

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
26th APRIL 2016**

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

Cheshire East Councillor : S Pochin.

Apologies : Parish Councillors D W Lewis & F R Morton.

Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

186 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Brazier, Cutts and Todd declared an interest with regard to the Green Gap, due to their involvement with the Green Gap Action Group.

187 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising :- The Chairman thanked Councillor Bailey for his efforts in acquiring the tree and organising the ceremony to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday.

188 OPEN FORUM

The issue of speeding on John Gresty Drive was raised by member of the public. It was agreed that an appeal would be included in the next village newsletter asking drivers to watch their speed and Councillor Pochin agreed to look into the possibility of producing speed limit signs to attach to bins along the street. PCSO Nick Jarvis will also be asked to look at the situation around the school closure time. Unfortunately, the layout of John Gresty Drive does not meet the criteria for deployment of the SID on the street.

189 POLICING ISSUES

Councillor Todd reported on the recent cluster meeting. Willaston has suffered some serious crimes during the last quarter, including 6 thefts from vehicles, 2 dwellings burgled and 2 assaults. This is unusual for Willaston and the offenders are believed to be from outside the area. The police are making every effort to apprehend the criminals involved.

As regards speeding, a recent speed check was undertaken on Crewe Road which resulted in four drivers being sent warning letters and one receiving a penalty, out of 300 vehicles monitored.

190 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Pochin reported the following matters :-

- Funding of PCSO's by parish councils is to be stopped. This does not affect Willaston.
- Cheshire East Council is to take the Moorfields appeal decision to the Supreme Court as this has implications for the viability of the Green Gap policy and will be landmark decision nationally.
- It is pleasing that the Park Road development was refused at appeal, which lends support to the Green Gap policy, but a fresh application has now been submitted for the Cheerbrook Road development.
- The Circle now has a new road sign.
- Councillor Flackett presented a public petition regarding the street lights which are out on Wistaston Road and Coppice Road, and also the state of the pavement on Wistaston Road. Councillor Pochin agreed to take this up with Cheshire East Council.

191 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/1083N - Outline application for single residential detached dormer bungalow, plot between 25 & 27 Park Road

No objections in principle but conditions requested

16/1619N - Removal of condition 2 on approval 15/1203N - Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of the site for 4 dwellings, Horse Shoe Inn, Newcastle Road

No objections

16/1688N - Proposed alterations and two storey extension on rear of dwelling, 3 Greenbank Close

No objections

16/1501N - Outline application for proposed new dwelling for nursery manager, 209 Crewe Road

No objections

16/1329N - Outline application for residential development for up to 100 dwellings with access and associated works (resubmission of 14/5825N), land to the rear of Cheerbrook Road

Objections to be submitted in line with the objections to the original application for this site, with additional comments regarding the conflict with the emerging Willaston Neighbourhood Plan and the issue of inadequate sightlines raised by a member of the public

Cheshire East Council planning decisions :

No decisions received since the March meeting.

192 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

Cheshire Association of Local Councils representing 33 parishes in the area has submitted comments in response to the current Cheshire East Local Plan consultation supporting an enhanced Green Gap policy. Separate comments proposing a strengthened Green Gap policy have also been submitted by this council, the Willaston Green Gap Action Team and the Willaston Neighbourhood Plan Group, amongst others.

193 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There has been a slight delay in progress with the Neighbourhood Plan due to the recent developments with the Cheshire East Local Plan. However, seven policy areas have now been identified and two policies have been drafted for consideration. Cheshire Wildlife Trust has also been commissioned to produce an environmental report.

194 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

A meeting of the Britain in Bloom Committee was held on 11th April at which plans were agreed for the coming season. Two new planters are to be ordered to replace the old wooden tubs at the entrance to the playing field and quotations have been received for the supply and maintenance of plants which are in line with the agreed budget.

195 VILLAGE FETE 2016

Councillor Flackett reported that the village fete will be held on Sunday 10th July, starting with a procession from the village green to the Willaston White Star football ground where the main event will be held this year. Councillor Lewis is arranging the event licence and St John's Ambulance will be in attendance. There will be 20 different attractions on the field.

196 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2015/16

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council accounts for 2015/16 be approved.

197 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16

RESOLVED : that the answer "Yes" be given to all questions in the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16.

198 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES

The clerk reported that renewal papers had now been received for the Zurich Municipal insurance policy quoting a premium for the coming year of £772.73, compared to £747.09 for the current year. However, the increase is almost entirely due to the increase in Insurance Premium Tax. An alternative quotation has been sought from Came & Co., but has not been forthcoming.

The clerk provided a schedule of the levels of cover provided by the Zurich Municipal policy.

RESOLVED : that the Zurich policy provides adequate insurance cover in all relevant areas and the quotation of £772.73 should be accepted.

199 BUS ROUTES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Councillor Brazier raised the issue of the lack of bus routes within the village. Councillor Pochin asked for some proposed routes to be put forward, which she would then take to the Transport Services Department of Cheshire East Council for consideration.

200 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report, which included the requests for annual subscriptions from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, Cheshire Community Action, Cheshire County Playing Fields Association and the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society. It was agreed that these should be paid and specific figures in each case are included in the schedule of payments below.

The Chairman also advised that he had received an invitation to the Cheshire East Mayor Making ceremony to be held at Tatton Park on 11th May. If any member would like to attend they are welcome to take up the invitation.

201 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,967.13 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

202 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 24th May 2016 (NB. This will be the Annual Meeting).

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

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

26th APRIL 2016

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - April net salary	512.48		
- Purchase of printer ink	48.39		
- Petty cash	<u>9.11</u>	569.98	102314
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		128.00	102315
ChALC - Annual subscription		898.30	102316
Cheshire Community Action - Subscription		50.00	102317
Cheshire County Playing Fields - Subscription		20.00	102318
Mid Cheshire Footpath Society - Subscriptions		8.00	102319
ANSA - cutting playing field hedge		98.98	102320
Chris Mountford - grass cutting in the village		291.00	102321
St Marys Wistaston PCC - hire of meeting room		75.00	102322
Cheshire East Council - Business rates		10.21	102323
A J Cutts - Cheshire Pride entry fee		60.00	102324
Dave Espley- Quarterly playground inspection		43.00	102325
Dave Espley - playground repairs		438.25	102326
Groundwork UK - unused NP grant		198.46	102327
C T Bailey - tree for Queen's 90th birthday		77.95	102328
Total		2,967.13	

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