



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Willingham held on 16 May 2012 at 7 30 pm in The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church

Present Councillors



A Cook (Chairman), P King, J Watson, C Jones, Ms W Hardman, R Foster, B Kirkman, G Pake, I Barratt, D Clarke, R Manning, H Awal, R Purnell.

District Councillors – R Manning and Mrs P Corney.

County Councillors – Mrs S Johnstone (*arrived at 8.45pm and left at 9.10pm*).

Attending 17 parishioners.

Mrs D Bayliss and Mr S Wilkinson on behalf of CAPALC - Quality Council and Sargent Paul Rogerson (*left at 7.55pm*), Mr A Campbell from StageCoach.

| 1. Notice convening the meeting | Action |
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| Councillor Cook read the notice and welcomed parishioners to the meeting. | |
| 2. Apologies for absence | |
| Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jacques , County Councillor Johnstone for late arrival, Willingham Bowls Club, Willingham Hockey Club. | |
| <i>Item 8 (i) was brought forward and taken at this point of the meeting.</i> | |
| 3. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2011 | |
| The Chairman reported that every outstanding matter would be addressed during the course of the meeting. | |
| 4. Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council – circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled at the meeting. | |
| The Chairman read out the annual report to the meeting and invited members of the Public to regularly attend Full Parish Council Meetings to have their say on any community matters. | |
| 5. To receive presentation of Quality Council re-accreditation | |
| Mrs Diane Bayliss and Mr Stephen Wilkinson representing CAPALC made a speech with regard to what was needed to achieve re-accreditation and the quality of work submitted from the Clerk on behalf of Willingham Parish Council. The Clerk thanked them and received on behalf of the Parish Council a certificate for achieving re-accreditation of Quality Council. | |
| 6. Presentation of WPC annual accounts – accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled at the meeting. | |
| The RFO (Responsible Finance Officer), explained the accounts to the public and invited questions. There were no questions. | |
| The Annual Accounts were made available on the WPC website. | |
| 7. Presentations from all Lead Councillors of WPC | |
| Powerpoint presentations were made by Councillors:- | |
| <u>R Purnell</u> – powerpoint presentation - briefly explained Strategic aims of the Parish Council, | |
| <u>B Kirkman</u> - gave a verbal update on work on the Green that had been completed so far and informed them about the Map of points of interest soon to be placed on the green that had been funded by the District Councils Community Chest fund. | |
| <u>R Foster</u> – powerpoint presentation – Reiterated what had been done over the past year with regards to both the Public Hall and the Ploughman Hall. Stated that both Halls were in regular use, every evening of the weekday and some weekends. Reported that in the short-term the Public Hall remained in reasonable condition, but more thought would be given to more extensive expenditure needed in the long term on such an old building. The |   |

Ploughman Hall would be re-painted externally this year, a youth conversion was to take place within the existing framework of the building and a new-car-park surface re-laid and extended with enhanced planting around it. Questions were raised from the public on the type of surface that had been recommended and Councillor Foster stated that the Environment Agency were involved and the Parish Council would work alongside their recommendations.

G Pake – gave a verbal update on the Cemetery maintenance, trees that had been removed, general tidiness and the main gates were being looked at with regards to ease of opening.

Ms W Hardman – gave a presentation on the Pavilion Kitchen refurbishment, improved grounds maintenance to both the Recreation Ground and the Jubilee Field. The Parish Council were considering providing improved play/recreation equipment for all ages. Councillor Hardman stated that all idea's were welcome. Funding had begun and more funding was being looked at, to hopefully enable all the ideas to come to fruition in the next few years.

8. Reports from the following other local bodies

This item was taken after Item 2

- (i) **Cambridgeshire Constabulary** – circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled at the meeting.

Sargent Paul Rogerson introduced himself, he reported on the re-structuring of the Police force and that officers would now stay in their placed areas, for example, South Cambridgeshire, rather than being sent to other regional areas to deal with issues. This would be more consistent and better for all areas. They now had in place, twitter, facebook and e-cops as a way of communicating with the general public and all age groups and reiterated how important it was that members of the public kept reporting any suspicious circumstances as a majority of crimes are investigated and prevented or led to arrest in this way. He reported that a neighbourhood watch scheme was in the process of being set up in Willingham and that Mr Mike Tidball, chairman of WAG, had come forward as the co-ordinator of volunteers. More volunteers were needed. In response to a question from the public on reponse times, he stated that the aim was within 20 minutes, although in reality they were responding much quicker, within five-ten minutes. (*Chart to be published on the WPC website*). There had been an increase in stop searches, decrease in house burglaries, but increase in business ones, mainly due to metal theft. There had been thirty-eight incidents of criminal damage in Willingham in the last year.

- (ii) **Cambridgeshire County Councillor** – circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled at the meeting.

Due to a recently attended meeting on the B1050, it was felt that different departments were now working together at resolving the issues. No plan was yet in place, but a bypass is the long-term objective and one that Councillor Johnstone would keep pushing for. She would keep the Parish Council informed of any progress. A parishioner asked a question with regard to reduced bus services, Councillor Johnstone asked Mr Campbell of Stagecoach if he would like to reply as he was at the meeting. Mr Campbell admitted that although the bus serviced had altered, it had not halved. He stated that to keep any bus service viable, people needed to use it!

- (iii) **South Cambridgeshire District Councillors** – circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled.

Councillor Manning announced that the Community Chest grants had been a tremendous success.

He also announced that he had attended the same meeting as Councillor Johnstone on the B1050, that it was a productive meeting and that perhaps it may be considered in the future to use some of the community structure levy to go towards part of the cost of dealing with a long term solution to the issues of the B1050.

- (iv) **Willingham Sports Pavilion Management Committee (reports on all user groups)** – circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled.

Councillor Clarke explained who made up the Management Committee; gave thanks to the Parish Council on their behalf for funding the facility and all support shown.

- (v) **Willingham Library** – no report received.

Mrs A Kirkman spoke on behalf of FOWL – friends of Willingham Library and stated that they were grateful for all the support received over the years from both the Parish Council and the Community as a whole. She hoped that it would stay open for many more years to come to serve the community and its needs.

9. To receive presentation of accounts and annual reports from the following village bodies

- (i) **Willingham Combined Charity** – Report and accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled.

Norman Ingle invited questions. None were raised.

- (ii) **Willingham British School Trust** – Report and accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled.

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Councillor Foster, as representative of WBST gave a brief overview on the activities in the last year. Approximately twenty grants had been made in the last financial year.

Councillor Kirkman explained that WBST had been set up from the sale of the old school and house on the grounds the monies received had been £12,000 and £9,000 respectively. WBST had managed the funds very well and for the use they were intended.

(iii) Willingham Sports Council – no report

A letter had been received by the Parish Council that stated that Willingham Sports Council had ceased to operate and the balance of their accounts had been given to the Parish Council (approximately £2,700), for use on Leisure and Amenities.

(iv) Public Hall Users Committee (report on all user groups) - no report or accounts.

The Chairman of PHUC introduced herself, Mrs Pat Daniels. Mr J Edney had been the previous Chairman for many years, but had stepped down in recent times. Mrs Daniels reiterated that the Public Hall was a well used amenity.

(v) Willingham News – Report and accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Ten copies tabled.

Councillor Kirkman represented the Willingham News. He stated that they had won the Gold Award for high frequency magazines in the past year and improvements had been made on good use of colour and type face. The Willingham News were grateful to the Parish Council for its annual grant and to local advertisers as a source of funding and contributions made.

(vi) Willingham Action Group – Report circulated prior to the meeting, accounts circulated to Councillors only upon request. A copy is available on the Parish Council website.

Mr Tidball gave background information on how WAG had been set up and the traditional events they had organised and laid on since inception. Their website was a good representation of the group. Mr Graham Mumby, a member of WAG had also started a well attended environment group. Thanks was given to the Community Chest grant from the District Council for furniture on the Jubilee field. Work was on-going on sourcing funding for a future community orchard which would be sited on the old recreation ground on Earith Road, WAG were working closely with the Parish Council on this as well as other voluntary groups in the village.

Councillor King congratulated WAG on their hard work and continued success.

(vii) Over Day Centre – Accounts received. A copy is kept in the Parish office.

Councillor Corney spoke on behalf of Over Day Centre and thanked the Parish Council and the community as a whole for all donations received to help run this much used facility.

(viii) Owls

Mr Peter Hinds commented on the background of OWLS (Over, Willingham Longstanton and Swavesey community car scheme), and their voluntary service to the community. He thanked the Parish Council for their initial contribution to costs and stated that it was going well, although there were currently no volunteer drivers from Willingham and invited the community to become involved.

(ix) Willingham Youth Trust – a powerpoint presentation.

The Rev. Trevor Rowe, Trustee of WYT gave a presentation of the background of WYT, what was currently happening and that the numbers had increased. He explained the facilities currently on offer and the need for a permanent youth facility which would be catered for by the proposed conversion of part of the Ploughman Hall. He expressed his disappointment in the village involvement in a recent meeting of the Youth Trust when 116 people had been invited to attend and only 6 did actually attend! The Parish Council had some funding available for the project from section 106 money, however, more funding was greatly needed. A website for WYT is currently been created. He invited the public to become involved and expressed the need for more Trustees.

10. To receive and answer any questions on community matters


Questions raised by the public attending:-

Ssharp bend in Berry Croft-Long Lane be investigated for speeding cars as it was highly dangerous. Clerk to report to the PCSO.

Mr Jeeps stated his deep disappointment that nothing was being organised for the Queens Jubilee, would the Parish Council at least consider distribution of Jubilee mugs to all children of school age. The Parish Council to discuss at the June meeting.

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Mr Jeeps also asked if the Parish Council would consider donating a plaque on the Church wall, near to where others marked similar occasions. The Chairman replied that one would be donated at nil cost to the Council. Mr Jeeps also asked if a George V plaque could also be made as it was the only one missing from all sovereign celebration/occasions. The Chairman stated that it would be considered in the near future.

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It was stated at the meeting by Mr Campbell in response to a question on bus services to Cottenham from Willingham, that it was not viable to provide such a service.


The Rev Trevor Rowe asked about the future of a MUGA for the youth of the Village, Councillor Hardman explained that it was on the wish list for the future, however, at last enquiry, the cost was approximately £250,000.

There were no further questions. The Chairman thanked all the organisations for attending and making presentations and presenting their accounts. He explained that it gave an overall picture of where funds had been spent.

11. Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.

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