

## **Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the Memorial Hall

### **Residents' Issues**

No residents attended to raise an issue.

### **Committee Meeting**

Present: (Officers): Chris Hampshire (Chair), Jane Townsend (Vice-Chair & Footpaths Officer), Sarah Shannon (Secretary), Barry Vowles (Planning); (Committee Members): Hilary Morris, Rob King, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Paul Janvier, Sheila Smith, Madeline Hughes, Fiona Ennys, Phil Leach, Vicky Spraggon, Jean King, Hilary Gould, Leanne Kershaw, Keith Butcher, Myles Hogg, Emma Sharpe and Helen Mayles.

#### 1. Apologies for absence and Welcome to New Members

Apologies were received from Sue Unsworth, Hilary Booth and Carol Savage.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Chris Hampshire declared an interest in the applications for planning permission from properties in The Courtyard.

Keith Butcher declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the Council planning committee.

#### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

The Minutes were proposed by Paul, seconded by Hilary Morris and accepted by the Committee as a true record of the meeting.

#### 4. Matters arising from the previous Minutes (3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014)

##### **4.1 Gordale (Item 8.2)**

Barry reported that he had put in an objection to the proposed sign but the application has now been withdrawn by Linwood.

##### **4.2 Purpose of Organisation Reports (Item 11.1)**

Sarah confirmed that a list of events coming up by member organisations was included in the summary of the meeting and will continue to be so. Chris had asked that the website should have the latest comments at the top but this is not technically possible. However, some of the older comments have now been removed.

##### **4.3 Spar Delivery Lorry (Item 12.13)**

Barry confirmed that he had checked the planning conditions for the Spar extension but frequency of lorry deliveries was not included. This is something the committee noted for future similar applications. It was noted that there continues to be issues with lorries outside Spar and it was suggested that if committee members see problems, they should go into Spar and raise it at the time. It is also possible to report it to the Police using 101.

#### 5. Reports from Working Groups

##### **5.1 Playground Working Group**

Sarah reported that the amount raised is now £11,852. Two people from the Rotary are doing a sponsored walk on our behalf and we are expecting a substantial donation from the Johnston Recreation Ground advisory group.

Unfortunately, the funding bid to Tesco Charitable Trust was not successful. This was for just under £4,000 and covered repairs to the fencing, moving the gate, two small goal posts, 12 log seats and 2 benches. We will now look at other sources for this funding, probably CWAC Rural Funding.

The issue of VAT has been partially resolved. All funding that came via the Council has been returned to the Council and put into an earmarked fund. Anything paid from this can be paid without VAT. Other funds raised by ourselves have to be held within our funds and will continue to be subject to VAT – we cannot just hand them over to the Council to avoid tax.

As a result of a request from WREN, the application was re-written to be a joint application with the Council. However this means that we were able to do re-costings so that the amount from WREN excluded VAT as the payment would go to the Council. This means that the amount requested is now £37,295 which hopefully will be more attractive to them. We haven't heard anything more from WREN and a decision will be made at the end of June. If this is not successful (and WREN do have a lot of requests for funding), we have identified a number of other trusts we can approach.

There was discussion about the fact that we need wider communication given that money has been raised but no visible progress can be made until we have heard from WREN. This was however included in the March summary so people should be aware of it. A working group was suggested to improve the play area in the interim and Sarah agreed to check with the Council to see if there are limitations on what could be done before holding an initial event.

**Action: Sarah**

## **5.2 Bus Stop Working Group**

Leanne reported that they are still waiting for quotes for the bus shelters. There was a brief discussion about what can be erected on the Green and it was confirmed that planning permission was not required.

## 6. WR&CS Business

### **6.1 Application to Charity Commission**

Chris reported that the Officers had continued to pursue the option of registering as a charity. The Charity Commission has confirmed that the activities we currently undertake are charitable but that our constitution as it stands is not. Organisations that have over £5,000 income and a charitable constitution have to register but we have had it confirmed that we do not legally have to register. The Officers then discussed the merits of changing the constitution so that we could register. As we do not envisage any large scale projects in the next few years and believe that there may be some opposition within the village to our becoming a registered Charity, the Officers felt that there was insufficient justification for progressing with this at the moment. Paul proposed and Keith seconded that we should not progress this and we should write to the Charity Commission explaining our decision and thanking them for their support. This was agreed by all present.

**Action: Chris**

### **6.2 Restricted Parking on the Green**

Barry reported that, following the Council consultation, several objections had been received about restricting parking on the Green, particularly from some local businesses. He, Sarah, Chris and Myles had offered to meet them but no-one was able to attend the meeting so Barry, Sarah and Chris had walked around speaking to a mixture of managers and staff. Some people had also spoken to Myles and Chris separately. The majority of businesses were against the idea of restricted parking because of the difficulty it posed for staff who lived outside Willaston. These objections had to be weighed up against the strong majority that favoured the idea in the District Community Plan questionnaire. The group therefore suggested that the issue is left until after the final public meeting for the plan. At this meeting, people will be asked to prioritise the proposals in the plan and we will then have a clearer idea how strongly people see the issue of restricted parking. If it comes up as an important issue, then we will need to consider how to answer the issue of staff parking. Barry also suggested that we consider doing a survey to really understand who parks on the Green, for how long and why.

Myles confirmed that it is possible to put this on hold from the Council's perspective. He also confirmed that the one-way system will not go ahead.

There was then a discussion about the proposed single parking space for people with disabilities. Paul had recently had comments from a disabled lady about the lack of facilities in the village. Vicky proposed and Barry seconded that the provision of a disabled parking space should go ahead, independently from the rest of the proposals. This was agreed by all present. Myles agreed to ask the Highways Department if it is possible to go ahead with just this for the time being.

**Action: Myles**

It was also noted that the car park at the rear of the Memorial Hall has recently been resurfaced but has no lines painted. Myles confirmed that this will be done in due course. There was a discussion about whether a disabled parking space should also be allocated in this car park but it was felt that the position of the car park was not suitable for people needing this facility as it would not be helpful for people with limited mobility.

A lady in a mobility scooter had recently had fallen on the corner of the Hooton Road entrance to the village Green because there is a curve in the gully due to the proximity of a manhole cover. Myles confirmed that the Council will realign the pavement so that it is safer.

### **6.3 Willaston District Community Plan (WDCP)**

Paul reported that the summary of the plan has now been delivered to every house in the District and formally handed over the full plan to Chris. Copies of the full plan are available on the WR&CS website and Willaston/Neston libraries.

Paul stated that the work of the group was almost done. Their final act is to have a public meeting and then the group will be disbanded. He is hoping that the meeting will be in the school and that some of the schoolchildren will be involved in planning it. The aim is to have the meeting in May and to use it to establish some priorities among the actions identified.

Barry also passed a list of people who had volunteered as SMARRT Volunteers, plus the volunteers who were willing to help with the Community Plan over to Chris. He confirmed that all of them are aware that their names and details will be available to WR&CS for ongoing purposes.

Paul said that he is hoping that there will be a small amount of money left over which, with the funder's consent, will be passed to WR&CS to help towards implementation costs.

Hilary Morris proposed a vote of appreciation for the work done by the Steering Committee. This was seconded by Jean and agreed by all present.

### **6.4 Changes to Committee Membership**

Chris reported that Roger James had resigned as a community member. It was agreed to write and thank him for all he had done for WR&CS over many years and send an Amazon voucher.

### **6.5 Correspondence**

Chris reported that the school is looking for volunteers to join their Reading Rangers team. Potential volunteers are given two days' training and will be supported. All volunteers have to have a DBS check. Contact Diane Clark on 07966 404355 or the school directly.

## 7. Friends of Hadlow Road Station

Chris told the meeting that one of the actions in the WDCP was to for a Friends of Hadlow Road Station. He envisaged that this would be a separate group to WR&CS but that we would kick-start it. He suggested that a small working group is formed to:

- Meet the Ranger and discuss with him what sort of role a Friends group could have;
- Develop some ideas about what can be done in the short and longer term;
- Look at options for the structure/constitution of a separate organisation;
- Contact similar groups to see how they operate.

Chris proposed that we use the WR&CS AGM to formally establish the group as a separate entity with a talk from the Ranger or a local historian to create some interest. This was agreed. **Action: Chris**

It was also agreed that a working group would be formed to initially kick-start this until the AGM. Chris asked members if they would be interested in forming a working group, noting that Hilary Booth and he had already indicated interest. Lyn and Myles also agreed to join this group. Barry commented that from the work of the WDCP, they are aware of a number of people who are interested in getting involved and Chris agreed that the working group would follow this up.

## 8. Financial Matters

Hilary Booth had submitted a financial report which was circulated. This showed that the current account had a balance of £357.54; the lottery account a balance of £809.14; the playground account a balance of £4921.77, following a transfer of some money to the Council and the WDCP account a balance of £759.17. The contents of the report were noted.

## 9. Planning Applications, Decisions and Appeals

### **9.1 Mill Lane Planning applications**

9.1.1 Netherfield and Montrose - Barry reported that he had no further information on these applications and will be following them up. **Action: Barry**

Fiona commented that a lot of trees had been removed at Netherfield and Barry confirmed that he had checked this and none were protected. Myles commented that it is possible for anyone to ask for trees to be protected at any time and many of the trees along the edge of Mill Lane did have a protection order. Hilary Morris stated that a survey had been done in the 1970's when WR&CS recommended trees to be protected.

9.1.2 Badger Butts – Barry reported that a new application had been received to ask for land that is currently like a paddock to be treated as a garden. For this to be agreed, it has to have been used as a garden for over ten years. Barry expressed concern as this was the initial process that has been used by other properties seeking to develop thereafter. He will speak to the Council Planning Officer about whether it was possible to ask for no development rights to be applied if approved, as it is part of the Green Belt. **Action: Barry**

### **9.2 Signage**

Barry reported that he now has guidance on when signs are legal and noted that it is legal to have builders' signs up whilst work is going on and for a short time afterwards.

## 10. Local Councillor's Report

### **10.1 Johnston's Recreation Ground**

Myles stated that the Council is still awaiting a response from the Charity Commission about the revised constitution. A copy of the rules of the Ground are now available on the WR&CS website and they are the same as other recreation grounds in the area.

### **10.2 New Homes Bonus**

Cheshire West and Chester Council receives an annual bonus from the Government relating to the number of new homes built in the area. The Council has stated that 20% should be spent in the locality where the building had taken place, which would either go to the Parish Council or to a similar group if they have a neighbourhood development plan. The budget for Willaston and Thornton for 2012 is £2,117 and Myles is confirming whether the WDCP is acceptable as a neighbourhood development plan. **Action: Myles**

### **10.3 20mph zone**

Myles reported that some additional signage still needs to be put up and he is following this up with the Council. He is also linking with the PCSO and volunteers to ensure that speed checks are implemented. There will be a traffic survey in the Autumn to monitor the effective of the 20mph zone. **Action: Myles**

### **10.4 Land on Hadlow Road**

The Planning Enforcement team visited the derelict land next to Cherry Brow Farm to inspect it. Although it is overgrown, they noted that there is no litter and they had received no complaints from residents living near it. They will keep an eye on the land but will not do anything about it at the moment.

### **10.5 No 2 Atworth Terrace**

The Council are looking into this property which is very run down. They have contacted the owner about doing remedial work on the frontage.

### **10.6 Cheshire Rural Women's Day**

Cheshire Association of Local Councils is asking for nominations of women who deserve recognition of their achievements. Nominations can be made by emailing [sarah.dobbins@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.dobbins@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk). It was

agreed to include this item on the next meeting's agenda.

**Action: Sarah**

### **10.7 Collective Energy**

The Council has joined with 11 other councils to create a collective energy scheme and participants can expect to gain savings of between £60 and £200 a year. The sixth auction will be launched in April. To register visit [www.readytoswitch.co.uk](http://www.readytoswitch.co.uk).

### **10.8 Holiday Lodge for disabled children**

A new holiday lodge in Delamere has been opened which is available to families with disabled children and young people up to the age of 25 years. The Council also has a lodge in Anglesey. To book either lodge, ring 01248 848059.

### **10.9 Free Tea Dance**

A tea dance will be held by the Council in Ellesmere Port on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 21pm to 4pm. To book a place, ring 0151 337 4667 or email [conferencesandevents@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:conferencesandevents@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk).

### **10.10 Western Link Project**

A public meeting was held about the works that will be done as the underground cable is installed through the Wirral. Some preliminary work has already taken place (for example on Quarry Road). Jane commented that they had undertaken that no work would be done on the A540 until after the Open has taken place.

## 11. Footpaths and Bridleways

### **11.1 Footpath behind Pollards Inn (FP 32)**

Jane reported that the owner of one of the fields adjacent to this footpath has cleared a way for horse riders and cyclists, who have permission to use the footpath, to gain access to the Wirral Way. This means that they do not have to go down the muddy part of the footpath 32 and should help improve the surface of the path particularly when it is wet. Jane emphasised that horse riders and cyclists who do not have permission (or private rights) to use the footpath are trespassing if they use FP 32. She also asked that walkers use the official path that runs down a narrow passageway opposite Pollards Inn, which emerges by 'The Salt Box'. There is no public right of way THROUGH Pollards Inn Car park to the Wirral Way. Jane is still trying to arrange for better signage to make this clear.

### **11.2 Bridleways**

Fiona reported that she has had a site meeting with representatives of Leahurst to discuss the possibility of an additional way for horse riders and cyclists to access the Wirral Way on the Neston side of the village. They didn't anticipate a problem but haven't yet responded. She will follow this up. **Action: Fiona**

### **11.3 Willaston Walks Footpath Signs**

With the help of the Council's Footpath Officer Jane has erected a new signpost in front of the Memorial Hall to replace the old one. She hopes to add more of these signs with coloured arrows to help guide walkers around the walks when funding has been obtained.

### **11.4 Kissing gates.**

In addition to the recent installation of kissing gates to the South of the village by Cheshire West and Chester Council, Wirral Council have erected three kissing gates on the footpath that runs between the Mill and Benty Heath Lane. Please can all those people who have used these gates, particularly those who have mobility problems, write to [robintutchings@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:robintutchings@wirral.gov.uk) expressing their appreciation. This will help him get additional funding for more kissing gates. Jane is also hoping the Council will install kissing gates on the path between New Hey Lane and the A540 and is in discussion with the farmer about this. She has also suggested re-routing the footpath on the other side of the hedge which the committee fully agreed with.

### **11.5 Rights of way complaints**

Jane is still waiting for a reply from the Council's legal department concerning the legality of obstructions along F70 (footpath behind the Memorial Hall). It was agreed that Chris should write on behalf of the committee. **Action: Chris**

Jane requested that if residents find any new problems not mentioned in this report relating to local footpaths and bridleways, please contact Jane via the footpaths page on the Willaston Residents' web site ([www.willastoninwirralresidents.org.uk](http://www.willastoninwirralresidents.org.uk)) or email [willastonfootpaths@outlook.com](mailto:willastonfootpaths@outlook.com).

### **11.6 Cuckoo lane**

As a result of the large number of complaints made by the public concerning the new surface on Cuckoo Lane, some of the road planings have been removed and a grit-stone surface has been placed on top of the rest of the planings. The sandstone hollow-way has not been covered as originally planned and local volunteers have removed the mud that the contractors deposited on the sandstone. Local residents are in the process of planting wild flowers and seeds on the restored verges.

### **11.7 Wirral Walking Festival**

This takes place during May and there are over 100 walks available. Go to <http://www.visitwirral.com/whats-on/festivals/wirral-walking-festival> for details.

## 12. Organisations' Reports

The following reports have been received from organisations.

### **12.1 Christ Church** (Submitted by Jean King)

Services and activities are being maintained during the Interregnum apart from the Sunday evening service. Many Church members are taking on responsibilities, encouraged by Fr Lyndon Bannon. There is a general feeling of purpose and progress. Even Hope! The question of whether a full time Vicar for Willaston can be afforded is of course a big question. Those who attended the AGM will know that increased financial support has come from Church members and from those who feel it is important that Willaston has a full time Vicar. The very large debt to the Diocese, built up over previous years of unpaid Parish Share, has been reduced by a generous legacy and the balance may be written off by the Diocese. It is hoped that a decision by the Diocese will be made known very soon.

The fund raising Committee is organising "A Midsummer Afternoon Tea" on Saturday June 21st 3pm- 5pm in the Memorial Hall. We hope the sun will shine and that you will all join us to enjoy the afternoon!

### **12.2 Friends of Willaston Meadow** (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

The Friends have recently planted several black poplar saplings, donated by Chester Zoo. This is a rare and declining native species, which we are pleased to be adding to the Meadow's collection. In order to propagate, both male and female trees are required, and as the saplings are all female, we hope to add male trees next year.

The annual patch has been sown with a mixture of seeds collected from our own resources and donated commercial mixtures, so we are looking forward to seeing which are the most successful.

The children at Forest School were interested to see Simon Ward, our ranger, install a number of nest boxes in a group of trees.

### **12.3 Guiding Organisations**

No report received.

### **12.4 Hadlow Green Singers** (Submitted by Margaret Smyth)

What a wonderful concert our Easter 'Spring Time' themed performance turned out to be. Not only a lovely program of mixed springtime chorals but once again 'Liz's Singalong' where the audience join-in proved a huge success and will be incorporated into our future performances. For the first time we had a sell-out packed hall with, unfortunately, some disappointed people unable to get tickets. Make sure you get tickets early for our next performance!! Speaking of which, make a note in your diaries for 11th & 12th July when we will be holding our summer concert 'Songs from the Americas'.

Our very grateful thanks go out to all our loyal supporters who make these events so very enjoyable to put on for you.

### **12.5 Horticultural Society** (Submitted by Lyn Jackson-Eves)

Tuesday 20th May we are having a presentation by Pippa Probert on 'Making Waves Garden'. This garden was created by Pippa and is still in Ness Gardens to be seen in real life. We have a trip to Consall Hall Gardens in Staffordshire on Tuesday 8 July. £29.50 per person to include garden entry, lunch, coach and driver's gratuity.

### **12.6 Johnston Recreation Ground**

A committee meeting of the Johnston Recreation Ground Advisory Committee took place on 26<sup>th</sup> March in Christ Church. For the first time there were no questions asked during the "open forum". The Playground Appeal was discussed and the committee was advised that fundraising is going well. At the date of the meeting funds were still waiting to be transferred to the appeal from the JRGAC bank account and a further sum from funds held by the Council on behalf of JRGAC. At present we are trying to persuade an allotmentee to become a member of the committee. We have received the byelaws for the recreation ground from the Council. These are to be précised to be displayed in a notice board. We are trying to contact the Dog Warden to request a dog fouling awareness day. It was suggested that he visits on a day the school children are on the Meadow. We have been advised that recently there have been successful prosecutions of dog owners who allow their dog to foul public areas. The PTA has said they are willing to fund a sign regarding dog fouling on the recreation ground.

The local pubs are now allowing the junior football teams to use their car parks before noon to help resolve the parking problems. Managers of junior teams have been asked to remove any rubbish left by players and their families. The junior team management is working with the senior team groundsman to decide if the pitches are suitable to play on in bad weather.

### **12.7 Memorial Hall**

No report received

### **12.8 Scouting Organisations** (Submitted by Dave Kendall)

In March, we filled a coach with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and adults for a Group trip to the RAF Cosford Museum at Shifnal, nr Wolverhampton. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We had 5 teams of 2 Scouts enter the Annual Cheshire Hike just before Easter and brought home both the Junior and the Intermediate District Trophies. All Scouts completed the hike which over the 2 days, required them to walk between 30km (18 Miles) and 44km (27 Miles) depending on their age category whilst carrying an 11kg rucksack containing their tent, cooking equipment and food. A great achievement for them all especially when you consider that the mileage completed by 11 year old Scouts is greater than that covered by a 14 yr old on a DofE Bronze expedition!

We have recently welcomed Kirsty Stanger and Sharron Sinton as Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders. We still do need more Leaders, however, and would welcome any enquiries to help us – whatever time you have would be appreciated. Scouting is flourishing in Willaston and all sections in the Group are increasing in size.

Due to the current numbers (most Scouts since at least 2001) and to reserve places for Cubs Moving up, our Scout Troop is presently closed to external joins – with more Leaders we could open the intake again.

The Group is still looking for a Treasurer – we desperately need someone to take over this very important role asap.

Explorer Scout Sam Gregory has secured a place on an additional unit attending the World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015. We have now 2 attendees from our Explorer Unit - Sam will join Alicia as part of the UK contingent of around 3000 who will live among 30,000 or so people from over 200 countries that will attend the Jamboree. Alicia and Sam will spend almost 3 weeks away at the Jamboree with a pre-event for the UK Contingent and culminating in a few days home hospitality staying with Scout families in the area. They are now fundraising and training with their units to prepare for this trip of a lifetime.

### **12.9 Sporting Organisations**

No report received

**12.10 Willastonhey W.I.** (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

The March meeting saw members learning about Australia, and in April Father Burgess is telling us about "The Seven Deadly Sins". May is the anniversary of the founding of Willastonhey in 1980, so suitable celebrations will be held, along with discussion of a resolution for the national annual meeting about organ donation.

A very enjoyable outing took us behind the scenes at the Empire Theatre, and some members stayed on for the matinee performance. This was complementary to a recent trip to Media City at Salford Quays, where we saw several studios, and tried our hands at reading the news and weather forecast. Plans are in hand for another meeting of the dining club at the Nag's Head, and a barbecue is being arranged during the summer.

**12.11 Willaston Methodist Church** (Submitted by Sheila Smith)

Our Chapel is about to celebrate 125 years in the present building but has been in the village for 174 years! On Saturday 10th May we will be having a Coffee Morning at the Chapel. The following day, Sunday 11th May, please join us to celebrate at our anniversary services, 10-45a.m. The 6-30p.m., service will be preceded by a Faith Tea for all. We are delighted that Rev. Graham Cocking has accepted our invitation to come back to lead each of the services, some might remember he was a popular preacher here some time ago. See our web site for further details.

On Sunday 25th May the Chapel will be serving tea, coffee and cakes in Joan and Keith Butchers' gardens during the annual "Open Gardens" period. We all hope for lovely weather.

June 8th is the Ecumenical Pentecost service on the Village Green, 10-45a.m. hosted by Christ Church this year. Come and join us!

**12.12 Willaston PTA** (Submitted by Faye Clowes)

After a 2 week break for Easter, school and the PTA were back up and running on 22nd April. There are 2 events currently being organised:

- a comedy night on Friday 9th May, which is an adult only event to be held in the school hall;
- our summer fair on Saturday 14th June, which is open to all.

The Fair is by far the biggest event of our year, and the one where we raise the majority of our very much needed funds. We will soon start to approach local businesses to request support in the form of sponsorship, raffle prizes and advertising in the Fair Brochure. If you would like any further information about any of this, please contact us.

With regards to spending our funds - this years wish list consists of iPads, musical instruments, and an outdoor table tennis table. Additionally, the school is in desperate need of a new playground surface - you will appreciate that this is extremely expensive and will take some considerable time to raise enough money to fund. However, it is becoming more and more necessary and so every effort is being made to assist the school to fund it.

**12.13 Willaston Royal British Legion**

No report received.

**12.14 Willaston Royal British Legion Services Club**

No report received.

**12.15 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group** (Submitted by Rob King)

We have not yet had the opportunity to meet the new providers of primary medical services (that being the technical terminology for the provision of services at a GP Surgery) as the final technical details of the contract are being worked through. As you might imagine, this is a complex process and there are inevitably last minute questions about the detail. All parties involved are keen to sign the contract as soon as possible and start the mobilisation plan (ie. the familiarisation period leading up to the point when the contract actually commences), which will involve meeting with the staff and patients registered at the Practice. We anticipate the new providers taking over the running of the Practice from 1st July 2014 as scheduled and expect that this can be officially confirmed in a short while.

In the meantime we are able to comment on some developments which may be of interest:

- Some of you may have noticed a Blood Pressure Monitoring device in the downstairs waiting room at the Surgery. By all accounts this a very accurate piece of equipment which will print off your blood pressure reading along with your pulse rate, the date and time. If you don't have your blood pressure checked regularly by a doctor or Nurse why not give it a try and hand the print out to the clinician you are waiting to see or the receptionist.
- It is intended that a self check-in device will be made available in Reception for Patients to register their own arrival for an appointment. Further information will be made available when known.
- Patients are reminded that, subject to having registered for the service, there is the facility to book appointments online and / or order repeat prescriptions. Just ask your Receptionist for further information if you are not registered for these services

### **12.16 Willaston Village Festival Society** (Submitted by Sarah Shannon)

The Festival Society is holding a treasure hunt down the Wirral Way from Hadlow Road Station to Parkgate and back on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. You can walk or cycle and a shorter option is also available. This will be followed by a barbecue at Willaston Grange. Tickets are only £3.50 a person and available by ringing me on 327 5318.

Plans for the next Festival in 2015 are well under way – keep an eye on our website for details. We are still keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping with the arrangements, either as a committee member or just by taking on a role outside the committee.

### 13. Any Other Business

#### **13.1 Vicar for Willaston**

Jean announced that the Diocese has agreed to proceed with an appointment for a full-time 'Priest in Charge'. The appointment has been agreed in the expectation that the parish will continue to meet it's Parish Share.

#### **13.2 Chapel Youth Group**

Sheila said that this will be the last term that the Youth Clubs will meet at the chapel as numbers have been dwindling and the leaders wish to retire. It was agreed to write to Jim, David and Chris to thank them for the more than 30 years they have put into the club. **Action: Chris**

#### **13.3 Burton Residents**

Jane reported that she had been contacted by Burton Residents wanting to talk to us about the possibility of developing a Parish Council. It was agreed that we would not do anything on this issue until the consultation by the Council for the Willaston area.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:50pm.

#### **Addition, following the meeting:**

The Society notes with sadness the passing away of Max Kirby who was a former active member of WR&CS and other local organisations.

#### Dates for Committee Meetings:

7<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2014  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

All in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

Date of the Annual General Meeting: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm