

## **WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING 30 JULY 2019**

Present : Parish Councillors C Bailey, A J Cutts, N Lane, D Reyland, W Salisbury, C F Todd, K Ward & J Webb.

N Cooper and E Angier attended the meeting and joined the council following minute 42 below.

Apologies : Parish Councillors S Brazier & F R Morton.  
Cheshire East Councillor M Simon.

### **40 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **41 MINUTES**

RESOLVED : that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **42 CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The clerk provided details of applications received for co-option to the council to fill two vacancies in the Willaston Village Ward.

RESOLVED : that Nicola Cooper and Emma Angier be co-opted to the council to fill the current vacancies in the Willaston Village Ward.

### **43 OPEN FORUM**

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

- It was noted that the No Cycling signs at either end of the footpath between Victoria Mill Drive and John Gresty Drive have now been replaced.

### **44 POLICE MATTERS**

The June Beat Manager's report was reviewed, with no comments arising.

Councillor Todd reported on the recent cluster meeting and gave figures for crimes reported in the Wybunbury cluster during the last quarter, which continue to be relatively low.

PC Clark and PCSO Hobbs attended the meeting and undertook to monitor the situation at the playing field. The council thanked them for their efforts in that respect.

### **45 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There were no Borough Councillors present at the meeting.

#### **46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/1860N - amended plans submitted for approval of reserved matters of outline permission 16/4870N for two 3 bed dwellings on land to the rear of 10 & 12 Moorfields  
The council's previous objections to this application still stand in as much as they apply  
19/2667N - Single storey rear extension and detached garage with garden room/office, 11 Hollybush Crescent

Objections to be submitted on the grounds of over development

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

19/2185N - Change of use from designated landscaped area to domestic garden, garden tool store and hobby room (retrospective), 16 Cheerbrook Road - **approved**

19/1280N - Erect new bungalow on land to rear of 309 Crewe Road - **approved**

19/0572N - Extension of boundary wall to incorporate land to the side of the property into the rear garden - **appeal dismissed**

#### **47 APPROPRIATION OF S106 FUNDING**

The Chairman reported that he had met with Borough Councillor Gage and a representative from ANSA to discuss progress with the maze project. A specification is to be created and posted on the Cheshire East website seeking quotations to undertake the work. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by the end of 2019. Meanwhile the totem pole is believed to be unsafe and it is to be tested to ascertain whether it is reusable.

#### **48 BRITAIN IN BLOOM**

The Chairman reported that the North West in Bloom judging had taken place on Thursday 18th July and included visits to the allotment site and Crewe Road Nurseries during a three hour tour of the village. The results are expected to be released on 1st November.

The Chairman thanked all of the various sponsors and volunteers for their contributions. Unfortunately there had been some theft of plants, but Crewe Road Nurseries had responded quickly to replace these and the thefts were reported to the police. There has also been a good response on social media with some residents offering help and donations.

#### **49 BUDGETARY CONTROL REVIEW**

The clerk presented Income & Expenditure figures for the first 3 months of the financial year up to 30 June 2019 for comparison against budget. These reveal expenditure in line with budget, with the exception of subscriptions which are slightly above budget due to an increase in the ChALC subscription and the water costs at the allotment site which are above budget due to payment of an estimated invoice. Also the recently approved payment of a Chairman's Allowance was not included in the original budget. Income is in line with expectations at this stage of the year.

**RESOLVED :** that the Income & Expenditure figures for the 3 months to 30 June 2019 be approved.

**50 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

It was agreed that the Remembrance Service will take place at the war memorial on Colleys Lane this year on Sunday 10th November commencing at 1.30pm and will follow the usual order of service. The Chairman will contact the local clergy to arrange their attendance and the clerk will contact the police to arrange the closure of Colleys Lane during the period of silence.

**51 BOOK BOX**

Councillor Salisbury reported that a local resident had been in contact to offer his services in renovating the book box. He has experience of renovating telephone boxes, having restored one as a feature in his own garden and was keen to see the box in the village maintained.

There will be a need to purchase some replacement parts at a cost of up to £500.

RESOLVED : that the offer should be accepted and renovation of the book box should proceed on the above basis.

**52 ACCESS TO THE PLAYING FIELD**

Control of access to the playing field has improved now that the gates are being regularly locked each evening, but it has been noted that some residents of Wybunbury Road are accessing the field via garden gates at times when the playing field is closed. There is no right of access from residential gardens on to the playing field and it was agreed that the clerk should right to the occupiers of all properties backing on to the playing field reminding them of this, in accordance with the regular letter sent every few years to residents.

It was also agreed that a combination lock should be purchased for the playing field gate in order that more people would be able to close the gates in the evening if necessary.

Councillor Salisbury also raised the issue of the playing field sign which is beginning to fade and offered to acquire a new sign, and it was agreed that he should proceed in that respect.

**53 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

The clerk presented his usual written report.

**54 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED : that the accounts totalling £2,693.64 as detailed in the attached schedule be approved for payment.

**55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was confirmed as 27 August 2019.

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

## WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

## SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

30 JULY 2019

Details of Payment	£	£	Cheque No
M Langhorn - May net salary	547.00		
- Purchase of plants	318.72		
- Petty cash	<u>19.34</u>	885.06	102609
H M Revenue & Customs - tax on salary		136.80	102610
J Mountford - grass cutting in the village		460.00	102611
CWC (East Cheshire & Staffs) Ltd - weed spray		144.00	102612
C F Todd - keys cut for allotment shed		10.00	102613
F R Morton - timber to repair bench		28.46	102614
W Salisbury - BIB expenses and paint for bench	215.22		
- Purchase of laptop	<u>646.80</u>	862.02	102615
Water Plus Ltd - water at allotment site		167.30	102616
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,693.64</b>	

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