



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Willingham held on
15 May 2013 at 7 30 pm in The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church

Present Councillors

A Cook (Chairman), P King, R Croucher, N Harris, D Jacques, S Lambotte,
D Law, R Manning and J Watson

District and County Councillor – R Manning

District Councillors - Mrs P Corney.

Police - PSCO K Macinnes and Sgt P Rogerson

Attending - 14 parishioners.

1. Notice convening the meeting

Councillor Cook read the notice and welcomed parishioners to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kirkman and Pake

3. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2012

The Chairman reported that every outstanding matter would be addressed during the course of the meeting.

4. To receive reports from the following local organisations/bodies

(i) Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Sargent Rogerson gave a verbal report as follows:-

Resources had been tailored to match the demands of the Community.

More staffing in place than previously, 50 Constables between the area's which enabled them to work more closely.
He gave a snapshot of performance data.

157 crimes reported this year, last year it had been 185, = 11.7% reduction.

16 house burglaries, higher than last year, majority of crimes in Willingham are criminal damage.

Councillor King commented that Willingham was a relatively peaceful place to live and gave thanks to Sargent Rogerson and the PCSO for keeping it that way. The feedback that Police gave was highly appreciated.

Quarterly Panel meetings – southcamb.sop.org – for information and correspondence.

(ii) Cambridgeshire County Council

No report received, Mrs Shona Johnstone had stood down at the local elections after serving the community for twenty years. County Councillor Manning was elected to represent the community.

Councillor Manning reported that at the recent local elections, there had been no overall majority. The first annual meeting was to take place on Tuesday 21st May 2013.

A local parishioner asked if the CCC would consider a ban on HCV's on the B1050. Councillor Manning responded by saying that the only long-term solution would be a by-pass for Willingham, but the CCC had not been very responsive to idea's/suggestions on past requests for a ban.

(iii) South Cambridgeshire District Council

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting.

5. To receive presentation of accounts and/or annual reports from the following village bodies

a) Willingham Parish Council -

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council – circulated prior to the meeting. Copies tabled at the meeting.

The Chairman invited members of the Public to regularly attend Full Parish Council Meetings to have their say on any community matters.

Presentation of WPC annual accounts – accounts circulated prior to the meeting. Copies tabled at the meeting.

The RFO (Responsible Finance Officer), invited questions. There were no questions.

The Annual Accounts were made available on the WPC website.

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needed. He stressed that it would be a great loss to the community should they be forced to close, they had been established in Willingham since 1939.

- i) **Willingham Wolves** – Report circulated electronically to all Councillors because receipt had been day of meeting. Chairman read out the report to members of the public.

No Accounts had been received to be presented.

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave thanks to Simon Nunn for his past work as Chairman of the Pavilion Management Committee, from which he had stood down earlier in the year.

- j) **Willingham Cricket Club** – Brief report read out by Chairman.

No accounts had been received to be presented.

- k) **Willingham Hockey Club** – brief letter from Hockey Club read out by Chairman.

The Chairman explained that the Hockey club was made up of a group of friends who met up regularly on a Saturday morning to play for fun. They do not play against other teams and were not affiliated to any association or league.

Therefore their spokesperson, Elizabeth Bowen had emailed the office to express that she felt a report was not appropriate for them.

- l) **Willingham Scout Group** – No report or accounts received.

There was no representative of the Scout Groups. Information had been given on numbers attending the Public Hall from the Public Hall User Group.

- m) **Willingham Library** – Verbal report given by Mrs Linda King on behalf of Fowl.

Thanks were expressed to Willingham PC for their donation of £500 towards the Summer Reading challenge. This year the theme had been animals.

- n) **Over Day Centre** – Report and Accounts are available to view at the Parish Council Office. No Comments.

6. Any other business

The Chairman invited questions from the floor that were relevant to Willingham.

Mr Jeeps asked when the Cemetery Gates were to be repositioned. The Chairman reported that the Council were waiting for the repair contractor to return them, a concrete plinth was also needed before they could be re-placed.

Mr Jeeps asked if the paths in the Cemetery could be straightened, the Chairman explained that the Council had new contractors for the Cemetery maintenance, but the office would ask how much this would cost to do. The Chairman also reported that the new Contractors had been asked to empty the smaller bins into the larger Eurobin when they attended the Cemetery.

Mr Jeeps also asked about the trimming of the Tree's in the Cemetery, the Chairman explained that this could not be done until the nesting season was over.

Mr Jeeps asked about a plaque for King George VI – 1935, the Chairman stated that he had one piece of stone left, it would be debated whether this could be used for that purpose.

Mr Jeeps complained of the general public leaving open the Cemetery gates and asked if signs could be placed on the gates. The Chairman replied that this would not deter those that left open the gates unfortunately.

Mr Howard Berry asked why there were not more women on the Council. The Chairman stated that when vacancies arose, these were published to the whole community. The aim of the Parish Council was to have a fair representation of the Village, however, only one women Councillor had recently come on to the Council and had sadly left after a short time. There remained one vacancy at present and the Council welcomed any applications, mixed ages and both genders, provided they met the criteria set by government.

Mr Berry asked why the Ploughman Hall Car-park was shut, the Chairman explained that this was in-fact not a public car-park, but was used by current users of the Hall. The Council were in the process however, of installing a metal barrier to allow public use but prevent unwanted use that could damage the car-park.

A parishioner asked all those present to be vigilant and report to County Highways on excessive HCV use of the B1050. Highways had stated to the parishioner that they could remind the HCV's to use other major routes instead.

The Chairman thanked all those who attended the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.36pm

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