

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
24th APRIL 2012**

Present : Parish Councillors M R Jones, M R Crimes, A J Cutts, J M Flackett, B Harding, W E Kirby, D W Lewis, F R Morton, S Potts, S J Renkel-Clarke & C F Todd.

Cheshire East Councillors B Silvester.

Apologies : Parish Councillor S Brazier.

Cheshire East Councillors : M Simon & J Weatherill.

221 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Todd, Kirby and Cutts declared an interest with regard to the Green Gap, due to their involvement with the Green Gap Action Group. Councillor Cutts also declared an interest with regard to the Parish Plan Implementation due to her membership of the Communities Opportunities Group. Councillor Kirby also declared a personal interest in planning application 12/1289N which relates to the creation of a new access opposite his residential property on Colleys Lane.

222 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

223 OPEN FORUM

The following items were raised by members of the public :

- Dog waste continues to be a problem around the village. Borough Councillor Silvester reported that the Dog Wardens had been active in the village and leaflet drops had also been undertaken in affected areas. It was suggested that early morning and early evening patrols should focus on Victoria Mill Drive, the station end of Park Road, and the alley way by the primary school.

224 POLICING ISSUES

PC Sarah Marson reported on the agreed cluster priorities for the coming quarter, which continue to be speeding and anti-social behaviour. She also presented the council with the set of football nets which have been provided as a reward to youngsters in the village for good behaviour. The closing of the playing field gates at night has helped to control matters. The motoring unit are to hold an engagement day in Audlem soon, and if successful it may be rolled out around the area.

An officers roadshow is also to be held on 5th May in various parts of the Borough.

225 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Silvester reported on the following matters :

- The Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council is currently absent on sick leave.
- Councillor Michael Jones has been appointed as the new leader of the council.

226 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/1128N – Extension to time limit of 09/1085N, Lavender Cottage, 13 Wybunbury Road

No objections.

12/1289N – Creation of new gateway access to field, 155 Colleys Lane

No objections in principle subject to a recommended condition that the access be re-sited 30 metres nearer to the Middlewich Road end of Colleys Lane where the houses opposite are set back from the road. Councillor Kirby did not vote on this application having previously declared his interest.

Cheshire East Council planning decisions :

12/0690N – Alterations and extensions, new roof to replace existing flat & low pitched felt roofs, 46 Eastern Road - **approved**

227 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

There has been no further meeting of the WGGAT in the last month, but it is intended to arrange a meeting to be held at Willaston Social Club in the next few weeks.

228 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Progress was reported at the Annual Parish Meeting earlier today and there is nothing further to add.

229 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2011/12

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council accounts for 2011/12 be approved.

230 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

RESOLVED : that the answer “Yes” be given to all questions in the Statement of Assurance for 2011/12.

231 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES

The council entered into a 3 year agreement with Zurich Insurance last year at a discounted rate, but the ongoing adequacy of cover was considered.

RESOLVED : that the existing policy continues to provide adequate insurance cover in all relevant areas.

232 LITTER BINS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

The clerk reported that he had spoken to Cheshire East Council regarding the damaged litter bin at the entrance to the playing field. The Borough Council is not prepared to cover the cost of a replacement bin, but has provided a quotation from its recommended supplier for an appropriate replacement should the parish council wish to proceed at its own cost.

RESOLVED : that the quotation from Cheshire East Council should be rejected at this stage and less expensive options should be explored.

233 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report and made particular reference to an application received from a child living outside of the parish for the Rose Queen event. It was agreed that the entry would be allowed on this occasion.

234 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,290.57 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

235 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 29th May 2012 (**NB. This will be the Annual Meeting**).

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

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SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

24th APRIL 2012

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn – April net salary	496.46		
- Purchase of padlock lubricant	4.32		
- Petty cash	<u>13.46</u>	514.24	101875
H M Revenue & Customs – tax and NI on clerk`s salary		48.28	101876
Cheshire Association of Local Councils - subs		791.10	101877
Cheshire Community Action - subscription		50.00	101878
Cheshire County Playing Fields Ass. - subs		18.00	101879
Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society - subscription		8.00	101880
Chris Mountford & Family – Grass cutting		291.00	101881
Dave Espley – Quarterly playground inspection		40.00	101882
Dave Espley – Playground repairs		100.00	101883
Dave Espley – installation of playing field sign		105.91	101883
St John`s Church - Donation		250.00	101884
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC – hire of room		63.00	101885
COG expenses :-			
Claire Coventry – purchase of postage stamps		11.04	101886
Total		2,290.57	

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