

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
23rd JULY 2013**

Present : Parish Councillors M R Jones, S Brazier, M T Carter, A J Cutts, J M Flackett, F R Morton, S Potts, C F Todd & K Ward.

Cheshire East Councillor B Silvester.

Apologies : Parish Councillors W E Kirby & D W Lewis.

Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

33 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Brazier, Todd and Cutts declared an interest with regard to the Green Gap, due to their involvement with the Green Gap Action Group. Councillors Brazier and Cutts also declared an interest with regard to the Parish Plan Implementation due to their membership of the Communities Opportunities Group.

34 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

35 OPEN FORUM

The following items were raised by members of the public :-

- Several residents of Moorfields attended the meeting to voice their objections to the proposed housing development to the north of Moorfields. Some of the concerns expressed included the fact that this was a green field site, the lack of an Environmental Impact Assessment, traffic issues in the area, and the general lack of adequate infrastructure. The chairman advised that no actual planning application had yet been submitted to which the council could respond, but re-iterated the clearly set out position of the council in that it is opposed to any further development within the Green Gap.
- Parking problems on Wistaston Road close to the junction with Meadow View was raised once again. This has been taken up with Cheshire East Council by Borough Councillor Silvester.

36 POLICING ISSUES

There was no police presence at the meeting but at the recent cluster meeting Anti-social Behaviour and Speeding were again agreed as the main priorities for the police to focus on. The issue of youths congregating on Wistaston Road around the social club was raised and is being monitored. The police are also currently undertaking a specific traffic offence campaign in the area using both marked and unmarked cars.

37 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Silvester reported on the following matters :-

- Plans to tackle the drainage issues on Coppice Road have been included in the Cheshire East Council programme of works for 2013/14.
- The recently repaired potholes in Bayley Road are once again crumbling and Councillor Silvester has asked for the road to be properly resurfaced.
- The Willaston Fete Committee missed out on a grant from Cheshire East Council this year because the application was submitted too late. However, there is a good chance of a grant being awarded next year if an early application is submitted.

38 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13/2442N – Dropped kerb at front of dwelling to allow off road parking to the front of the dwelling, 67 Wistaston Road

No objections

Cheshire East Council planning decisions :

13/1490N – Single storey extension, orangery, 72 Moorfields – **approved**

13/1800N – Demolition of existing garage and out buildings to allow construction of new 3 car garage. Proposal to include alteration to existing driveway layout and garden landscaping, 147 Wistaston Road - **refused**

13/2065N – Erection of a single storey extension off the side of the property, 67 Moorfields – **approved**

13/2152N – Proposed new detached dwelling on land adjacent to 16 Wistaston Road – **approved**

13/2052N – Two storey rear extension, 150 Wistaston Road – **approved**

13/2053N – Demolition of car port and construction of 2 storey side elevation, 186 Crewe Road - **approved**

39 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

Councillor Cutts advised that more volunteers were required to assist with taking forward the Green Gap Action Group, particularly in the area of social media. Group meetings are held approximately once per month.

40 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

The following matters were reported :-

- The conversion of the telephone booth to a book box has now been completed and has been a success, with the facility being well used.
- In future the COG will focus on specific projects, one of which will be to add some flower tubs around the area of the book box.
- The latest newsletter is in the process of being written, but more volunteers are required to assist with delivery around the village.
- Ann Harding, who was a very active and founding member of COG, will be leaving the village in early August to move nearer to her family. It was agreed that the council should wish her well and thank her for her past efforts with a gift of flowers.

41 VILLAGE FETE 2013

Councillor Flackett gave a report on the village fete which took place on 13th July. The weather was very good this year and the event very well attended and successful. The police band led the initial procession from the village green to the playing field, where there was a variety of entertainments and stalls, as well as the crowning of Gladys Llewellyn as Rose Queen. The Chairman thanked Councillor Flackett and the Fete Committee members for all their hard work in making the event such a success.

42 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

The Almshouses flower bed on Colleys Lane has now been cleared and hanging baskets are also being acquired for Wistaston Road in preparation for the North West in Bloom judging on 1st August. The judges will be escorted around the village by members of the Britain in Bloom Committee on a route taking in The Lamb public house, the playing field, the scout hut, the primary school, the bowling green, Cedar Court, Crewe Road Nurseries, the war memorial, the almshouses, the allotment site, Mike Heywood Green and the social club. Looking forward to next year, it was suggested that the use of poppies could be considered in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the commencement of World War I.

43 ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT RETURN

The External auditor's certificate for the year ended 31st March 2013 has now been returned with a clean report.

RESOLVED : that the report of the external auditor should be accepted and approved.

44 DEAD TREES ON CHEERBROOK ROAD AND PARK ROAD

Councillor Morton volunteered to prune the ailing trees on Park Road. It was also agreed that the removal and replacement of the dead trees on Cheerbrook Road in the Autumn should be included on a future agenda for consideration, but that prior information should be sought on the suitability of available trees.

45 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report and made particular reference to the raising of £60 by some young people of the village towards the purchase of skate board equipment. This money is to be held in the play equipment reserve pending the consideration of any such project by the council.

46 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,652.07 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

47 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 20th August 2013.

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

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

23rd JULY 2013

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn – July net salary	496.46		
- Purchase of printer ink	46.61		
- Petty cash	<u>12.60</u>	555.67	102019
H M Revenue & Customs – tax and NI on clerk`s salary		124.00	102020
BDO LLP – External audit fee		120.00	102021
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC		46.00	102022
Dave Espley – Quarterly playground inspection		40.00	102024
Chris Mountford – grass cutting in village		291.00	102025
Chris Mountford – BIB planting & maintenance		875.00	102025
Andy May – Painting sign & two benches		150.00	102026
J Waring – BIB expenses - diesel		60.00	102027
J M Flackett – BIB expenses		100.86	102028
J M Flackett – Village fete expenses		76.69	102028
Sarah Jones – Rose Queen outfit		68.40	102029
Mrs C Taylor – coconuts for village fete		44.00	102030
COG expenses :-			
A J Cutts – shelving for telephone box		100.45	102031
Total		2,652.07	

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