



Wistaston Community Council

Minutes of AGM Meeting held on 20 January 2025

1. Chair's Welcome

Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present

Greg Casewell	- Chair
Nadiah McKeown	- Vice chair
Liz Rimmer	- Secretary
Helen Tattersall	- Treasurer

Dane Chaplow, Karen Westbrook, Carole Bentley, John Morre, Bill Heath, Eileen Bamber, Helen Gould, Ian Gould, Kate Blakemore, Gill Blakemore, Ken Blakemore, David Price

3. Apologies

John Lomax, Sarah Rhodes, Debra Sloan, Lynette Talbot

Resignation – Geoff Bolt has unfortunately had to stand down but he and his wife are still happy to help with events. Thanks for all of his help and support.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Reviewed and nothing to raise.

5. Wistonian of the Year

The chair was happy to announce Kate Blakemore as the 2024 Wistonian of the Year, the plaque and badge to follow.

6. Chairman's Annual Report – Greg Casewell

Chair's Report for 2025 AGM

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dane for his outstanding contributions as Wistonian of the Year. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our community this year, and we are truly grateful for your efforts.

This year looks remarkably different from where we started, that's for sure. We have new members in every single office-bearing position, including myself, so I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each of you:

- **Nadiah**, for supporting me by taking up the position of Vice Chair this year. Even when I was unable to attend every meeting, you stepped up to take the reins with confidence.
- **Liz**, for quickly accepting the role of Secretary, taking over from Rob. Managing the minutes, all the communications, and even the website almost overnight—thank you very much.
- **Helen**, for coming to our rescue when Chrys stepped down as Treasurer earlier this year.

You've all done an exceptional job!

Looking back at the last year, I think it's fair to say this small group of dedicated volunteers has undergone a complete transformation. I'd like to thank every single one of you for everything you've done for this group and your community—you should all be very proud. Before discussing the success of our events, let's highlight what we've collectively achieved as a team over the past year:

- We've rebranded and launched a social media team.
- We've turned a profit on each of our events
- Would you believe it, we now accept credit cards.
- And these meetings have become a warm and welcoming space for everyone to share ideas on how to make Wistaston... great again!

Let's take a quick look back at 2024:

The Fete

Lynette's last rodeo as leader of the Fete Subcommittee—and what a fantastic event it was! Despite some challenging weather, Lynette and her fabulous team of volunteers organized a fun-filled day out for the whole community. A special thanks to Nadiah and Lynette for introducing exciting new traders to the event, including the climbing wall and Wings and Things, who put on a great show! Thanks also to the school for their ongoing support of this event.

The Flower and Produce Show

This year's show saw record participation, both in the number of entries and attendees. The quality of entries was impressive (not including Nadiah's soggy-bottom quiche, of course!). A big thank you to the Flower and Produce Committee, led by Debra Sloan, and to all our volunteers for organizing such a memorable event!

The Model Boat and Duck Race

Another event with record-breaking attendance! This was the first event I was personally involved in from start to finish, and it was incredible to see just how much effort goes into making it happen. From collecting tables, chairs, and giant yellow ducks to collapsing 30 gazebos in the rain—it was a true team effort. Special thanks to David for transporting all the necessary equipment, Helen and Debra for introducing new games and entertainment, and Ian, the subcommittee, and everyone else who contributed to the day.

The Firework Display

This event also saw fantastic attendance and received wonderful feedback from the community via our social media channels. This year, we introduced food vans, which were a huge success. A massive thanks to Dane, our outgoing Wistonian of the Year, and to all the volunteers who made this event such a hit.

The Christmas Concert

Our final event of the year went out with a bang! Although the school backed out at short notice, leaving us unsure whether to proceed, the result was one of the best turnouts we've ever seen. The choirs and band were brilliant, and smiles were everywhere. Special thanks to Nadiah and our amazing volunteers for making this event possible, and a big shoutout to Karen for going the extra mile by collecting residents from their homes to attend!

The Roundabout Magazine

Producing a magazine for over 4,200 Wistaston residents four times a year is no small task. Once again, Eileen and her incredible team of volunteers edited, printed, and distributed the magazine—come rain or shine. A special thanks to Ian for supporting all of the magazine's advertisers.

The 100 Club

Lastly, thank you to John for his continued efforts in running the 100 Club and to all the collectors who contribute to its success. The 100 Club remains one of the major financial contributors to Wistaston Community News and Events.

Thank you all once again for everything you do for this community.

7. Treasurer's Report – Helen Tattersall

2024 was a successful year, as you have heard from our chairman. Many thanks to everyone for their hard work that ensured the events took place and were successful. I was elected as treasurer during our June meeting and took over in the post from 1st of July. I would like to thank the previous treasurer Chrys Lines for her dedicated service to the committee over many years. The accounts were independently audited at the end of June before being passed to myself. They were audited by Mr Bob Squirrel who kindly agreed to continue as our auditor. I report that the accounts were found to be a true and accurate record. I would like to thank Chrys for her comprehensive handover and help during the transition.

The full year accounts were audited at the end of 2024 by Mr Bob Squirrel. I am pleased to report that again he has confirmed that the WCC accounts for 2024 are an accurate and true record. A signed copy of the accounts has been passed to our secretary and an electronic copy filed on the WCC OneDrive as an archived record.

The financial summary at end of the year is as follows:-

FUNDS AT YEAR END:-

Annual Result 2024	2,700.55		
Fund Brought Forward From 2023	12,015.34	Uncashed Cheques	50.00
Stopped Cheque from 2023	50.00		
Forward to 2025	14,765.89	Actual Bank to date	14,815.89

Whilst the figures show an operating result of +£2,700.55

This includes donations from the Co-op community fund of £ 2,320. Which will not be repeated in 2025.

Our biggest cost was the funding of Roundabout that resulted in -£2571.70 for the year.

During the year we were delighted to make donations to the value of £2075 +45% on the previous year.

Donations were made to the following organisations

British Heart Foundation
Wistaston Memorial Hall
Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club
The Brittles Youth Football Club
Liberty Dance
St. Mary's Church
Funky Choir

Wistaston Church Lane Academy
St. Marys Wistaston Clock Renovation Fund
Royal British Legion -Remembrance Wreath
Crewe Brass Band
Hope Centre Crewe
Nightingales Choir
Wells Green Methodist Church Choir

We continue to welcome donation request from local organisations.

Thanks to Bob Squirrel for auditing.

I repeat my thanks to everyone that has supported and contributed to the success of 2024 and look forward to working with you all again in 2025.

8. Changes to the constitution

Draft circulated, will need to have additional information in connection with electronic payments. The draft will be amended and reviewed at the February meeting and published once approved.

9. Election of Officers

No new nominations received and all existing officers are happy to continue.

10. Next AGM

19th January 2026