



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Willingham held on
17th May 2017 at 7 30 pm in The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church

Present

Councillors: Croucher (Chair), Law, Manning, Harris, Mellows, County Councillor Wotherspoon

Other Representatives: four

Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mandy Powell

1. Reading of notice convening the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and read out the notice.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: L King, P King, A Cook and R Tassell all with prior commitments.

Apologies were also received from the Cricket Club, Public Hall User Committee, Willingham Wolves, Friends of Willingham Library, Willingham News, Scout Group and the PCSO.

3. To deal with matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2016

None.

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

(i) Cambridgeshire County Council – report was tabled and Councillor Wotherspoon introduced himself as Willingham's new County Councillor. Following questions Councillor Wotherspoon confirmed that:

- Following a recent Supreme Court Judgement, it wasn't certain what impact this may have on the five-year land supply.
- He would be on the Economy and Environment Committee which deals with major infrastructure such as new roads and railways.
- As well as being County Councillor for Willingham he would continue as District Councillor for his ward.

(ii) South Cambridgeshire District Council – report was tabled and Councillor Manning summarised the major points within it. No questions were raised.

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

(i) Cambridgeshire Police – The PCSO was not present and the report was tabled. No questions were raised.

(ii) Willingham Youth Trust - Report tabled. Emma Mason summarised the Trusts activities over the last twelve months and reported that fundraising had gone extremely well with the It's a Knockout competition and two discos. The Trust continued to struggle to appoint a youth worker and if this continued to be the case would look at appointing a Centre Manager. The Chair confirmed that he and the Clerk would be meeting with the Chair of the Trust in the coming weeks.

(iii) Willingham Parish Council – Report tabled. The Chair summarised the report and activities of the Council over the last twelve months including working with WAG on various items, the primary school in their successful minor highways application bid and the reinstatement of the Christmas tree on the Green. The Chair thanked the Council's staff and Councillors for all their continued efforts towards the smooth running of the Parish.

(iv) Willingham Action Group- Report tabled. Graham Mumby reported that preparations for this year's feast were ongoing. The Groups next event was the beer festival to be held at the end of June. WAG were very happy to see the completion of the QEII field play equipment and confirmed that it had been very popular. The community orchard continued to flourish and they were hoping to populate the second beehive in the near future.

(v) Willingham Combined Charity – Report tabled. Councillor Law (as Trustee of the Charity) reported that this year would be the 50th anniversary of the Josiah Smith bungalows and the Charity were planning to hold an event to mark the anniversary. The Charity had purchased a bungalow in Haden Way this year and it was now occupied with a new tenant. Attendees at the meeting commented that the improvements to the area outside the bungalows

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looked lovely and had made a big difference.

(vi) Willingham British School Trust – Report tabled – Councillor Croucher (as secretary to the Trust) summarised the report. No questions were raised.

(vii) Public Hall Users Committee – Report tabled - No representative was present but Councillor Croucher confirmed that the committee meet with the Council regularly to discuss any issues with the building. A concern raised this year had been the dampness in the building caused by the age of the building and its construction. This was being looked into.

(viii) Willingham Scouts/guides – Report tabled – No representative was present but Councillor Croucher confirmed that the Scouts had received a grant of £500 towards the fireworks event and the event had been very successful.

(ix) Willingham News – Report tabled – No representative was present but Councillor Croucher confirmed that the publication continues to be very well received and had won a bronze award at this year's Cambridge Building Society's Annual Awards for community magazines.

(x) Willingham Bowls Club – Report not available at the time of the meeting and no representative was present. Councillor Croucher reported that the Bowls Club had increased in numbers this year and that the condition of the Green had been improved significantly over the last twelve months.

(xi) Willingham Wolves – Report not available at the time of the meeting and no representative was present. Councillor Croucher reported that although the club still does not have an adult team, the youth teams continue to flourish.

(xii) Willingham Cricket Club – Report tabled – No representative present. The club is currently looking for new members and has had to reduced its teams down to one.

(xiii) Library Service – Report tabled - No representative was present at the meeting but Councillor Croucher confirmed that the library had held another successful reading challenge event over the summer which the Council had supported.

(xiv) Over Day Centre – Report tabled. Vicki Utteridge and Sally Hunt (both Trustees at the Centre) reported that SCDC had awarded the Centre as an outstanding community facility. The centre currently caters for twelve clients from Willingham, three of which attend every day the centre is open. Unfortunately, the Centre's funding from CCC had been cut from £52K to £13K per year. This was presenting challenges that the team were all working very hard to overcome. They were looking at extending their offering and were currently piloting a home help service in Willingham. Fundraising had also gone well this year with the recent 'Five Pub Challenge' raising over £5,000. The centre was very grateful for the funding received from the Parish Council and would encourage anyone interested in becoming a Trustee to make contact with them. The meeting thanked the Centre for doing a superb job and were very grateful for the excellent service provided to parishioners.

(xv) Cambridgeshire Lowland Search and Rescue – Report tabled – There was no representative present and no questions were raised.

(xvi) Relate – Report tabled – no representative present at the meeting. No questions were raised.

6. Any other business

None

Meeting closed at: 8:20pm