

Key Issues from Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2012



WILLASTON
Residents' and Countryside Society



Parking on the Green

Parking restrictions are being developed for the Green. This is currently with the legal team in the Council and there will be formal notifications before any restrictions are implemented. A disabled parking space is also being evaluated. The issue of inconsiderate pavement parking has been raised with the local police who have said that if there is an obstruction, they can intervene. Residents should dial 101 to report offenders.

Lighting

We are seeking funds to improve the lighting in the alleyway between the Green and Old Vicarage Road. The Council will put in an additional light if funds can be found.



Play Area

Concern has been raised about the state of the ground and the equipment in the play area. New gates have been put in and the issue of the ground state has been raised with the Council. Opportunities for raising funds to pay for new equipment were discussed and it is hoped to form a group interested in improving the play area amenities.

Planning

The Society submitted a detailed submission strongly objecting to proposed housing at Goss Moor, Mill Lane, which is in the green belt area. The planning officer has subsequently confirmed that the application was in fact refused by the Council on 9 November.

The large signs to houses for sale on the junction of Hooton Road and Heath Lane have been refused planning permission and should now be removed.



New Waste Collection

The main issues have been for people needing assisted kerbside collections. Society members have found the hotline 0300 123 7026 helpful and responsive. Cllr Myles Hogg has received a petition of 120 names of people who objected to the restriction of two garden bins and asking for it to be raised to four, with a one-off charge rather than an annual fee. He will pass this petition on to the Council.

Traffic Calming

Dragons' teeth have been painted on the roads where the 30mph speed restriction starts. The traffic group is now in abeyance as there is little more that they can do at the moment.





New Governance Arrangements for West Cheshire

West Cheshire is a pilot area for looking at how public services can work better together. There are new proposals for strategic planning boards which include up to 46 community boards (one for each ward). These would drive forward the localism agenda. The proposals are currently being consulted upon and the consultation document and response forms are available from www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/

Christ Church

There was a meeting last month when it was explained that the church is struggling to pay its stipend to the diocese. This may mean that we will be unable to have a full time vicar when Rev Ray Dent retires. The church wardens are now following up this meeting by contacting everyone on the church electoral roll to see what options should be taken forward.



Footpaths

Work has been done clearing footpaths particularly part of Footpath 32, which runs from Hadlow Road past the Pollard Inn and eventually to the A540. We have approached Greenspace to erect two new Kissing Gates and additional directional signs towards the Wirral Way on Hadlow Road. Two volunteers have come forward to 'adopt' a footpath in and around Willaston but we need more volunteers as the Greenspace team are on emergency funding and will only do the most essential work.



There have been more complaints to the Council about traffic going down Footpath 30 (the footpath that runs between Mill Lane and Hooton Road). In addition there have been complaints about a fence and trees that are on the verge of this footpath.

The route descriptions for the village walks have been added to the web site. A link to a printable leaflet will be added when it has been improved. We have been given permission for the village walks signs to be updated and are looking into how to do this.

Willaston District Plan



During the summer an initial leaflet was distributed to every house in Willaston. This has helped the Willaston District Plan group identify the key issues and will inform the subsequent draft questionnaire. Five sub groups have been formed to cover the main issues: Traffic and Transport; Planning and Development; Environment; Community

Facilities and Business/Commercial. Leaders of four of the sub groups have begun to recruit members but a leader is still needed for the Business/Commercial group. The groups will research facts about the questions raised and prepare appropriate questions for the main questionnaire which will be distributed early next year. A newsletter, together with minutes of the meetings is available on the Society website and also on Facebook.

Village Organisations The list of organisations is being updated. Let us know if details if the contact has been changed.

Help needed - please!!

One of the Brownie units and the Rainbows are in urgent need of new leaders. The Festival Society also needs new committee members, particularly those able to take on roles of grants and sponsorship officer, members and volunteers co-ordinator, catering co-ordinator and services and utilities manager.



Want more information?

A full set of the minutes of our meeting can be seen in the Methodist Church Hall, on our website or a copy will be sent if you ring 0151 327 5318.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.willastoninwirralresidents.org>

or via tthe AboutMyArea website:

<http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Cheshire/Neston/CH64/Villages-in-CH64/Willaston>

Email Willaston Residents' & Countryside Society through the 'Contact Us' page on the Society's website, the link on the AboutMyArea website's WR&CS page or directly to admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org.

Alternatively write to the Society:

c/o the Secretary, Memorial Hall, The Green, Willaston, Neston CH64 2XR

Let us know your concerns

If there is any particular issue you would like to raise, the first 15 minutes of each meeting is open to any resident. Please let us know if you would like to attend during this session. Our next meeting is on Monday 7th January 2013.

