

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
27th SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present : Parish Councillors M R Jones, S Brazier, 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 & M Simon.

Apologies : Parish Councillors M R Crimes

104 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Brazier, Todd, Cutts and Kirby 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.

105 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd August 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following addendum. Minute 81 noted that agreement had been reached for the police to use part of the Redsands site as a fire arms training centre. Reference was also made at the meeting to procurement of the Redsands site by Adult Services for the housing of adults with learning disabilities with effect from January 2012.

106 OPEN FORUM

Concerns were raised by members of the public regarding anti-social behaviour, including the alleged use and supply of illegal substances, in and around certain properties on Wistaston Road. One resident advised that he had reported an ongoing incident to the police last week and had obtained a crime number, but the police had not attended the scene.

107 POLICING ISSUES

Councillor Lewis advised that the priorities agreed at police cluster meetings had remained unchanged for some time as : Anti-Social Behaviour and Speeding. In view of the issues raised in the Open Forum it was proposed that the specific matter of drug abuse at the properties concerned should be added as a key priority at the next cluster meeting. In the meantime it was agreed that the clerk should write to the local police inspector asking him to investigate this matter.

108 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillors Simon and Silvester reported on the following matters :-

- The Highways Minor Works schedule includes schemes for a Puffin crossing on Crewe Road and extra signage for heavy traffic to the A500.
- They positively give their support to the campaign for retention of the Green Gap.

- They are working to ensure that the Crewe & Nantwich area is treated fairly by Cheshire East Council and, contrary to some reports, it is not true to say that the area is being neglected.
- Councillor Simon provided copies of a DVD produced at the village fete, which is to be published on You Tube.
- Councillor Silvester has contacted the police to ask for immediate action in tackling anti-social behaviour and vandalism which has begun to occur on Cheerbrook Road.

109 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

Cheshire East Council planning decisions :

11/2527N – Erection of a 2 bed mews style cottage. Amended scheme to current application P08/0101 Beech Barn, rear of 84 Wistaston Road - **approved**

110 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group met last week to draw up a response to the Cheshire East Council Place Shaping Consultation and a proposed letter to the Planning Department was circulated to members prior to this meeting. Subsequently Richard House from the Planning Department met with the parish council this evening, prior to the council meeting, to explain the Borough Council's plans and to provide an opportunity for questions. The responses from that meeting and the draft letter were discussed.

RESOLVED : that the proposed letter should be sent by the clerk to Adrian Fisher, Head of Planning at Cheshire East Council, as this council's formal response to the Place Shaping Consultation.

111 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Plans are currently being considered to implement some of the further action points.

112 RE-NAMING OF THE VILLAGE GREEN AS MIKE HEYWOOD GREEN

The re-naming of the village green as Mike Heywood Green has now been agreed by Cheshire East Council. The Legal Department of the Borough Council are to write to the Land Registry with details of the change. The Willaston Scout Group have agreed to provide a contribution of £150 towards appropriate signage. However, detailed specifications and costings of the proposed mosaic sign are not currently available.

RESOLVED : that detailed specifications and costings of the proposed sign should be obtained for consideration at the next meeting.

113 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The annual Remembrance Day Service will be held on the village green on Sunday 13th November commencing at 1.30pm. The Chairman will organise the event and arrange for a minister to attend, and Councillor Lewis agreed to do the readings. The clerk will publicise the event on the village notice boards.

114 WILLASTON MAGAZINE AND WEBSITE

Toby China made a presentation to the council regarding his proposals for the village magazine and website going forward, having distributed an example of a similar website to members prior to the meeting. It is intended to produce the next issue of the Willaston Reach magazine for distribution on 20th October, with a further issue to be produced at Christmas. The proposed website could be set up within 4 weeks and would take about 3 months to fully develop. The proposed cost would be an initial fee of £900 to cover the first two years, with a renewable hosting cost of £40 per year thereafter.

Councillor Cutts pointed out that the COG had already set up and paid for a village website, and had now found a volunteer to manage it. However, some members considered that the council should have its own website, but that the two sites could link into each other.

It was agreed that Mr China should email further details of his proposals over the next few days and that the matter should be considered at the October meeting following further review of the detailed costings and site specifications.

115 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report and made particular reference to the following :-

- A networking event is to be held at Crewe Alexandra Football Club on 18th October between 1pm and 5pm at which there will be an opportunity to meet with officers from Cheshire East Council.
- A new booklet has just been received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England entitled "How to respond to planning applications."
- An invitation has been received to the Mayor's Civic Service to be held at St George's Parish Church, Poynton on Sunday 16th October at 11am.
- A Superfast Broadband event is to be held at Cuddington and Sandiway Community Centre on 25th October between 2pm and 4pm. Registrations for this event need to be submitted by 30th September.

116 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £5,045.43 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

117 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as 25th October 2011.

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