



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Willingham held on
18 June 2014 at 7 30 pm in The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church

Present Councillors

A Cook (Chairman), R Croucher, D Jacques, A Slater,
D Law, R Manning, J Watson, S Mellows,

District Councillors: R Manning
County Councillors: Peter Hudson
Police - None
Parishioners: Eight.

1. Notice convening the meeting

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

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors King and Jacques due to holiday and Councillors Harris, Smith, Vincent-Pilsworth and District Councillors Corney and Burling due to prior commitments

Apologies were also received from the Cricket Club, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Willingham Bowls Club, Willingham Wolves and Willingham Library

3. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2013

None

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

(i) Cambridgeshire Constabulary

This report was circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting.
No questions were raised

(i) Cambridgeshire County Council

Report was circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. No questions were raised.

(ii) South Cambridgeshire District Council

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. No questions were raised.

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

(i) Willingham Parish Council

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. The report was summarised by the Chairman. Concerns were raised by a member of the public regarding the B1050 and the traffic restrictions once the Northstowe development starts. The Chairman confirmed that delivery lorries were not to travel along the B1050 and were to follow the alternative route as directed in the planning approval. He also confirmed that the Parish Council would reaffirm this at their next meeting with Hanson Quarry due in September.

(ii) Willingham Combined Charity

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. Pat Daniels (Chair of Willingham Combined Charity) advised the meeting that there were still allotments available off of West Meadow Close should anyone be interested in taking one on. No questions were raised.

(iii) Willingham British School Trust

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. No questions were raised.

(iv) Willingham Youth Trust

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. The Parish Council Chairman summarised the progress to-date with the youth conversion and David Jones (Treasurer for WYT) thanked the Parish Council and all those who had donated to the scheme for all their support. It is hoped to have an opening in the Autumn. No questions were raised

(v) Public Hall Users Committee

Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. The Parish Council Chairman confirmed that the public hall is leased by the public hall user committee and currently the only user is the scouts who utilise the hall well during the weekday evenings. No questions were raised.

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<p>(vi) Willingham News Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. The Parish Council Chairman thanked everyone involved with the newsletter for all their efforts over the last twelve months. No questions were raised.</p> <p>(vii) Willingham Action Group Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. The WAG Chairman(Reg Purnell) presented the QEII play equipment plans to the meeting and summarised the progress with regards to fund raising and planning approval. Mr Purnell then thanked all the supporters who have helped with the tree planting and youth work.</p> <p>(viii) Willingham Bowls Club Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. The Parish Council Chairman was pleased to see the positive progress of the club over the last 12 months and felt things were looking good for the future. No questions were raised.</p> <p>(ix) Willingham Wolves Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. No questions were raised.</p> <p>(x) Willingham Cricket Club Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. No questions were raised.</p> <p>(xi) Willingham Library Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. No questions were raised. The Parish Council Chairman confirmed that the Council were supporting the summer challenge again this year.</p> <p>(xii) Over Day Centre Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. Shona Johnstone (Chair of Over Day Centre) thanked the Parish Council for their support of the Centre and confirmed that the recent fund raising initiative for a new mini bus had raised approximately £25,000. The Centre continues to be well utilised and is very popular with Willingham residents. No questions were raised.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>(xiii) Police Shrievalty Trust <i>This item was taken before 5(i)</i> Report circulated prior to the meeting and tabled for the public at the meeting. Shirley Simpson (Trust Manager) explained to the meeting what the Trust does in the area and how the Bobby scheme works to support local residents. Ms Simpson thanked the Council for their support and confirmed that they Trust would be happy to come and give a talk to any local groups that feel they may benefit. The Chairman agreed to put their contact details in the Willingham News.</p>	<p>AC</p>
<p>6. Any other business The Chairman invited questions from the floor that were relevant to Willingham.</p>	
<p><u>Cemetery</u> It was reported that the cemetery gates, although repaired were still not aligned properly and appear slightly bent. Councillor Mellows (The Lead Councillor for Cemeteries) agreed to look into it.</p>	<p>SM</p>
<p>Mr Jeeps asked if the cemetery go undergo a general tidy up as the trees needed trimming, paths straightening and the ivy clearing away. Councillor Mellows agreed to look into the issues</p>	<p>SM</p>
<p><u>Street Lighting</u> Mr Jeeps expressed concern that many of the street lights are still obscured by the tree canopies. The Chairman confirmed that the council had been continually liaising with Balfour Beatty to try and get the outstanding issues dealt with. The council would contact Balfour Beatty again to reiterate the concern.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><u>Bus Services</u> Mr Jeeps was very concerned about the lack of bus services particularly between Willingham, Cotte nham and Histon. The chairman confirmed that the Council had recently attended meetings with CCC to put forward Willingham's case for some subsidised services between local villages. Unfortunately funds are limited and not everywhere can receive additional support. It seemed unlikely that Willingham would receive additional services.</p>	
<p><i>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 20:28</i></p>	

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