



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Willingham held on 23rd May 2018 at 7 30 pm in The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church

Present

Councillors: Manning, Mellows P King (Chair), L King, Watson, County Councillor Wotherspoon

Other Representatives: four

Parishioners: five

Clerk: Mandy Powell

1. Reading of notice convening the meeting

The Chair welcomed everybody and read out the notice convening the meeting

Action

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the following:

Councillors: District Councillor Percival, Carlton, Croft, Harris, Law, Croucher, Tassell and Mansfield

Organisations: Scouts, Relate, MAGPAS, Salvation Army, Cricket, Police

3. To deal with matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2017

None

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

(i) Cambridgeshire County Council

Report previously circulated and tabled. Councillor Wotherspoon summarised the report and focused on road issues including potholes and traffic. He was very supportive of recent initiatives to carry out a traffic survey in the village and confirmed that CCC would be implementing a preventative pothole maintenance scheme during the summer which would hopefully see an improvement next winter.

Questions were raised regarding the increased traffic that would also come about as a result of recent planning approvals. Councillor Wotherspoon reported that he was very keen to see a 'fit for purpose' public transport system for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Councillor Wotherspoon also agreed to look into the lack of 'no A14 construction traffic' signage both at Barhill and at Earith Bridge.

Wotherspoon

(ii) South Cambridgeshire District Council

Report previously circulated and tabled. Councillor Percival was not present but Councillor Manning summarised his annual report and confirmed that the SCDC five year land supply figures had now been reached which would hopefully see a reduction in big speculative development applications.

Following questions the Chair also confirmed that the 30mph limit on Station Road was still ongoing and the Council had been looking into the feasibility/costs of mobile speed signs within the village

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

(iii) Cambridgeshire Police

PCSO Baugh was not present but his report had been tabled. No questions were raised but the Chair did re-iterate the Council's concerns regarding the minimal levels of visible policing in the village.

(iv) Willingham Youth Trust

Report previously circulated and tabled – Angela Barden summarised her report and confirmed that the Youth Club was now running on a Wednesday night and had seen about twenty five children attend. It was hoped to be able to expand to other nights and age groups as funds allow. The Trust's plans for the next twelve months included, the It's a Knockout event, a fancy dress Halloween disco and possibly a pop up café during the summer.

(v) Willingham Parish Council

Report previously circulated and tabled. No questions were raised.

(vi) Willingham Action Group

Report previously circulated and tabled. Mike Tidball summarised the year and reported that the Feast and Beer Festival had both been very successful. Thanks were passed to Councillor Manning for offering the very useful and popular tree pruning sessions. Janette Bailey asked the Council if they would consider supporting an initiative encouraging developers to leave gaps in the fencing of new builds so that hedgehogs could pass freely through. The Chair confirmed the proposal would be added to the July Council agenda.

July

(vii) Willingham Combined Charity

Report previously circulated and tabled. Pat Daniels explained the purpose of the Charity and reported that they had been very pleased with the purchase of the additional bungalow in Haden Way and it was hoped that they may be able to purchase another property in the future. No questions were raised

(viii) Willingham British School Trust

Report previously circulated and tabled and Councillor Manning summarised the years activity. No questions were raised.

(ix) Public Hall Users Committee

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present and no questions were raised.

(x) Willingham Scouts

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present, and no questions were raised. It was noted that the Scouts were currently very short of leaders.

(xi) Willingham News

Report previously circulated and tabled. Councillor P King summarised the report and gave a brief history on how the magazine came about. No questions were raised.

(xii) Willingham Bowls Club

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present but it was noted that an extensive amount of work had been put into improving the green by the volunteers involved. No questions raised.

(xiii) Willingham Wolves

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present but the Chair confirmed that the annual football tournament continued to grow in popularity, seeing some ninety teams entered this year. No questions raised.

(xiv) Willingham Cricket Club

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative present and no questions raised.

(xv) Library Service

Report previously circulated and tabled. L King (Friends of Willingham Library) offered to take questions. No questions were raised.

(xvi) Over Day Centre

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present, but the Chair reported that County Council funding for the Centre was being cut. It was agreed that the Centre provided an excellent service for residents and as a result likely saved on hospital and care home costs. Councillor Wotherspoon was asked to look into the cost cuts and support the Centre wherever possible.

(xvii) Relate

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present and no questions were raised.

(xviii) MAGPAS

Report previously circulated and tabled. No representative was present and no questions were raised.

(xix) Fen Edge Twinning Association

Report previously circulated and tabled. Kit Kilgour summarised the report, stating that it had been an important year for the Association, celebrating twenty years of twinning with Avrille. He thanked the Parish Council for the grant. No questions were raised.

(xx) Salvation Army

No report received and no representative present. No questions raised.

6. Any other business

Concern was raised about the possible wider implications of the proposed parking restrictions around the school and the impact this may have with cars parking on Newington.

The Council was asked if they would consider supporting a 20mph limit in the village centre. The Chair agreed to add this to a Council agenda in the coming months and Councillor Wotherspoon confirmed that if this was a route the Council wished to take he would make the necessary enquiries although the process can be quite complicated and there were a lot of different aspects to consider.

A question was raised regarding social housing in the village and how local residents could be made aware of their availability. Councillor Manning confirmed that these are offered through the District Council Home-Link site and residents should register with it.

Meeting closed at 20:57

Manning
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