

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2023
7.30pm, in the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham

Present:

Councillors: Clark, Harris, Hutchcraft, P King, Law, Mansfield, Rogers, Watson, McKee

County Councillor: Gough

District Councillor: Lentell

Parishioners: One

Clerk: Mandy Powell

01/23 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and **ratified** from Councillors Ramsden and L King both due to being unwell and Councillor Smith due to a work commitment. Apologies were also received from District Councillor Handley

02/23 Declarations of interest.

None declared

03/23 To receive a presentation from CCC Care Together team and consider any actions

Leneva Nwachukwu from the Care Together team introduced herself and summarised the scheme to the Council. She reported that she would be speaking to residents in the village and completing a survey to cover the four main key areas they wanted to address; place-based approach to commissioning; home care offer; early intervention services and care micro enterprises. Copies of the survey would be passed to the Clerk for residents to collect and complete and notices would be put on the noticeboard and website.

04/23 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.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Councillor Gough joined the meeting

05/23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th December 2022.

Councillor Mansfield left the room.

Councillor McKee proposed the Council approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor Harris and **ratified** with five votes in favour and three abstentions due to not being at the meeting.

Councillor Mansfield return to the meeting

06/23 To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 7th December 2022 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

191/22 – B1050 – The Clerk had not heard back from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the Council's concerns over the state of the road and request for a weight limit until the issues are properly resolved. Councillor Gough agreed to follow this up. Councillor P King reiterated the Council's concerns regarding the condition of the road and the fact that the current splits in the surface were due to HCVs. The road is dangerous and needs addressing as soon as possible. *(This was further discussed under county council report)*

Action: N Gough

194/22 L&A – The Clerk had not heard back from Councillor Handley or Planning regarding the queries raised by the Council in relation to the MUGA application.

Action: B Handley

07/23 To receive and consider any County Council reports and communications not covered elsewhere on this agenda including:

Report was circulated with agenda. Councillor Gough advised the Council that the recycling centres are now continuing to take domestic upholstered furniture items.

Following on from the concerns raised regarding the B1050 Councillor Harris suggested that as the delay was because of increased costs, an alternative road to the West of the current highway could be achievable and cheaper than trying to repair the current road. Councillor Gough confirmed that this was one of the options available. The Chair pointed out that the boundary signs have still not been relocated on Over Road or Station Road.

08/23 To receive and consider any District Council reports and communications not covered elsewhere on this agenda, including:

Reports previously circulated.

Councillor Lentell advised the Council that following the potential closure of the Over News, he had been speaking to Over News and Willingham News about the possibility of merging titles and producing one magazine for both villages. The Chair confirmed that the magazine is a separate entity from the Parish Council, and it would be up to them how they wished to proceed. No comments were made by Councillors in favour or against the suggestion at this stage as no formal proposal had been made.

09/23 Chair's report including:

To consider amendments to Councillor details on the website

The Chair reported that he would like to update the councillor pages on the website to include a photo of councillors and a small bio etc. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

Action: D Law

Meadow Road Pond

The Chair reported that he and Councillors P King and Watson had met with Cambs ACRE to discuss the installation of a pond on the Meadow Road Site. The Council were supportive of the idea in principle. It would be added to the agenda for the Council meeting on 1st February for formal consideration. The Clerk would contact County Council to advise them of the Council's plans.

Action: Clerk

Invitation to Public Meeting re Aircraft Noise

The Chair advised the Council of the invitation. Anyone wishing to attend should notify the Clerk.

Action: All

10/23 To receive from the following Committees: reports from lead councillors, note any delegated decisions taken, and make any recommendations.

F&GP Committee – updates including:

Update on personnel and consider any actions

The Chair reported that the Deputy Clerk's probationary period had ended, and her position had been confirmed.

Update on Parish clock and consider actions

The Chair reported that there had been a fault with the clock and the engineers had been called out. In line the finance regulations an initial cost of £180 and a second visit and repair cost of £597 plus VAT had been approved by the Chair and lead Councillors. The work was carried out on the 9th January.

Planning Committee – updates including:

To receive minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2022 and 9th January 2023

Noted

HALLS – Updates including:

To receive an update on the public hall and consider any actions.

The voting boxes had been collected and had shown the following results: No – 138, Yes – 29, Not valid – 9

The Chair confirmed that the Council were still waiting to hear from the Scouts and once this information had been received the Council could then decide the best way forward.

Cemetery – updates including

To receive written report on the cemetery wall and consider any actions.

The report from GAWN had been previously circulated and Councillor Mansfield reported that the Clerk would seek quotations for the removal of the highlighted section of the wall, the removal of the build up of soil and the reinstatement of the wall.

Action: Clerk

Green & Boundaries – updates including:

To receive an update regarding the tree on the village green and consider any actions.

The Clerk reported that the quotation for the removal of the tree had been accepted and that the work would be undertaken later in the week. The family had been consulted regarding a suitable replacement and would like a chestnut tree.

Councillor Watson reported that the Christmas lights would be taken down over the next few days and the Clerk would arrange for the removal of the tree. He also reported that the entrance to the Meadow Road site was becoming damaged by the fly tipping being set on fire when it was dumped.

Leisure & Amenities - updates including:

Councillor Clark reported that the MUGA, pavilion storage and lights were all still ongoing.

The Chair advised the Council that some emergency repairs had been carried out in the pavilion following a leak from one of the water pipes in the loft. The cost of the works was £178.20.

11/23 Monthly accounts for payment

Paid by Bank transfer

Salaries	December	Salaries	£5290.98
HMRC	PAYE Dec	Salaries	£1154.78
Nest Pension	Pension December	Salaries	£ 257.83
Buchans	Village Grass Cut	Est	£1986.71
Scouts	Deposit Plough	Halls	£ 100.00
Rogers	Deposit Plough	Halls	£ 100.00
Suds & Bubbles	Nov Cleaning	Halls	£ 560.00
Suds & Bubbles	Nov Cleaning	Est	£ 40.00
Suds & Bubbles	Nov Cleaning	L & A	£ 241.00
CBE Ltd	Village Green Elec	G & B	£ 91.20
Willingham PCC	Meetings	Est	£ 80.00
SLCC	Conference	Est	£ 480.00
RPM Ltd	Play Equip Rep	L & A	£2664.00
BT	New Contract	Est	£ 84.48
Binder Ltd	Service	L & A	£ 96.60
Binder Ltd	Service	Halls	£ 180.60
Gawn Associates	Cemetery Wall	Cemetery	£ 360.00
Smiths of Derby	Parish Clock	Est	£ 180.00

Paid by Direct Debit

Co-op Phone	Mobile phone	Will Hub	£ 10.20
British Gas	Pavilion electric	L & A	£ 105.10
Drax	Street Lighting Dec	G & B	£ 18.04
British Gas	Public Hall Electric	Halls	£ 57.61
British Gas	Ploughman Electric	Halls	£ 524.35
British Gas	Pavilion Gas	L&A	£ 32.87

Paid by Credit Card

Amazon	Cleaning	Est	£ 62.37
Amazon	Cleaning	Est	£ 39.98
Amazon	Paper	Est	£ 24.94
Post Office	Postage	Est	£ 8.40

To be Paid

Konica Minolta	Photocopier usage	Est	£ 134.17
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Credited

British Gas	Village Green Elec	G&B	£ 176.83
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Councillor Hutchcraft proposed the accounts be agreed as listed, seconded by Councillor Watson, and **ratified** with eight votes in favour and one abstention.

Action: RFO

12/23 Police update including:

PC Bujar had visited the Clerk and she had passed information on regarding antisocial behaviour in the Cemetery and the untaxed vehicle caught speeding through the village.

13/23 To receive an update on HCVs and traffic issues and consider any actions including:

Minor Highways Improvement Bid

Councillor Harris reported that he had submitted the application for the two priority chicanes on Over Road and Rampton Road.

An update on Highway consultation on Rampton Road

The consultation results had come in and showed the following:

Number of houses carded - 82, number of responses - 21, positives - 14, negatives - 7

Councillor Harris proposed that the Council move forward with the scheme, seconded by Councillor Watson, and **ratified** with eight votes in favour and one abstention. The Clerk would contact County Councillor officers to advise them.

Action: Clerk

Speed watch

Councillor Harris reported that leaflets had been distributed on Earith Road and a good response had been received. Interest had also been expressed from residents on Station Road and it was planned to leaflet drop this area too.

Action: N Harris/Clerk

14/23 Environment and Sustainability update including:

Nothing to report.

15/23 To receive an update regarding the future of the Citi 5 bus route and consider any actions.

The Clerk reported that the timetables provided by Stagecoach had been put up. The timing on the route is inaccurate and Stagecoach are looking at the issues.

16/23 Items for future meetings.

Buses

Meadow Road Pond

Speed watch update

17/23 Date of next meeting: 1st February 2023

Meeting closed at 20:27