April 2022.

248 Public Participation

In relation to Allotments - Members of the public asked about the completion of the work by VX Fibre and also stated that there were very few neglected sites. The Vice-Chairman assured him that the work had still not been completed and was being monitored to make sure completion was carried out in a satisfactory manner. In relation to the provision of an access gate between Cheerbrook Gardens and The Lettie Spencer Playing Field – residents stated they felt that this would exacerbate parking problems and encourage further ASB. The Chairman thanked all those attending for their very valid comments which would be considered during the later items in the agenda.

249 To receive a report regarding policing matters in the Parish

Unfortunately, no beat officers were able to attend and apologies had been sent. In addition due to reorganisation, Sergeant Richard Haque now allocated to the Willaston area had introduced himself via email and expressed a desire to attend in person.

Town & Parish Council Meeting with PCC, Wed 18th May 7-9pm, Alsager Civic – Councillors Bailey and Green to attend on behalf of the Council.

Obstruction by Silver Audi near Level Crossing – this had been reported again to the Council and he was advised that the local PCSO and Cheshire East Ward Councillor would be informed as the Parish Council had no jurisdiction in this matter.

250 To receive a report from Cheshire East Borough Councillors covering Willaston Parish

No report received. There has been an email from a resident in relation to the Give Way Junction Cheerbrook/Wybunbury Road which was raised previously for the Borough Councillor's attention under item 54. This would be forwarded to the Borough Councillor.

251 To receive a report from the Chairman of Willaston Parish Council

The Chairman reported that a meeting he planned to attend in relation to the new Code of Conduct that was coming into effect had been rescheduled for Autumn.

252 To receive a report from the Temporary Clerk to Willaston Parish Council

The Clerk noted the following matters:

ALLOTMENTS

The new tenancy agreement will be circulated post this meeting and responses will be required within a short time period. Once this is completed, the notification of rents will be issued to allotment holders commencing 1st April 2022.

AUDIT 2021/22

Due to present volume of work, a former Clerk has kindly offered to complete the first stage of the audit. Their familiarity with Willaston Accounts and expertise will make sure we are ready to submit the final paperwork for July 1st 2022.

GRASS CUTTING

Unfortunately, Mountfords are unable to accommodate us this year so quotes have now been requested from two more service providers including ANSA. The Clerk thanked Councillor Salisbury for his very detailed maps of the areas to be mowed in order to gain appropriate quotes. The Mike Heywood Green had received a cut from a local neighbour in the meantime but due to the Jubilee Events this year, mowing for the playing field was imperative .

A letter had been received from St Mary's Church, Wistaston thanking the Council for the kind donation of £250 towards the upkeep of the graveyard.

253 To consider matters relating to Planning Applications which include:

- 2/1407N
199 Crewe Road, Willaston, CW5 6NE
1st Floor and single storey rear/side extension
Consultation Deadline: 5th May 22

NO OBJECTION

- 22/1313N
48 Wybunbury Road, Willaston, CW5 7JE
Consultation Deadline: 29th April 22.
NO OBJECTION

254 To receive a report from The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee

Councillor Cutts gave an up to date report:

With only 5 weeks to go to the celebrations, the committee is busy with confirming final arrangements. Councillor Salisbury in particular, has done an incredible amount of work.

In summary:

- The content of the Souvenir Programme is being finalised, with the aim of distributing to all Willaston households in mid May
- Approx 20 stalls have confirmed bookings so far
- Confirmed food and drink vendors include: pizza, doughnuts, Italian pastries, coffee, ice cream and a bar
- Entertainment to cover the whole event has been booked which includes local solo singers, choirs and Willaston Primary Academy
- Expenses of £4350.93 ex VAT (£4945.10 inc VAT) have been incurred to date leaving a remaining budget of £2549
- Volunteers are still needed to help on the day, so if any councillors or their family or friends can help, please advise the committee.

Councillor Wayne Salisbury presented the two winning designs for front and back pages of the brochure which had been a competition for younger residents.

255 Regarding Fence and gating on Lettie Spencer Playing Field:

i) To consider if the Council should pursue the exploration of a gated access point from Cheerbrook Gardens into the Lettie Spencer Playing Field.

After much debate considering the following issues:

- Recent ASB in the area which could then be migrated
- Original plans had included the concept of the playing area for use by residents of Cheerbrook Gardens to ease the pressure on the playing field
- The service charge for the play area is paid for by Cheerbrook Gardens residents and increased use could infer increased maintenance costs
- The estate is enclosed and would change the dynamic of the area

RESOLVED: After consideration, Willaston Parish Council does not support the installation of an access point between the Lettie Spencer Playing Field and Cheerbrook Gardens. The Clerk is to advise residents who had contacted the Council of the resolution.

ii) To consider the improvements of the boundary fence between Cheerbrook Gardens and Lettie Spencer Playing Field so as to enhance security and prevent unauthorised access.

The fence had originally been of a lower level on the Cheerbrook side of the fence which served as a deterrent to access by climbing. Unfortunately, after development the land had been built up significantly allowing easy access. To climb over the fence no longer serves the purpose of containing the field. Suggestions were made regarding height extenders and specific planting to continue the hedgerow on the playing field side as a deterrent and shield to the fence.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk in conjunction with Councillors Cutts and Salisbury write to Wain Homes to ascertain if the work on the boundary fence in question is completed and their proposals to halt the problems to reinforce concerns and complaints that residents have raised with the Council. In addition, it is advised that residents with concerns contact the developers directly. The Clerk to contact residents that had contacted the Council to advise of the resolution.

256 To consider taking part in the Nantwich Sunflower Challenge organised by Sustainable Nantwich and Nantwich in Bloom.

The Clerk had received information regarding a sunflower growing initiative by Nantwich In Bloom and Sustainable Nantwich. Residents were requested to grow sunflowers and share their results via social media. Willaston Academy had already become involved in this.

RESOLVED: That Willaston Parish Council support this initiative via its social media formats and also includes a competition in the Willaston in Bloom Initiative.

257 To request that Cheshire East Highways review the safety of bends on Colleys Lane

After discussion Council agreed that this was a Cheshire East Council matter.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the residents involved and refer them to the 'Cheshire East 'Fix My Street' link. Cheshire East Ward Councillors Margaret Simon and Jaquie Weatherill to be copied into emails.

258 To verify the bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2022

Councillor Salisbury reported that he had checked and verified the bank reconciliation as of 31st March 2022.

259 To consider approval of payments

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the accounts totalling £4464.31 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment. I

It is noted that the Catering Invoice from Michael Crimes in relation to The Carol Service had been quoted as £150 but had been charged at £240. This amount had been approved by the former Clerk at the time but not by Full Council. Notification was not made to Full Council as the then Clerk had left the Council by the time of the next ordinary meeting. In addition, a full VAT Invoice should be requested from the supplier.

260 To note the date of the next meeting

Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7:15pm

261 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 ACCOUNTS

26th April 2022

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
Cllr Craig Bailey:			
Book Of Condolence ref death of dignitary	16.98		
Granite dedication plaque for Jubilee Flagpole	20.00		
Clerk's Mobile Phone	8.74		
Picture Frame ref death of dignitary	<u>6.00</u>	51.72	102825
Cllr Wayne Salisbury:			
QPJ - Selfie Frame	54.74		
QPJ - Hi Viz Vests	54.50		
QPJ -Vinyl Banner	50.65		
QPJ - Bunting	53.94		
QPJ - Tally Counters	11.78		
QPJ - Temporary Events License Fee	21.00		
QPJ – PA Hire	575.00		
Football Pitch repair signage	<u>32.42</u>	854.03	102826
Mick Crimes Catering at Carol Service		240.00	102827
QPJ - County Loos – QPJ Toilet Hire		396.00	102828
DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal		150.00	102829
Chalc – Training Fees		90.00	102830
Genius Gardens – Football pitch repairs		450.00	102831
QPJ - Henry Myles Music		125.00	102832
Susan Togay Salary 25/01/22 – 22/04/22		1686.05	102833
HMRC		421.51	102834
Total	Total	4,464.31	

Chairman:..... Date:.....