

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

Present : Parish Councillors M R Jones, S Brazier, A J Cutts, J M Flackett, W E Kirby, D W Lewis, S Potts, C F Todd & K Ward.

Mr M T Carter attended the meeting and joined the council following minute 202 below.  
Cheshire East Councillors B Silvester & M Simon.

Apologies : Parish Councillors M R Crimes & F R Morton.

**200 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Brazier, Todd, Kirby and Cutts 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.

**201 MINUTES**

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

**202 CO-OPTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

The clerk provided details of an application for co-option to the council to fill the current vacancy in the Willaston Village ward.

RESOLVED : that Michael Thomas Carter be co-opted to the council as councillor for the Willaston Village ward for the period to May 2015.

**203 OPEN FORUM**

The following items were raised by members of the public :-

- Inconsiderate parking on Meadow view. Details were provided of this council's representations made to Cheshire East Council and the subsequent response. At present the road is unadopted and remains the responsibility of the developer.
- Much of Wistaston Road is in poor condition and in need of repair. This should be dealt with under the Cheshire East Council programme of road resurfacing.
- Would the SID be located on John Gresty Drive at some stage ? Councillor Todd advised that John Gresty Drive had been reviewed as a possible SID location, but it was found that there was nowhere that the SID could be secured and there was also an insufficient stretch of road to get a reading.

**204 POLICING ISSUES**

There was no police representation at the meeting. However, Councillor Todd advised that 17 locations around the village had been identified for use of the SID, but these have to be signed off by the police. Arrangements are to be made for training in the use of the device.

**205 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillors Silvester & Simon reported on the following matters :-

- Some of the lighting on Crewe Road has now been reduced to 60% power without any noticeable effect.
- Residents on Crewe Road have been offered monitoring equipment at their own expense to monitor the rocking grid covers.
- More patching of potholes has been completed on Colleys Lane and it has been added to the resurfacing programme for June/July.
- Concerns have been raised regarding the removal of part of the hedge on Eastern Road. This is for work to be carried out on the land and is not a forerunner to development.
- Agreement has been reached for use of the Redsands site by the Fire Service.
- There is a public consultation tomorrow on a proposed new development at Wistaston Green Road.
- The planning application for 21 houses off Cheerbrook Road was refused by the Strategic Planning Board last week on the grounds that it is within the Green Gap.
- Attempts are being made to find out whether there is any truth in the story that a German aircraft crashed on the land behind Cheerbrook Road during the war.
- Grass cutting of verges will take place every two weeks between now and November.
- A site on Newcastle Road opposite the Crewe Vagrants Sports Club has been put forward for development.

**206 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

13/1280N – Single storey extension with flat roof to rear of property, also extend garage at front brick off back of garage to be raised 300mm, 13 Oak Bank Close

No objections

13/1543N – Single storey extension to link the front elevation of the house to the garage.

Conversion of loft space to provide 2 bedrooms and a shower room, 7 Balmoral Place

Objections submitted on the grounds that the proposed single storey extension is forward of the existing building line and the proposed loft conversion will result in over domination of adjoining properties

13/1596N – Single storey rear extension, 12 The Fields

No objections

13/1599N – Single storey front extension, 4 Brassey Way

No objections

**Cheshire East Council planning decisions :**

13/0110N – Detached two storey house with three bedrooms and two car parking spaces, 18

Wistaston Road – **approved**

13/0227N – Single storey rear extension, 12 Victoria Mill Drive – **approved**

13/0644N – Single storey rear extension, 17 Wistaston Road – **approved**

13/0834N – Proposed two storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory extension, 9 Greenbank Close – **approved**

13/0744N – Farm machinery and hay/feed storage building, Cheerbrook Farm, Newcastle Road - **approved**

Councillor Carter referred to a small development to the rear of 28 Colleys Lane where a hedge had not been replaced in accordance with the terms of the planning approval. Also, a fence has now been erected some five yards into the Green Gap. Councillor Carter has already written as a private individual to the Enforcement Officer about this and it was agreed that the clerk should write on behalf of the council requesting that action be taken.

#### **207 GREEN GAP POLICY UPDATE**

Over 300 people attended the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April, which was addressed by Councillor Michael Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council. He assured the meeting that the Borough Council had its five year supply of housing land in place and that he would defend the Green Gap against speculative development proposals. He advised that the focus would now be on brown field sites.

#### **208 PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT**

Nothing further to report.

#### **209 IDENTIFICATION OF SITES FOR THE CHESHIRE EAST 2013 SHLAA**

No additional sites were identified for the 2013 SHLAA.

#### **210 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2012/13**

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council accounts for 2012/13 be approved.

#### **211 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13**

RESOLVED : that the answer “Yes” be given to all questions in the Statement of Assurance for 2012/13.

#### **212 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCES**

The council entered into a 3 year agreement with Zurich Insurance in 2011 at a discounted rate, but the ongoing adequacy of cover was considered. The recently purchased Speed Indicator Device has been added to the policy.

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

#### **213 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The clerk presented his usual written report.

#### **214 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £3,020.48 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**215 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed as 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 (NB. This will be the Annual Meeting).

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

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL****SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

**30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

<b>Details of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>
M Langhorn – April net salary	496.46		
- Petty cash	<u>20.99</u>	517.45	101989
H M Revenue & Customs – tax and NI on clerk`s salary		124.00	101990
Johnsons of Nantwich Ltd – printing newsletter		96.00	101991
C F Todd – padlock & chain for SID		56.35	101992
St Mary`s Wistaston PCC – hire of room		69.00	101993
Dave Espley – quarterly playground inspection		40.00	101994
Sign People Ltd – date change to BIB signs		30.00	101995
Chris Mountford – grass cutting in the village		194.00	101996
Zurich Municipal – annual insurance premium		893.40	101997
Cheshire Community Action - subscription		50.00	101998
Cheshire County Playing Fields Assoc. - subs		18.00	101999
Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society - subscription		8.00	102000
Cheshire Association of Local Councils - subs		793.60	102001
Gordon Bennet Technologies Ltd – web domain		25.00	102002
Staples UK Ltd – stationery order		105.68	102003
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,020.48</b>	

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