

## **Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the Memorial Hall

### **Residents' Issues**

Jane Townsend had asked in advance to speak as a resident on behalf of herself and her husband. She explained that they had been involved in three near misses with HGVs on the Nag's Head corner, two of which involved cars ending up on the pavement. She expressed the opinion that the HGVs were not speeding but were too large to negotiate the corners. She pointed out that this is part of the Willaston Walks and also near Cannel Court.

### **Committee Meeting**

Present: (Officers): Chris Hampshire (Chair), Vicky Spraggon (Vice-Chair), Sarah Shannon (Secretary), Hilary Booth (Treasurer), Ceri Jones (Social Media), Barry Vowles (Planning), Jane Townsend (Footpaths and Bridleways), Sue Unsworth (Publicity).

(Committee Members): Myles Hogg, Rob King, Annette Troake, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Hilary Morris, Sheila Smith, Fiona Enns, Helen Mayles, Hilary Gould, Stephen Bazeley and Debs Jerrett.

Two members of the public also attended for items 1-3: Ann Dutton and Peter Williams.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Woodrow, Madeline Hughes, Paul Janvier, John Fisher and Margaret Smyth.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Kay Parry, Principle Engineer, CWaC

Chris introduced Kay to the meeting, explaining that she is the Principle Engineer for our area and so responsible for issues related to the highways. He said that Kay had been invited to the meeting as several concerns had been raised at previous meeting about our roads.

Kay explained that the Council has recently done a traffic survey in Hooton Road and Hadlow Road over the period of 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and that they are able to compare the results to previous surveys that had been done. Sue expressed concern that she had seen people doing counts on a day when there was emergency roadworks and single file traffic in the village. However, the Council's survey was done with black boxes so it may be a different survey. Kay agreed to investigate this and see if it is likely to have affected the data. She confirmed that if necessary, another survey can be undertaken.

The survey showed that in Hooton Road, there were around 6000 vehicles over a 24-hour period, of which 18 were over 11.5m long. In Hadlow Road, there were around 2600, of which 40 were over 11.5m long.

Kay commented that there are difficulties putting a weight restriction on the road because it is a recognised diversion route for the motorway and for Two Mills. She said she didn't know the background as to why this decision has been made but did comment that a weight restriction would still allow access for delivery lorries, refuse collection etc. Enforcement is also a problem as Police officers need to see the HGV going by. Peter Williams commented that lorries from Aldi go through the village and Myles said that there is a written agreement that they shouldn't.

The discussion then turned to the bend at Nag's Head. Myles confirmed that previous officers had said that the width of the road is legal. There was no knowledge of how many reported accidents had occurred there. Vicky commented that the pavement on the Cannel Court side is higher than the Nags Head side and asked if the opposite pavement could be raised. Chris commented that drivers need to be aware and take remedial action if an HGV is approaching. Kay agreed to take the comments back and look at the issue. She said that there is an auto-track programme they can use to simulate what happens if changes are made to roads.

The question of whether it was possible to influence Satnav companies so that vehicles are not directed through the village but stay on the main roads was mentioned. The question of whether signage from the A41 could be improved was also raised, as the committee suspect that lorries sometimes turn off too soon, when they had intended to go down Welsh Road. Kay agreed to look into both of these matters.

The possibility of putting in a pedestrian crossing on Hadlow Road was discussed. Myles commented that this has been looked into before and there is a problem because there are a lot of services under the road at that point which makes putting in new features difficult. Kay also commented that there is currently no funding for pedestrian crossings. Peter suggested that if the double yellow lines were extended a few metres to the Old Hall, this would stop parking close to where people cross and improve the visibility. Kay agreed to look into this.

With regards to extending the 20mph area, Kay commented that there is a four-year programme across the whole of CWaC. Currently the priority areas are those with schools and as our school is in the 20mph area, we are scheduled for a full assessment in 2019-20. At this stage, if the average speed is 24mph or lower, it will be proposed to make it a 20mph speed limit and a full consultation will be held. Myles commented that the road between Benty Heath Lane and the village is going to have a 40mph limit, as will Hanns Hall Road. Fiona raised the area of Birkenhead Road, where the Lydiate crossroads are, which is 50mph and a difficult exit. Kay said that she would check with the road safety team. She commented that one-way systems are not normally agreed as they have the potential to increase speed.

Myles asked about the policy regarding putting mirrors up to help people with drives where it is difficult to see. Kay said that the Council now has the authority to approve this, whereas it used to be the Highways Agency. She agreed to pass on the guidelines but said that the criteria is tight and mirrors are used only when all other options have been explored.

Sue mentioned that the pavement on Neston Road is very narrow and slopes towards the road. She also commented that it is not well maintained. Kay said that they can look into the condition but CWaC doesn't have funding for widening pavements. They operate a prioritisation system and the pavements in the worst conditions are repaired. Myles commented that the pavements between Elm Road and the surgery had been upgraded. Kay encouraged people to report any highway issues (which includes pavements) on the Council website or by ringing 0300 123 7036.

Members asked about the proposed one-way system for Quarry Road. Kay agreed to let us know the current situation.

Kay then said that she had been approached by local businesses concerned about the 1 hour waiting limit on Neston Road to ask if it could be increased. Members commented that there is unlimited parking on the Green and were unanimous in agreeing that it should remain at one hour.

Chris thanked Kay for attending the meeting and after Kay had left agreed to write to thank her.

**Action: Chris**

#### 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The minutes were proposed by Vicky Spraggon, seconded by Hilary Morris and accepted by the Committee as a true record of the meeting.

#### 5. Matters arising from the previous Minutes (17<sup>th</sup> July 2017)

There was discussion on the following items, other items being completed:

##### **5.1 Sign at Hadlow Road Station (item 5.2)**

Sarah has ordered the sign. The cost was slightly more than given at the last meeting and an Officers decision had been made to go ahead.

#### 6. WR&CS Matters

##### **6.1 Correspondence - Legion**

A letter had been sent by Chris to both the local Legion and the Head Office about the building. A long email had been received from the Head Office explaining that it would cost £80,000 to mend the roof and there are several other health and safety issues. They have no need for the building but will work with the branch to enable them to continue meetings and other work. They expect to put the site up for sale and that it would go to the highest bidder. We had asked for 12 months to look at the feasibility of using the site for the community but they have said this would cost them £20,000 plus VAT. The building is now boarded up and access prevented by large concrete blocks. Keith Penny has told us that the artefacts have been taken by Richard Berry and are being stored.

Hilary Gould commented that the land had been given to the Legion but the building was put up by residents. Myles said that he intends to pursue this but he understands that there is no legal obligation for any of the proceeds raised by the sale to be gifted to the village. Jane commented that it could be used for a car park but it was recognised that we/ the Council would need to purchase the land which is not realistic.

## 6.2 Correspondence - other

a. Caravan on Green. We had been contacted about a motor home that has been parked for several weeks on the Green. Myles has asked for this to be investigated four times.

b. K6 Telephone Kiosk. We had been contacted about the red phone box on Neston Road as BT are selling them off elsewhere. Currently this one is still being in use. Should this situation change, then we will need to look at it.

c. Poultry farm on Mill Lane. We had been contacted about potential asbestos from the poultry farm which was burnt down. It was suggested that the enquirer speak to Environmental Health about this.

## 6.3 AGM

Chris thanked all the committee members for delivering AGM leaflets and the newsletter recently.

The list of committee members was considered. Chris, Hilary Booth and Barry have completed their term and their posts are up for election. All three said that they would be willing to stand for a further three years but Chris indicated that this would likely be his final term of office. During the year, Keith Butcher resigned as the Memorial Hall trustee so Rob King needs to be formally elected into this role. In terms of resident representatives, there are three vacancies as Paul Janvier is now the Festival Society representative, Rob will become the Memorial Hall trustee and Madeline Hughes' term is complete. Chris agreed to check with Madeline if she would like to serve another term. **Action: Chris**

The list of organisations was considered. There were no proposals for new organisations to be added to the list. It was noted that the youth organisations generally didn't have representatives and Sarah agreed to approach them again, including suggesting that a young person may like to serve if Guide/Scout leaders did not have the time to (potentially on a rota basis).

Sarah asked organisation representatives to let her know if they wish to have a table at the AGM.

**Action: Organisation Reps**

Debs agreed to buy and set up the wine and nibbles.

**Action: Debs**

Rob agreed to help Chris with the microphone system.

**Action: Rob**

## 6.4 Christmas Card Fair

Chris reported that the working group had met and ten charities had agreed to have stalls.

## 6.5 Lottery Licence

Chris reported that the Officers had agreed that Friends of Hadlow Road Station could use the WR&CS lottery licence to run a raffle for their Santa event.

## 7. Play Area

Sarah reported that she had met the Council officers to discuss additional equipment for the play area within the grant monies secured. This will be done with several other improvements to play schemes and one tender will be put out for all the work. As this means there will be some savings, as well as being able to install the tractor and trailer and roundabout, we will make a short trail with some coloured blobs, stepping stones and wobble board. It is expected that the work will be done by the end of March 2018 in time for use in Spring.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

Hilary Booth circulated the financial report. On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, the current account had a balance of £1147.32. The lottery account had a balance of £516.87 and £500 from this has been transferred to the current account. Therefore, there is approximately £500 to be spent. £944 of the current account is for newsletters. The play area account has a balance of £4997.12.

Rob suggested that the accounts be circulated in advance with the other meeting papers which Hilary agreed to do. **Action: Hilary B**

## 9. Councillor's Report

### 9.1 Heath Lane traveller's site

Myles reported that officers have agreed that there are too many caravans at the site and have been asked to take action.

### 9.2 Hadlow Road parking

Myles had met residents with Kay Parry and white posts will be erected to ensure parking is managed.

### 9.3 National Autistic Society

The NAS will be holding an Autism Hour in the week of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, during which they will be asking retailers to choose an hour in the week to turn down music, dim lights and share information with employees to increase understanding. The Council is holding awareness events, including one in Civic Way, Ellesmere Port from 3pm-5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017. For more information, go to the NAS website: [www.autism.org.uk/autismhour](http://www.autism.org.uk/autismhour). This includes an interactive map so that you can find out who is taking part and when.

### 9.4 Healthwatch

Healthwatch Cheshire is seeking Board Members. You can get an application and information pack by emailing [recruitment@healthwatchcwac.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@healthwatchcwac.org.uk) or phoning 0300 323 0006.

### 9.5 Council Tax Discounts

CWaC is currently consulting on a proposal to remove discounts on empty and unfurnished properties from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, as well as other discounts relating to empty and uninhabitable properties and second homes. The consultation runs until 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. There is an online survey and a version that can be printed and returned by post or email at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/counciltaxconsultation](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/counciltaxconsultation).

### 9.6 Grass Cutting

CWaC cuts rural grassed areas monthly, sports pitches or amenity areas, fortnightly and highway verges every three weeks. If there are any issues, you should use the Your Streets website to report it: [www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk](http://www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk).

### 9.7 Metal Recycling

CWaC is running a 'Make your metals matter' campaign with leaflets that will be sent to every home and will also include bus shelter advertising, roadshows and a local radio campaign. The aim is to encourage residents to recycle all metal packaging including drink cans, foil trays, empty aerosols, metal screw tops and wrapping foil.

### 9.8 Funds

Myles said that he still has money in his councillor's allocated budget and there is also £6,500 in the New Homes Bonus fund. He encouraged people to put in more bids, stating however, if he is to buy new lights for the tree in Willaston, this will cost £3,500. Debs confirmed that the Rotary were proposing to do a Christmas Light switch on event on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and the sleigh will be going around the village on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## 10. Planning Applications, Decisions and Appeals

### 10.1 Paul Jackson

Barry reported that, following his discussion with the committee at the last meeting, Paul has been in correspondence with him and has submitted a planning application. However, this is for a lawful development certificate on the basis that the containers and hard core has been there for more than ten years. Barry has stated to the planning officers that in principle that WR&CS has no objection to running a nursery on the site but expressed concern that the evidence given is not valid. Paul has also said that he will be working with a charity to use the facilities for horticultural purposes, that he expects that as the business grows, there will be about eight visitors an hour and 70 cars a day and that he is hoping to set up a group for businesses in Willaston. Paul has promised to remove the fencing panels and these have been partially removed. He has also asked his staff to stop parking on the Hooton Road entrance – however, some committee members commented that this had begun to happen again.

### 10.2 Planning Report

a. Roften site. Myles reported that there is still some remedial work to be done on the Roften site but a builder has now been appointed. He expressed concern that there is a new levy coming in which may affect the promised S106 monies from this work. He also commented that the Highways Officer has readdressed how this development will affect Willaston and has concluded that it will be insignificant.

b. Street Hey. Helen reported that there is building work being done at Street Hey and asked why neighbours had not been informed that planning permission had been applied for. She said that the only communication they had received had been about cutting down a sycamore tree. Barry commented that there had been several applications by Street Hey over the years, including one for substituting outbuildings with a gym/office. The Council were of a view to refuse but there was an appeal on the grounds that they had taken too long to make a decision and the appeal was upheld. A few months ago, there was an application to convert this development into a home, which WR&CS objected to, along with neighbours and this was refused. Barry suggested that the reason neighbours did not receive letters may have been the distance they were from the building work but suggested that a notice should have been put up outside. Myles agreed to take this up with the CWaC officers.

**Action: Myles**

## 11. Footpaths and Bridleways

A discussion was held about the work that was begun on the footpath between Elm Green and the recreation but which stopped because of concerns expressed by residents. Myles agreed to liaise with Jane and the neighbours to ensure the work undertaken is consistent with what the neighbours were advised in writing. Vicky said that this will be monitored as residents were very concerned about anti-social behaviour behind the houses.

**Action: Myles**

Jane reported that the enclosed footpaths and bridleways in and around Willaston were strimmed to the legal minimum width in August.

Jane reported that there was a large dead tree alongside FP30 (Hooton Road to Mill Lane). The landowner was contacted and has cut it down, along with a smaller one so that the footpath is now safe. She has also reported erosion of the footpath near Hooton Road to the Council. FP31 (between Benty Heath Lane and Hooton Road) is passable but some of the vegetation needs cutting back. Jane asked volunteers to help with this. Jane has reported to the Council that some bushes are partially obstructing BR64 (between Hadlow Road and the A540). There is no progress on other reported improvements and it appears that the Council does not have a footpath budget this year. Jane is investigating this as various works were put on worksheets. She may ask Myles for help with this.

Please email [willastonfootpaths@outlook.com](mailto:willastonfootpaths@outlook.com) if you see any problems with our Willaston footpaths and bridleways.

## 12. Organisation Reports

In addition to the reports submitted in advance (below), members made the following comments:

- The Meadow has now been mowed and the cuttings have been bagged up;

- Carols on the Green will be on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017. This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> year the event has been held.
- Friends of Hadlow Road Station has received an additional grant of £9,950 from Awards for All for platform re-instatement and to get the signal operational.

### **12.1 Christ Church**

No report received

### **12.2 Friends of Hadlow Road Station** (Submitted by Hilary Booth)

The pop-up cafe opening on 27<sup>th</sup> August exceeded all expectations with even more customers than usual. A huge success that left all the café volunteers exhausted on a very warm day! The pop-up cafe will be open from 10:30am to 13:30pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November. Meanwhile we have contacted Santa, and he is looking forward to seeing all the children in the signal box grotto at Hadlow Road Station on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is a very popular event, so keep a look out next month for when the limited number of tickets go on sale.

Work on and around the far (South) platform has been undertaken in the last few weeks with a massive clearance of vegetation that has accumulated since 1972, and a few trees have been removed. More work is yet to be done in the next few weeks to grass the cleared area whilst planting that attracts and supports wildlife will be undertaken in Spring, 2018. This platform re-instatement work has been funded by a £5,000 Tesco Bags of Help grant; so many thanks to all of you who supported us by voting at the local Tesco store. In addition this platform re-instatement work was supported by a £2,000 grant from People's Postcode lottery. Further grant applications have been submitted, which if awarded, will enable us to then start work on the main (North) platform to install a picnic and wildlife area to the east side of the signal box.

The telephone kiosk has been refurbished and will be refitted at the station on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, back to its' original glory with a new concrete plinth laid ready for its' return. In addition, new white lines have been painted on the main platform edge, and the final painting of the crossing gates and metal supports continues. Hopefully all will be completed by next month, when the station should look immaculate once again.

### **12.3 Friends of Willaston Meadow** (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

Our guided walk round the meadow for National Meadows Day resulted in at least one more member and two volunteers. Three representatives attended a meeting for CWaC Friends Groups at Neston Town Hall, where useful contacts were made. The central portion of the field will be cut this month, after which we shall be sowing more wild flower seed collected from a privately-owned meadow nearby. There will be an "Apple Day" held on the Green on Saturday morning, 23 September, where there will be an opportunity to taste some of the apple varieties from the orchard. If the weather is wet, we shall move into the Hall and share the Horticultural Society's event.

### **12.4 Guiding Organisations**

No representative currently.

### **12.5 Hadlow Green Singers**

No report received.

### **12.6 Horticultural Society** (Submitted by Pam Irving)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, we are having a presentation on 'Three Contrasting Southern Gardens' by Jane Allison.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November is our Social Evening at the Woodcote Hotel. If you have not already got a ticket see Gary. Spaces are limited.

The Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm; details are shown on the Village Notice board, and if you are interested in joining us, come along or contact the Membership Secretary, Ms Jill Thompson, telephone number 336 5927. Membership is only £6.00 per year and you can get 10% discount at Burleydam Garden Centre on all gardening products on production of your Membership card.

### **12.7 Johnston Recreation Ground**

No report received

### **12.8 Memorial Hall** (Submitted by Rob King)

Following on from the report provided for the previous meeting we are able to confirm details of grant funding received as follows: The Big Lottery Fund (£8,500) and \*WREN's FCC Community Action Fund (£13,200), the latter with the support of Anita and Mark Mitchell and Zoom Zoom Trust. The funding received enabled us to embark upon a major internal refurbishment programme during the summer holiday period. By the time you read this article many of you will have seen what has been achieved. Both the hall and the committee room now have a totally new look and we are delighted that the feedback we have received has been extremely positive.

The following work has been undertaken:

- Decorating in the main hall, kitchen and ancillary rooms.
- Maple wood floor of the main hall completely sanded and varnished.
- New curtains throughout the hall and committee room.
- New carpet in the committee room, rear store rooms, cloakroom and rear fire exit passageway.
- New uplighters in the hall at 2 levels.
- New radiators in the hall together with boxing in of pipework.
- New sound system including speakers – ability to link own phone, iPad, tablet etc via Wi-Fi.
- Updated external CCTV system.
- New step in front of the original hall entrance (work to be completed shortly).

At the time of writing there is a small amount of work to be finalised. Of course, all this work has been achieved working around bookings of our facilities which had to be honoured and we are grateful to our hirers and contractors for their understanding and tolerance which has enabled us to largely complete the project to schedule.

With all the work carried out to the exterior of the building last year and now the internal refurbishment, we have a hall in excellent condition with modern facilities throughout. Our income stream from both regular and casual lettings continues to be buoyant and our financial position remains strong.

One final point relating to the refurbishment: The Trustees have unanimously agreed that the WI "Millennium Embroidery" should continue to be on show within the premises after completion of the refurbishment programme.

Our website ([www.willastonmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.willastonmemorialhall.co.uk)) continues to receive a healthy volume of hits and is a useful source of information regarding known bookings – see the "Calendar" tab. However, for a definitive answer regarding availability contact our Bookings Secretary. We have for some time been advertising for a new Bookings Secretary and are pleased to say that someone has now come forward and he attended our recent meeting. We are hoping that over the coming weeks he will be in a position to take over from Liz Young.

We are fortunate that we had someone volunteer to deal with Publicity and Social Media in particular. We are therefore introducing a Facebook page with the prime aim of promoting the Memorial Hall for weddings/receptions.

Residents are reminded that the opening session of our meetings is available to anyone to come along to raise any issues. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm. The Trustees are hosting a "Best of British" Soup Lunch on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November - we look forward to seeing you.

*\* WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.*

### **12.9 Scouting Organisations**

No representative currently.

### **12.10 Sporting Organisations** (Submitted by John Fisher)

*Willaston FC*

The team has played 5 games so far in Division Two of the West Cheshire League and performance have been erratic since the 12<sup>th</sup> August. Most games have been close with opponents scoring late goals to secure wins. Hopefully the first points of the season last week will usher in an improvement in results. Willaston Vets

will play their first game on 16<sup>th</sup> September and will be playing in a mini league before Christmas as well as friendlies.

The lounge floor in the pavilion has been renewed, and the roof repaired yet again after damage caused by anti-social behaviour.

### *Willaston Wolves*

There will be 5 teams running in the 17/18 season :-

- Under 7's - home matches Saturday morning typically at 10am on mini pitch (5-a-side), training 5pm to 6pm on Wednesdays;
- Under 10's - home matches Saturday morning typically at 10am on mini pitch (7-a-side), training 6pm to 7pm on Thursdays;
- Under 12's - home matches Saturday morning typically at 10am on colts pitch (9-a-side), training 6pm to 7pm on Thursdays;
- Under 14's - home matches Saturday morning typically at 9.45am on 11-a-side pitch, training 6pm to 7pm on Thursdays;
- Under 16's - home matches Saturday morning typically at 11.15am on 11-a-side pitch, training 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays;
- Under 16's - home matches Sunday afternoon at 2pm on 11-a-side pitch, training 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays.

The first games for some of the teams will be the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

*Anyone interested in playing for, or assisting the running of Willaston, Willaston Vets or the Willaston Wolves should contact John Fisher (Willaston Open Age) 07780 693 284 or Jerry (Willaston Wolves) 07714 071552*

### **12.11 Willastonhey W.I.** (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

At the last meeting, we learned about the history of Dunham Massey from a National Trust volunteer, and this month we shall hear the experiences of a zookeeper's daughter. Recent outings have included a treasure hunt in Chester, and a tour of Bunbury Mill. This month we are going to Shrewsbury, where some members will have a guided tour. The rambles recently walked in the Storeton area, and despite it being so local everyone found a spot they had not visited before. The next walk will be near Farndon. The darts team has started practising for the coming competition, and the bridge group meets every week. Willastonhey participated in the Horticultural Show with an entry in the class for organisations. Please note that Carols on the Green will be on Tuesday 19 December.

### **12.12 Willaston Methodist Church** (Submitted by Sheila Smith)

Following the summer break, the regular activities at Chapel re-commence this month:

- "Pause" - Bible based discussion time, alternate Tuesdays from 10.30am until 12 noon. Re-commence Tuesday 12th September. Open to all.
- "Bible study" - Every Wednesday evening 7.30pm at members' homes. Re-starts 13th September.
- "Church Mice" - fun time for pre-school children and carers, first Thursdays of the month starting 5th October.
- "Create" - After school club for primary school children and carers. Monthly on Wednesdays 3.30pm to 5pm starting 27th September.

Harvest celebrations 24th September. 10.45 am and 6.30pm.

We will again be supporting the Operation Christmas Child charity, filling shoe boxes with assorted goods to send to needy children in other parts of the world, boxes to be completed by the end of October.

### **12.13 Willaston CE School PTA**

No representative currently.

### **12.14 Willaston Royal British Legion/Willaston Royal British Legion Services Club**

No report received.

### **12.15 Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club** (Submitted by Debs Jerrett)

We are holding a musical extravaganza featuring Simon The Barber and 'Elvis' on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The evening includes a chilli and nachos supper and a cash bar. Entry is £10 and tickets are available by emailing [colin.rcsw@gmail.com](mailto:colin.rcsw@gmail.com) or ringing Chris on 07941 949508.

**12.16 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group** (Submitted by John Woodrow)

A number of bids were received to run the Surgery and a successful candidate has been identified. It is anticipated that the name will be announced shortly. I hope to meet the successful bidder to agree with them an implementation plan that will cause minimum disruption to patients and staff of the Surgery.

**12.17 Willaston Toddler Group**

No report received.

**12.18 Willaston Village Festival Society**

No report received.

13. Any Other Business

**13.1 Defibrillator**

Sue said that someone had mentioned that a defibrillator should be available in the village and she had approached Spar. They are going to ask the Area Manager. Rob said that the Memorial Hall had looked into a grant for one but the funding had finished.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dates for future Committee Meetings:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

AGM: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018