



# WILLASTON

Residents' and Countryside Society

## Summary of 2019 AGM

Our AGM was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Approximately 55 people attended and heard about the work that we had done for the village community over the year which included:

- Responding to 40 planning applications, including detailed objections to the proposals by McCarthy and Stone on the former Royal British Legion site, objections to building six small houses on the site of the livery stable at Hanns Hall and commenting on an application to extend the Station Master's House at Hadlow Road Station, relating to its Grade II listed status.
- Engagement with the Post Office around the re-installation of a Willaston service. A potential supplier has been identified and is going through the Post Office process of approval, which could take up to six months.
- Purchasing and installing the Christmas Lights. The Society is responsible for their ongoing maintenance, safety and electricity costs.
- Co-ordinating activities to celebrate the end of WW1 and putting up bunting and stalls when the OVO Tour of Britain cycling race came through the village.
- Consulting with local residents and children on further improvements to the play area and working with CWaC to develop the proposals.
- Working with Hooton Residents' Association to produce a joint welcome pack for new residents buying houses on the Stewart Milne site next to Hooton Station.
- Maintaining regular engagement with local residents through various media including the website, Facebook, notice boards and the 'Willaston Matters' newsletter.

Ceri Jones was re-appointed as Social Media Officer and Fiona Ennys as a Residents' Representative. Jane Townsend stepped down as Footpaths and Bridleways Officer but was appointed as a Residents' Representative. There is currently a vacancy for a Footpaths and Bridleways Officer.

Nigel Pratten gave a brief statement about the Willaston War Memorial Fund which raised funds following the theft of the bronze plaques and damage to the memorial. The fund currently has £5,657 which is to be used solely for the future repair and upkeep on the War Memorial.

Issues raised by residents included:

- Traffic speeding, particularly in Hadlow Road and the proposals for 20mph limit on various village roads by the Council;
- The quality of the road surface in the village and particularly in The Knowe and Hooton Road.

### Want more information?

Our website can be found at: <http://willastoninwirralresidents.org> and Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/willastonresidents](http://www.facebook.com/willastonresidents)

If you would like an email alert when minutes of meetings are posted on our website, please contact us via the website.

Any village concerns then let us know

Email Willaston Residents' & Countryside Society through the 'Contact Us' page on the Society's website. Alternatively write to the Society c/o the Chair, 11 The Courtyard, Willaston. CH64 2UT.

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. You are also welcome to attend throughout the meeting as an observer – again, please let us know if you will be attending.