



# WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Willingham held on 20 May 2015 at 7 30 pm in The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church

**Present** Councillors King (Chair), Croucher, Slater, Watson, Cook, Law, Manning

District Councillors: Ray Manning

County Councillors: Peter Hudson (*arrived 7.39pm*)

Police - None

Parishioners: Ten

1. Reading of notice convening the meeting	Action
<p>The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and read out the notice.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mellows, Vincent-Pilsworth and Harris all with prior commitments. Apologies were also received from the Cricket Club and Scout Group</p>	
<p><b>3. To deal with matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014</b> Item 6 – Cemetery – The paths have still not been straightened. The Chairman confirmed that the new cemetery maintenance contractor had been asked for a quote to carry out the work. This would be put on the next Parish Council meeting agenda to be discussed.</p>	<p>June PC Meeting</p>
<p><b>4. To receive reports from the following local organisations/bodies</b>  <u>Cambridgeshire County Council – report was tabled</u> Councillor Hudson arrived during this item so prior to his arrival Councillor Manning confirmed that issues with the B1050 were still ongoing. There were some concerns about the future of the library due to the ongoing cuts and fly grazing was continuing to be an issue and which whilst expensive to deal with was very frustrating.</p>	
<p><i>Councillor Hudson joined the meeting</i>  Councillor Hudson reported that the proposed amended bus route (110 to Ely) had recently been terminated by the contractor. The route is now being retendered to include the Willingham options and he would update the Council when further information was received.</p>	<p>ClIr Hudson</p>
<p>B1050 – Councillor Hudson had met with the police and highways inspector who had stated they were not happy to extend the 30mph to the extent requested by the council but would consider putting it closer to the existing 30mph limit. This proposal would be put on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held in June</p>	<p>June PC Meeting</p>
<p>A question was raised regarding the weight limit of lorries traveling through Willingham on the B1050 when it had been classed a secondary route. Councillor Hudson agreed to look into this further.</p>	<p>ClIr Hudson</p>
<p>Councillor Hudson had been advised that Willingham had turned down the opportunity for traffic calming in the past. Those present who were on the Council at the time assured Councillor Hudson that the Council had requested an alternative to the proposed scheme and had been turned down by Highways. Councillor Hudson agreed to look at this as well.</p>	<p>ClIr Hudson</p>
<p><u>South Cambridgeshire District Council – report was tabled</u> Councillor Manning summarised his report and confirmed that the District Council continue to work in partnership with neighbouring councils for shared services in order to save costs.</p>	
<p><b>5. To receive presentation of accounts and/or annual reports from the following village bodies</b>  <u>Willingham Parish Council – report and accounts tabled</u> Councillor King summarised the report and pointed out the key areas of achievement over the last year.</p>	

<p>Mr Garner queried the new grass cutting contract for the cemetery as he felt it was getting too long in-between cuts. This had been brought to the Council's attention and was on the June agenda for discussion. A parishioner present felt that the cemetery looks much better than in past years and passed on his thanks to the lead councillor and the contractor for doing an good job.</p>	<p><b>June PC Meeting Action</b></p>
<p>Mr Jeeps felt that the war memorial needed tidying up and the wreaths removed. The Clerk would ask for this to be done.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p>Mr Purnell from WAG explained that the plans were going ahead for the Feast Weekend although concern had been raised regarding a location for the Photographic Club who normally hold an exhibition in the Public Hall. This is no longer available for one off casual bookings. The Council had already received correspondence regarding this and it was on the June agenda for discussion.</p>	<p><b>June PC Meeting</b></p>
<p><u>Willingham Combined Charity – report and accounts tabled</u> Mrs Daniels summarised the report. A concern was raised regarding cars driving into the allotments. Mrs Daniels agreed to look into this</p>	<p><b>Mrs Daniels</b></p>
<p><u>Willingham British School Trust – report and accounts tabled</u> Ray Croucher summarised the report and confirmed that the trust had had another successful year continuing to support the educational aspirations of the residents of the village. Ray Manning summarised the role of the Trust</p>	
<p><u>Willingham Youth Trust – report and accounts tabled</u> No representative was present but Councillor Cook confirmed that the Chairman, Reverend Liversidge would be stepping down from the role. The Club appears well attended and seems to be going well.</p>	
<p><u>Public Hall Users Committee – report and accounts tabled</u> Mrs Daniels summarised the report and thanked the Parish Council for renewing the lease to the users. She confirmed she had raised the issue of the venue being used by the photographic club at the time the lease was put together and was assured alternative accommodation would be available.</p>	
<p><u>Willingham Scouts/guides – report and accounts tabled</u> No representative was present and no questions were raised.</p>	
<p><u>Willingham News – report and accounts tabled</u> Phil King in his capacity as Treasurer summarised the report and confirmed that the magazine would be undergoing a change with regards to the legal structure of the magazine but this would not affect its running.  No questions raised.</p>	
<p><u>Willingham Action Group – report and accounts tabled</u> Mr Purnell summarised the report and acknowledged all the projects that had been undertaken in the last year. He stressed the need for further volunteers to come forward to enable the excellent work done thus far to continue. The chairman thanked WAG for all their input over the last 12 months.  No questions raised.</p>	
<p><u>Willingham Bowls Club – report and accounts tabled</u>  No representative present and no questions asked.</p>	
<p><u>Willingham Wolves – report tabled</u> No representative present and despite reminders being sent no accounts were received by the time of the meeting. The clerk would chase the Wolves so that the accounts could be added to the website with the other reports from village groups.</p>	
<p>Mr Jeeps expressed concerns about the adult teams disbanding</p>	
<p><u>Willingham Cricket Club – report and accounts tabled</u> No representative present and no questions raised.</p>	

Willingham Library – report and accounts tabled

Linda King summarised the report and confirmed that the library is likely to see cuts next year but at the moment there are no definite plans as to how this might affect Willingham.

Mr Tidball offered his thanks to the library and everyone involved in putting on the WWI exhibition.

Over Day Centre – report and accounts tabled

Peter Hynes from the Day Centre thanked the Parish Council and the residents of Willingham for their support of the Day Centre and for all those who contributed to the fundraising for the new minibus. He anticipated that the Centre would become more reliant on donations in the future as cut backs result in less funding. The Chairman thanked Mr Hynes and confirmed that the Centre is both highly valued and well attended by the village residents.

**6. Any other business**

Parking around the school

Concerns were raised about parking around the Berrycroft and Newington junction during school drop off and pick up times. Councillor Hudson confirmed he had met with the school to discuss the issues and the Chairman agreed that the Council would write to Highways and the police to highlight the concerns.

Lights on the Village Green

It has been noticed that the lights only worked intermittently over the Christmas period. This would be look into for next year.

OWLS

Mr Hynes reported that OWLS had now completed over three thousand journeys and had 17 volunteer drivers as part of the scheme. He passed on his thanks to the residents of Willingham for all their support.

Cemetery Plaques

Mr Jeeps was concerned that the commemorative Jubilee plaques still weren't in place on the cemetery wall. Councillor Cook confirmed this was in hand. Mr Jeeps requested that the Council consider installing coronation plaques as well. This would be put in the Parish Council June agenda.

British School Trust

Ms Buckley asked for confirmation that Councillor Manning was a founding Trustee of the British School Trust, this was confirmed.

Traffic Calming – Rampton

Mrs Daniels raised concerns about the traffic calming that had been put in place in Rampton. She felt that it was an accident waiting to happen as it is on the bend and you can't see what's coming. The Clerk was asked to write to the Rampton Parish Council to raise the concern.

*Meeting closed at: 20:31*

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*Clr Cook*

*June PC Meeting*

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