



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 7.30pm, in the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham

Present: Councillors: Croucher, Manning, J Anderson, Cook, Harris, Mansfield, Law, Croft, P King (Chair), L King, Watson
District Councillors: Percival, Handley
Parishioners: three

Clerk: Mandy Powell

38/19 Apologies for absence

County Councillor Wotherspoon – personal commitment
Councillor S Anderson – personal commitment
Councillor Tassell – personal commitment
Councillor Carlton – personal commitment

Actions

39/19 Declarations of interest

Item 47/19 Accounts – Councillor Manning declared an interest as a payee on the accounts list. Councillor Manning did not take part in the discussion or vote on this item.
Item 52/19 – Library grant request – Councillor Law declared an interest as his spouse works for the library and Councillor L King declared an interest as a member of FOWL. Neither Councillor Law or King took part in the discussion or vote on this item.

40/19 Public forum (maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes) All parishioners wishing to speak, must make their name known to the Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting. Maximum of five people to speak. Large Groups must decide on a spokesperson representative
Meeting adjourned

The Chair of WAG thanked the Council for their support with the bird boxes which had now been installed. Another ten would be put in the orchard.

The Chair of WAG also pointed out that Highways had still not reinstated the lines on George Street following resurfacing two years ago. He had contacted Highways on more than one occasion with no success. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

Clerk

A resident raised concerns about the state of the roads around the village and in particular the B1050. As a motorcyclist he felt the road was too dangerous to drive on. He also asked when the barriers at Long Pond would be replaced. The Clerk reported that Highways had confirmed they were obtaining costs. Clerk to chase. The meeting was reconvened.

Clerk

41/19 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th February 2019

Councillor Watson proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor Croucher and **agreed** with ten votes in favour and one abstention due to not being at the meeting.

42/19 To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 6th February not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None

43/19 To receive and consider any County Council reports and communications not covered elsewhere on this agenda

Councillor Wotherspoon was not present but his report had been previously circulated. The Clerk was asked to raise the following issues with Councillor Wotherspoon. (1) the impact of the simultaneous road closures around the village (2) the lack of invite to the latest Northstowe Community Forum.
The Clerk was asked to request that Councillor Wotherspoon attend the next PC meeting.

Clerk/
Wotherspoon

44/19 To receive and consider any District Council reports and communications not covered elsewhere on this agenda

Report previously circulated and various issues were raised:

Black Pit Drove – Councillor Percival agreed to ensure the Council were notified as soon as any action took place.

Percival

S106 monies – Concerns were raised regarding problems experienced with the S106 system and Councillor Percival agreed to meet with Council members to see what could be done to help.

Percival/ Clerk

Meadow Road – Councillor Percival agreed to check whether a preventative injunction was in place on the site and if not investigate whether one could be attached.

Percival

Parking issues – The Police are encouraging local Councils to decriminalise these offences so that they can be actioned through civil enforcement. Councillor Percival agreed to check whether SCDC were looking into this.

Percival

<p>Gravel Extraction Haddenham – Councillor Handley reported that he had been trying to contact County Councillor Wotherspoon to address the Parish Council’s concerns regarding the proposed application. The Clerk to forward officer contact details to Councillors Percival and Handley</p> <p>Long Pond – Councillor Percival reported that the work had not taken place in the Autumn as agreed and now that the nesting season was underway SCDC were reluctant to do anything until the Autumn. It was felt that the pond could be easily skimmed manually without any impact on wildlife and Councillor Percival agreed to report this back to officers at SCDC.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Handley/ Percival</p> <p>Percival</p>
<p>45/19 Chairman’s report including: <u>To receive letter of thanks from the Bowls Club for the recent grant</u> Noted</p>	
<p><u>To receive correspondence from Keep Britain Tidy and consider any actions</u> Notice had been received of the ‘Great British Spring Clean’. The Chair of WAG indicated that they may be happy to organise a litter pick. The Clerk to forward details.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><u>To receive an update on ‘Operation London Bridge’ and consider any actions</u> The Clerk had provided information on procedures should a senior member of state pass away. It was agreed that the Clerk, Councillor Mansfield and Councillor Carlton would draft a protocol for Council approval. Councillor Percival was asked to check with SCDC with regards to any protocol they may have in place.</p>	<p>Clerk/Carlton/ Mansfield</p>
<p><u>A14 Legacy Fund meeting 2 April 2019</u> It was agreed that Councillors Harris and L King would attend the meeting to see whether the footpath to the Orchard was an appropriate choice for a grant application.</p>	<p>L King/ Harris</p>
<p><u>To receive letter of thanks from the Social Club for the recent grant</u> Noted</p>	
<p>46/19 To receive from the following Committees; reports from lead councillors, note any delegated decisions taken, and make any recommendations</p>	
<p><u>F&GP Committee – updates including:</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p><u>Planning Committee – updates including:</u> Minutes of the meetings held on the 13th February and the 5th March 2019 – previously circulated and noted. The next planning meeting will be held on the 20th March 2019 Councillor Law reported that the development on Rockmill End had officially been named Glebe Field.</p>	<p>Planning</p>
<p><u>HALLS – Updates including:</u> <u>To consider quotations for guttering to Ploughman Hall</u> Deferred to the April meeting</p>	<p>April</p>
<p><u>Mouse infestation – Public Hall</u> Councillor Croucher reported an issue with mice in the tent store at the hall which the Scouts were dealing with.</p>	
<p><u>To receive correspondence from Willingham News regarding potential changes to advertising costs and consider a Response</u> Willingham News were considering using colour content in the magazine which would mean a possible increase of 60% in advertising costs. It was agreed that the Council would not be minded to bear this significant increase in advertising costs.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><u>Cemetery – updates including</u> <u>To review and consider adjustment of cemetery fees</u> The Clerk had obtained comparison fees from neighbouring Councils and these had been previously circulated. Councillor Cook reported that other Councils not on the list charge significantly more and the Clerk and Councillor Mansfield were asked to obtain further comparisons and report back at the April meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Mansfield</p>
<p><u>To receive an update on the cemetery gates and consider any quotations received.</u> This was deferred to the April meeting.</p>	<p>April</p>
<p><u>To receive an update regarding the damaged bench</u> The Clerk reported that the family had been contacted and had arranged for the bench to be removed.</p>	
<p><u>Volunteers</u> Councillor Mansfield reported that she had been working with a group of volunteers to remove the shoot growth from around the base of the trees along Church Lane. The Council thanked those involved.</p>	

MK

Green & Boundaries – updates including:

Report tabled. Councillor Manning summarised the report and requested Councillors meet at the Meadow Road site so that a decision could be made on how to move forward with further works. It was agreed that this would take place on Saturday 9th March at 10.30 on site and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

All

Leisure & Amenities - updates including:

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club reported they were intending to replace the cricket nets and will be seeking grant funding. They requested the Council's support in these applications. It was agreed to offer the Council's support and the Clerk would write to confirm this.

Clerk

Speed Limit on West Fen Road

Councillor L King had received a request for a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph. As this wouldn't be enforced it was agreed not to take this any further at the present time.

Recreation Ground Fencing

The fence on the North West corner of the Recreation Ground has been broken down. It was agreed that Councillor Manning would arrange for repair at a cost of under £100.

Manning

47/19 Monthly accounts for payment

Items paid by bank payments:

Salaries	February 2016	Salaries	£2628.97
HMRC	February 2016	PAYE	£ 652.17
Nest	Pension	Salaries	£ 75.62

Items paid by direct debit/standing order:

British Telecom	Phone	Est	£ 571.11
Positive	Pavilion gas	L & A	£ 40.16
Positive	Public hall electric	Halls	£ 156.28
Positive	Public hall electric	Halls	£ 91.53
Positive	Ploughman electric	Halls	£ 601.88
Positive	Pavilion Electric	L & A	£ 172.81
Camb Water	Rec Water	L & A	£ 15.97

Items paid by charge card

Amazon	Padlocks	Est	£ 26.93
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Items to be paid by bank transfer:

Suds & Bubbles	Cleaning Ploughman	Halls	£ 425.00
Suds & Bubbles	Cleaning Pavilion	L & A	£ 200.00

Items to be paid by cheque:

SLCC	Conference	Est	£ 464.00
Holywell PC	Travel exp	Est	£ 45.47
Edge IT System	Epitaph Online	Cemetery	£ 237.60
Willingham PCC	Meetings	Est	£ 190.00
ACA Heating	Pavilion toilet repair	L&A	£ 95.02
Binder	Pumping station repair	Halls	£ 906.00
MD Contracting	Grubbing, hedge	S106	£4400.00
MD Contracting	Comm Orchard	S106	£ 810.00
Manning & Son	Trees for Green	G&B	£ 673.20

Councillor Croucher proposed the accounts be accepted, seconded by Councillor Law and **agreed** with ten votes in favour and one abstention due to declaration of interest.

RFO

48/19 Police update

Councillor S Anderson was not present to provide a report, but the Clerk confirmed that the PCSO had issued a ticket to one driver and issued strong words of advice to others parked around the school.

49/19 To receive an update on HCVs and traffic issues and consider any actions

Councillor Harris thanked those Councillors who had recently offered to help with the battery replacements on the interactive signs. It was agreed to ask David McCandless and his group to take over the replacement of the batteries and at the same time (once a month) to carry out a census on traffic. This would cost £100 per annum and would be taken from the budget allocated to HCVs.

Clerk

50/19 To receive correspondence regarding traffic and parking and consider any actions

Various correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors. Following discussion, it was agreed to approach the school to ascertain their views on the newly implemented parking scheme. An item would be added to the Willingham News reminding residents to be considerate of others when parking around the village. Concerns were raised that Police and Highways issues seemed to be constantly pushed down to Parish Council to resolve and it

Clerk
Harris

MK

<p>was agreed that this item would be considered further at the April meeting when HCV issues etc could be discussed with the County Councillor.</p>	<p><i>April</i></p>
<p>51/19 To receive correspondence regarding a footpath/cycle way to Rampton and consider any actions. Correspondence had been received and the Clerk had responded. It was agreed to notify the resident that CCC Cycle Ways Quick Win team had been discussing improving the bridleway from Rampton to the guided bus which could provide a potential route.</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p>
<p>52/19 To receive and consider request for grant support from Willingham Library Councillor Anderson proposed that the Council offer a grant for the Reading Challenge of £600, seconded by Councillor Croucher and agreed with nine votes in favour and two abstentions due to declaration of interests.</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p>
<p>53/19 Items for future meeting Village benches Guttering Quotes Cemetery gates Cemetery Fees Parking/Traffic</p>	
<p>54/19 Date of next meeting: 3rd April 2019</p>	

Meeting closed at 9pm

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