

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
28th JANUARY 2014**

Present : Parish Councillors C F Todd (Chairman), S Brazier, M T Carter, M R Crimes, A J Cutts, J M Flackett, W E Kirby, D W Lewis, S Potts & K Ward.

Cheshire East Councillor : B Silvester.

Apologies : Parish Councillors M R Jones and F R Morton.

Cheshire East Councillors : M Simon and J Weatherill.

128 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Brazier, Cutts, Kirby and Todd 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. Councillor Kirby declared an interest with regard to planning application 14/0199N as he is a client of the applicant.

129 MINUTES

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

130 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised by members of the public.

131 POLICING ISSUES

Councillor Todd reported on the following matters from the recent cluster meeting :-

- There has been a total of 38 recorded offences in the Wybunbury cluster during the final quarter of 2013, of which 29 relate to burglary, theft and stolen goods. Prior to Christmas there was a spate of break-ins to garden sheds as well as houses.
- There have been two fatal road traffic accidents in the area in the last couple of months. The police have been operating a campaign on driving offences using unmarked cars and have issued various penalty notices.
- The SID has been deployed around the village by the Speedwatch team and the PCSO and approximately 5% of drivers were found to be speeding.
- Cold callers are again operating in the area claiming to be on an ex-offenders scheme. There are no such officially authorised schemes and any instances should be reported to the police using the 101 telephone number.
- The police recently held a drop in centre at Willaston Social Club for members of the public to discuss any concerns.
- The cluster priorities for the coming quarter will again be speeding and anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Kirby reported the following matters :-

- A total of 20 empty whiskey bottles have been found discarded along Colleys Lane causing concern amongst residents.
- Speeding along Colleys Lane continues to be a concern.
- The property at 138 Colleys Lane has been empty for some time and the hedgerow has become overgrown causing a traffic hazard. Councillor Lewis agreed to cut back the hedge and the clerk will report the empty property to Cheshire East Council.
- A new Neighbourhood Watch meeting is to be held for residents at the Middlewich Road end of Colleys Lane.

132 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Silvester reported on the following matters :-

- The Eastern Road planning application has now been approved, but a date has still to be set for the Moorfields application to go to the Strategic Planning Board.
- An application for an Environmental Impact Assessment has been submitted in respect of a further proposed development of 75 houses off Cheerbrook Road.
- Complaints continue to be received from residents regarding inconsiderate parking on Meadow View and the police seem to be taking little action to penalise illegal parking. Cheshire East Council are to carry out a review of parking in the village after April this year.
- There has been some further flooding on Coppice Road after the recent rain and Cheshire East Council are taking action to clear the drains.
- The Police & Crime Commissioner has promised that a Special Constable will be allocated to every village in the area and an appointment has already been made to Willaston.
- Details of the Cheshire East War Memorial Grant Fund have now been agreed.

133 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13/4988N – Proposed single & two storey extensions to detached dwelling providing utility room/WC & bedroom/en-suite, 78 Cheerbrook Road

No objections

13/4998N – Replacement single storey rear kitchen extension to encompass a larger footprint. Internal alterations to the ground and first floor layout, 156 Colleys Lane

No objections

14/0092N – Proposed garden walls to boundaries & proposed single storey extension, 6 Cheerbrook Mews

No objections

14/0199N – Proposed starter home, 4 Park Road

Objections to be submitted on the grounds of over development of the site creating a lack of space, private amenity and off road parking, as well as its close proximity to the railway line. Also the proposed development does not respect the pattern, character and form of development in the area and is contrary to Policy BE.2 (Design Standards).

Cheshire East Council planning decisions :

13/4379N – Proposed single storey rear extension, 42 Park Road – **approved**

134 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE

Councillor Kirby reported on the following matters :-

- A meeting of the WGGAT was held on 22nd January, when the residents of Moorfields were congratulated for their demonstration on 15th December. Also, one of the residents had submitted a very comprehensive and professional report regarding the highways issues.
- A 10.5 acre site at the end of Moorfields has been divided into speculative development plots which have been sold off over a period of time. There are concerns that a developer is now trying to obtain control of these plots with a view to proposing a further development.
- The situation regarding the proposed additional development of 75 houses off Cheerbrook Road is being closely monitored.
- A member of the public has submitted a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman about Cheshire East Council regarding a number of planning related matters, including the lack of a Local Plan, disarray within the Planning Department, and the lack of consideration given to Localism.

135 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

It is planned to hold another meeting in the near future. Any future actions will be project based and any suggestions for future projects should be submitted to Councillor Cutts.

136 REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATIONS 2014

Councillor Crimes reported that the Air Cadets will attend the Remembrance Service in November and it was agreed that early contact should be made with the police to see whether Wistaston Road could be closed for the duration of the service. It was also agreed that this should be included as an item on the February agenda to consider any suggestions for additional commemorative events during the course of the year.

137 VILLAGE FETE 2014

Councillor Lewis reported that an initial meeting of the Village Fete Committee was held at Willaston Social Club on 21st January. There are currently six members of the committee and further volunteers would be most welcome. This year's fete will be held on Sunday 20th July and it is intended to include a World War I theme as part of the commemorations. Meeting dates of the committee leading up to the event have been agreed as 18th February, 18th March, 15th April, 20th May and 17th June. All meetings will be held at Willaston Social Club commencing at 7pm and any volunteers are invited to attend.

138 BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Winter planting has been completed on the village green and Wistaston Road, with all other beds having been cleared. A meeting has been held with a representative of Cheshire East Council who is going to assist with weed killing on the roads, cleaning posts and traffic signs, and supplying rocks and stones.

RESOLVED : that the clerk should submit the 2013 entry.

139 RESTORATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Lewis reported that he had received one quotation for the restoration of the war memorial and was currently awaiting a second quotation. He is to explore the possibility of grant funding towards the cost and will report back at the February meeting.

140 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to ask if he would be prepared to attend the Annual Parish Meeting as guest speaker.

141 WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE

Resolved : that Councillors Jones and Flackett will represent Willaston Parish Council at the service.

142 ALLOTMENT SITE FENCING

The clerk reported that he had met on site with Phil Shone from the Community Payback Team to discuss assistance with repair of the broken fencing. He agreed to provide labour and equipment at no cost to the council to effect the necessary repairs, but the council would have to provide the materials. A detailed costing of materials has not yet been obtained, but a rough estimate was in the region of £250.

RESOLVED : that the work should proceed as soon as possible, subject to a maximum expenditure on materials of £500.

143 REPORT OF THE CLERK

The clerk presented his usual written report.

144 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,081.92 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

145 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was confirmed as **Monday 24th February 2014**.

NB. Please note change of day.

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

WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS****28th JANUARY 2014**

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
PWLB – loan repayment		516.82	DDR
M Langhorn – January net salary	501.30		
- Quarterly telephone account	61.80		
- Petty cash	<u>23.40</u>	586.50	102079
H M Revenue & Customs – tax and NI on clerk`s salary		125.40	102080
F R Morton – Log board to protect trees		21.54	102081
D W Lewis – turf for Park Road kerb		35.00	102082
North West in Bloom – 2014 entry fee		80.00	102083
Holdfast Security Systems – repair of padlock		18.67	102084
Johnsons of Nantwich Ltd – printing newsletter		96.00	102085
J Crimes – purchase of Christmas tree lights		220.99	102086
Mrs J Heywood – electricity for Xmas lights		95.00	102087
Willaston Fish Bar – carol singing refreshments		100.00	102088
Dave Espley – Quarterly playground inspection		40.00	102089
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC – hire of room		46.00	102090
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC – donation re decor		100.00	102091
Total		2,081.92	

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