

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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

Cheshire East Councillor S Pochin.

Apologies : Parish Councillor D W Lewis.

Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

**99 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. Councillor Morton declared an interest with regard to the request from St Mary's Church for a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard and did not vote on the matter.

**100 MINUTES**

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**101 OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public enquired as to whether a member of the parish council would be speaking at the appeal hearing into the proposed housing development on land off Park Road. The Chairman advised that we were still awaiting details of the time and venue of the hearing, upon receipt of which consideration would be given to attendees.

A member of the public also thanked Councillor Todd for time spent on the telephone with him recently explaining the appeal process.

An issue was raised regarding the lack of a pavement on part of Park Road outside no.49. It was reported that this had always been the case, although it was unclear as to why it was left like this by the original developers.

**102 POLICING ISSUES**

Councillor Todd reported on the recent cluster meeting. ASB patrols are ongoing and there had been very few problems in Willaston, although there have been significant problems with ASB in the Stapeley area.

Several Speedwatch patrols have recently been carried out on Newcastle Road, Colleys Lane and Crewe Road and a very small proportion of drivers were found to be speeding.

Speedwatch activity has been requested by residents of Wistaston Road and Park Road, and these areas will be targeted next.

The police have also asked to be notified about any planning applications for developments of 20 or more houses so that they can give some feedback on potential traffic issues.

Currently the police are not included on the list of consultees for planning applications.

### 103 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Pochin reported on the following matters :-

- An approach has been received from residents of Park Road requesting some Speedwatch activity on the road.
- The road markings at the junction of Green Lane and Wybunbury Road are to be repainted.
- The Circle Avenue sign will be renewed in 4/5 weeks time.
- Yellow lines have been requested on Eastern Road at the junction with The Circle due to the poor lines of sight caused by parked cars.
- The poor state of the pavements on Wistaston Road has been reported, but all pavement work is on hold until March.
- A complaint has been received from a resident of Wistaston Road about the yellow lines opposite the Nag's Head public house. However, it was reported that the yellow lines actually need extending to allow access for buses.
- Some of the bins on Wistaston Road and Moorfields were not emptied this week due to the road closures for the SP Energy works. However, if residents leave their bins out the refuse lorries will return to carry out missed collections.
- Michael Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council, is trying to get a judicial review into a planning application in Wistaston which was approved at appeal despite it being situated within the Green Gap.
- The Chairman asked Councillor Pochin to also take up the matter of the pavement on Park Road between Wistaston Road and Hollybush Crescent, which is in a poor state of repair.

### 104 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/4686N – Single storey extension to rear of dwelling, 18 Cheerbrook Road

No objections

#### **Cheshire East Council planning decisions :**

15/3663N – Single storey front and rear extension, 42A Wistaston Road – **approved**

15/3294N – Proposed two storey side and rear extension, plus single storey rear extension and detached garage conversion, 52 Cheerbrook Road - **approved**

### 105 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

There is nothing further to report at this time and it was decided that this could be removed as a revolving agenda item, on the basis that members could request that it be included on any future agenda if there is something to report.

### 106 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Over 50 people attended the drop in event at Willaston Social Club on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October and significant feedback was gathered. The Chairman thanked and congratulated Councillor Cutts for her work in producing the display boards and other material for the event.

It was decided that the displays should be made available at the Willaston in Bloom Presentation Evening, with councillors present to answer questions.

## **107 BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

Councillor Flackett reported that all of the beds had now been tidied and the spend on Winter planting would be kept to a minimum.

The Willaston in Bloom Presentation Evening will be held at Willaston Social Club on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7pm.

## **108 CHESHIRE PRIDE AWARDS**

Councillor Cutts reported that Willaston had won two awards in the Cheshire Community Pride Competition – a Highly Commended award for the parish website and a Little Gem award for the Cheerbrook Farm Shop and Cafe.

## **109 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2015**

The clerk reported that the closure of Colleys Lane at the junction with Crewe Road for the duration of the service had been agreed. Reverend Sambrook is to lead the service and a bugler has been arranged. The Chairman has ordered 80 crosses to represent each name on the memorial and orders of service have been printed.

An approach has been received from a local video club who wish to video the service. This could potentially raise child protection issues and the Chairman is to consult with the scout leaders regarding this matter.

## **110 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS AND CAROL SINGING ON THE GREEN**

Councillor Flackett is to liaise with SP Energy Networks to use their cherry picker to put up the Christmas lights on the tree. A provisional date of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December was agreed for the carol singing on the village green and the Chairman will liaise with the scout group and the primary school regarding their availability on that date. It was agreed that Mike Crimes should once again be asked to provide refreshments.

## **111 ST MARY'S CHURCH – UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD**

A request has been received from St Mary's Church office seeking a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

RESOLVED : that a donation of £250 be made.

## **112 BUDGET ITEMS FOR 2016/17**

It was agreed that an allowance of £600 should be included in the 2016/17 budget for new village signs. A written submission was also made by Councillor Lewis regarding the Britain in Bloom budget for next year, but a few queries were raised which Councillor Lewis was not present to answer and which need to be covered before agreeing on a final figure.

## **113 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The clerk presented his usual written report.

**114 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £1,935.58 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**115 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed as 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**Chairman..... Date.....**

## WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

## SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn – October net salary	512.28		
- Petty cash	<u>21.40</u>	533.68	102261
H M Revenue & Customs – tax and NI on clerk`s salary		128.20	102262
Chris Mountford – grass cutting in village		291.00	102263
Staffordshire Printing Ltd – Newsletter		151.20	102264
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC – hire of room		73.50	102265
Craig Bailey – Logo artwork		30.00	102266
ChALC – Planning Seminar fees		50.00	102267
Dave Espley – quarterly playground inspection	43.00		
Dave Espley – Safety surfacing repairs	<u>239.00</u>	282.00	102268
Scanlan Plant Hire Ltd – hire of skip		156.00	102269
Willaston in Bloom Competition prizes :-			
M Proudlove		30.00	102270
C Bowyer		20.00	102271
J Forster		10.00	102272
D Warnes		30.00	102273
J M Flackett		20.00	102274
J Waring		10.00	102275
Willaston Social Club		30.00	102276
J Hampton		20.00	102277
Willaston Fish Bar		10.00	102278
Local Allotment Competition prizes :-			
J Bebbington		25.00	102279
M Graham		20.00	102280
M Clark		15.00	102281
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,935.58</b>	

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