

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 in the Memorial Hall

### Residents' Issues

Carol Mercer attended to raise the issue of the closure of the No 22 bus service through Willaston. As this issue was the first item on the agenda, she was asked to stay for this item.

John Ellis Jones, Operations Manager for the Integrated Transport Service in Cheshire West and Chester Council also attended for this item.

### Committee Meeting

Present: (Officers): Jane Townsend (Vice Chair), Sarah Shannon (Secretary), Barry Vowles (Planning), Sue Unsworth (Publicity), Hilary Booth (Treasurer); (Committee Members): Hilary Morris, Rob King, Paul Janvier, Sheila Smith, Fiona Ennys, Jean King, Myles Hogg, Helen Mayles, Vicky Spraggon, Leanne Kershaw, Phil Leach and Madeline Hughes.

#### 1. No 22 Bus Route

Carol Mercer introduced this item. She explained that the service is being withdrawn by Avon on 20<sup>th</sup> September. They used to have a subsidy to provide the service on Saturdays but this has been withdrawn. In addition the X22 service which runs from Heswall to Chester mainly along the A540 has taken a lot of custom away. This service started in February, runs shortly before the 22, is quicker and fares are cheaper. As a result the 22 is no longer viable for Avon to run. Carol expressed concerns that a lot of people in the village don't have a car and they will become isolated. She has spoken to local media about this and had a petition of around 350 signatures calling upon the Council to provide an alternative service. Carol also commented that the only other service through the village – the 272 – is very unreliable.

John Ellis Jones confirmed that the situation has occurred because of the introduction of the X22. He said that the Council has approached Stagecoach to ask them to divert some routes through the village. However, they have responded to say that this would increase the running time. The journey from Chester to Heswall and back takes almost 120 minutes so increasing the time would mean that an additional bus would be required on the route. Stagecoach says that the additional passengers would not make it commercially viable for them to provide an additional vehicle.

John also commented on the numbers of people using the service. He said that the Council spent two days surveying the service in August and, whilst recognising that this was not the ideal time, the figures are consistent with those given by Avon. Carol commented that some tickets had 'Windle Hill' on them rather than Willaston and John confirmed that these had been included in the figures. The usage on the days surveyed was 16 people a day boarded the bus in Willaston to go to Chester, over 11 journeys. The figures given by Avon show the monthly usage by people in Willaston to be between 180 and 210 people a month using the bus.

John also confirmed that the subsidy had been withdrawn. He explained that in February the Council's Executive had agreed to reduce local transport subsidies by 50% to be phased in over the next three financial years. Previously the subsidy for Saturday was £26,500 a year. He commented that to run a single decker bus over a year costs in the region of £120,000. The service that Avon ran used two vehicles.

John then commented on the 272 service and said that he had discussed this with Aintree Coachline who are going to look into how to make it more reliable. He also agreed to ask if it could run more frequently.

John then explained that there are some alternatives. The **Plus Bus** service is for people over the age of 80 or with mobility problems. It comes to Willaston once a week and is a door-to-door service that will pick you up from your house to take you where you want to go in the Ellesmere Port/Neston/Chester area. There is a cost of £3 for a single journey or £5 for a return. More information from 0151 357 4420. The **Community Car Scheme** is for people who do not have access to public transport either because there is a lack of provision in the area or because of mobility problems. It is run by volunteers. There is an initial administration fee of £20 and then a small charge to cover the cost of petrol. The contact is Neil Sinclair on 0151 355 3739. Ellesmere Port and Neston Community Transport also have community minibuses which can be hired by groups for

around £50. Myles and John agreed to look into the possibility of commissioning one to run from Willaston to Chester and back once a week, supported by money from Myles' budget. **Action: Myles**

## 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Hampshire, Hilary Gould, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Madeline Hughes, Margaret Smyth, Carol Savage, Martin Collins and Keith Butcher.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014

The Minutes were proposed by Barry, seconded by Sue and accepted by the Committee as a true record of the meeting.

## 5. Matters arising from the previous Minutes (7<sup>th</sup> July 2014)

### **5.1 Restricted parking on the Green (Item 4.1)**

Myles confirmed that the proposals for putting in time limits on the Green have now been dropped but a parking space for disabled people will be implemented.

### **5.2 20mph zone (Item 4.7)**

All the signage has now been put in and the 30mph flashing signs moved. Myles confirmed that speed checks are now being done and warning letters sent out. He confirmed that the limit is legally enforceable. More volunteers are needed for doing speed checks.

### **5.3 No 2 Atworth Terrace (Item 4.8)**

Myles confirmed that remedial work will shortly be taking place.

### **5.4 Willaston District Community Plan (Item 5.4)**

Barry confirmed that the photo of the formal handover had been sent to papers and one had featured it.

### **5.5 Cheshire Rural Women Awards (Item 6.5)**

Sarah confirmed that the nomination had been sent.

### **5.6 Tree Survey (Item 9.2)**

Hilary Morris said that Elaine Mills had been the village tree warden but support to wardens is now being taken over by Cheshire Wildlife Trust. Elaine has therefore decided that this is an appropriate time to retire and we need to find a new tree warden. Sarah agreed to discuss this with Elaine and circulate our volunteer list. **Action: Sarah**

### **5.7 Rural Local Council Sounding Board (Item 7.2)**

Chris had circulated an invitation to join this but no-one was able to take up the offer.

### **5.8 50mph in Birkenhead Road (Item 13.2)**

Myles confirmed that he had asked if the 50mph sign on Birkenhead Road could be moved so that people have passed Mill Lane before the speed limit increases. Myles confirmed that he had done so but the answer was no.

## 6. Reports from Working Groups

### **6.1 Playground Working Group**

Sarah reported we have been successful in our application to WREN and have been granted £37,280. This, along with £230 raised by Willaston Rainbows for a sponsored scoot in the rain and a further £18.23 from the collection box at Village Butchers means that the amount raised is now just under £60,000. So we are now able to proceed with stage one of the play area development. This is actually slightly more than we had originally planned and will include:

- New entrance, improved fencing and a pathway around the area;

- Mounding and a tunnel feature for the slide;
- New infant and junior swings;
- New cantilevered swing;
- Junior goal posts near the tennis courts;
- Improved seating for adults and log seats for children;
- Mound area for rolling down.

There will be some paperwork to complete and the Council will oversee the appointment of the contractors. Unfortunately, one landscape architect has just left the department and Mary Lavery is about to go on leave so it may take a little time to sort everything out. This will be the focus of the group for the time being and grant applications for the second stage will be left until after the first stage has been completed. However we do not want to discourage organisations from continuing to raise funds as the stage one money will not be acceptable as match funding once the work has been done and the second stage will cost an additional £20,000.

To access the grant from WREN, we need to pay match funding of £4100.80 to FCC Recycling. This was proposed by Sarah, seconded by Vicky and agreed by all present.

Two tidy up days have also been held in the play area with seven people coming to each. Bushes have been cut back, grass trimmed and equipment painted. We still have some paint left over which could be used next summer.

### **6.2 Bus Stop Working Group**

Leanne reported that she had obtained a quote for a wooden shelter which costs £10,962. Vicky reported that she had not been able to get quotes for a sandstone shelter as companies refused to do this before planning permission had been obtained. The committee felt that the cost was more than expected and likely to have to come out of Myles' budget. As the greater priority is now to preserve the bus service, Vicky proposed and Leanne seconded that we do not take this any further. This was agreed by all present. The committee expressed its appreciation to Vicky and Leanne for the work that they had done on this.

### **6.3 Friends of Hadlow Road Station**

Hilary Booth reported that she and Chris had met Simon Wood, the Ranger who is enthusiastic about the idea and keen to help such a group source funds. She has a list of 27 volunteers who would help with a working party and 22 people who have shown interest in being on a Friends group. A presentation will be made at the AGM with the aim of formally establishing the group.

### **6.4 Willaston District Community Plan priorities**

The review of priorities done and previously circulated was discussed and an error for priority 15 was noted. The review looked at both the importance of the actions and what opportunities there were for implementing them and then rated the actions. The ones with a high rating will be the initial priorities for WR&CS. Once the document is finalised and clearly conveys why some things have a lower priority, it will be put on the website. As time was limited, it was not possible to have a full discussion of the review but no proposals for changing the ratings were made. There was a brief discussion about whether any actions were possible around limiting HGVs in the village but as it is a through road there is little we can do. Barry will present the actions with a high rating at the AGM and asked that if members of the committee have any concerns, they should let him know by 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action: All**

Barry also reported that we had received responses from a number of stakeholders, including the Planning Department who confirmed that the plan would be of material use when making planning decisions. In addition, responses had been received from the Transport Department and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## 7. WR&CS Business

### **7.1 AGM**

The draft agenda for the AGM was discussed. It was agreed that, in light of the ending of the 22 bus, a presentation on bus services should be included on the agenda. Myles agreed to do the presentation.

**Action: Myles**

All committee members were given leaflets to distribute.

**Action: All**

A review of the committee membership took place. The posts of Chair, Treasurer and Planning Officer are due for election. Chris, Hilary Booth and Barry all are willing to be re-elected. Madeline and Paul are due for re-election as resident representatives. It was agreed to ask the Willaston Rotary Club if they would like to be on the committee and to discuss representation with the Pre-School Playgroup as they have not nominated a representative this year.

**Action: Sarah**

It was agreed in his absence, that Chris would buy refreshments and all members should arrive at 7pm to help set up.

**Action: Chris/All**

## **7.2 Frequency of Meetings**

It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

## 8. Correspondence

### **8.1 Neston Angels**

We have been invited to have a representative on the Steering Group. Sue thought she was able to attend the next meeting on our behalf.

**Action: Sue**

Rob suggested that the Patient Participation Group might invite them to speak at a meeting.

**Action: Rob**

### **8.2 Village Events Diary**

The events diary has been re-established in Martins. Organisations are asked to put any events in to avoid clashes in dates.

### **8.3 Launch of Neston Great War Exhibition**

We have been invited to Neston Library for their launch. Keith and Joan Butcher together with Hilary Morris will attend. Hilary has provided information on a Willaston resident for this exhibition.

## 9. Financial Matters

Hilary Booth circulated the financial report. The Community Led Plan account has now been closed and the balance of £342.69 transferred to our current account. Hilary has sent in full details of the expenditure and it was noted that the final report needs to be completed.

**Action: Paul**

The current account now has a balance of £581.59, the lottery account a balance of £473.44 and the playground account a balance of £5137.75. New lottery forms for the next year have been given out so we expect to receive a lot of cheques back shortly!

## 10. Planning Applications, Decisions and Appeals

### **10.1 New Applications**

Barry reported that there had been eight new applications in August locally. The most significant of these is for a new estate of 43 houses in Ledsham, an extension to the car park at Hooton Station and an application from the traveller site in Heath Lane to formalise the provision. This was only a temporary site for three years. Barry agreed to object to an extension on the grounds that this is in the Green Belt and there are now adequate new pitches in the Ellesmere Port area that they could use. Myles urged everyone to object independently to this application.

**Action: Barry/All**

### **10.2 Mill Lane Applications**

#### 10.2.1 Montrose

Barry reported that he had put in an objection to the appeal, reinforcing what we had previously written.

#### 10.2.2 Netherfield

The Netherfield application has been amended to two houses rather than four but the plans need revising before it is formal consultation takes place.

#### 10.2.3 Goss Moor

A small amendment was made to accommodate the requirements of Great Crested Newts.

## 11. Local Councillor's Report

### **11.1 Willaston Post Office**

McColl own both the Post Office premises and Martins. They are currently considering the feasibility of amalgamating the two into the premises at Martins but this is still at an early stage. If they decide to go ahead, there will be a period of consultation by the Post Office as there will be some changes in what can be provided.

### **11.2 Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust**

Myles encouraged everyone to become a member, if they use the Willaston GP practice. This can be done by going to <http://www.bridgewater.nhs.uk/ft/>. or asking at the surgery. Rob commented that on Friday there was a notice to say that prescriptions need 48 hours' notice, rather than 24 hours. Rob had met managers at Bridgewater and this has now been rescinded.

### **11.3 Hanns Hall and Quarry Road**

Myles said that these roads will be closed for a maximum of five days from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September to enable carriagework patching and cutting back of vegetation.

### **11.4 Anti-Social Behaviour**

Complaints about noise nuisance, littering and dog fouling should be made to the Environmental Protection Team at CWAC on 0300 123 8123. If there is associated domestic violence, a dangerous dog or a party with the potential to cause public disorder, Cheshire Police should be contacted on 101.

### **11.5 Pothole Repairs**

You can report a variety of issues on the Council website including potholes, litter, waste collection and flytipping: [http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/contact\\_us.aspx](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/contact_us.aspx).

### **11.6 Electoral Registration**

All residents should have received a letter about the change to the electoral registration system. Most residents will have automatically been moved onto the new system but some will have been told that they need to provide more information. This can be done at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). New voters can also register online now. If you have not received a letter, ring 01244 977084.

### **11.7 Hedge on Hooton Road**

Barry asked Myles if he knew of any progress about cutting back the hedge on Hooton Road. As Myles had not heard anything, Barry agreed to follow this up. **Action: Barry**

### **11.8 Plants on the Village Green**

Hilary Morris raised the fact that summer bedding plants were not put in until July, a month after the spring ones were removed. The summer plants are now dying. Myles agreed to raise this. **Action: Myles**

### **11.9 Grass at Hooton Roundabout**

Lyn had asked that the long grass at Hooton roundabout should be raised at the meeting. She has reported this to the Highways Agency and it should be cut shortly.

## 12. Footpaths and Bridleways

Jane had circulated a report which was discussed.

### **12.1 Footpath behind Pollards Inn (FP 32)**

Horse riders seem to be regularly using the permissive way so the path should be better this winter. The path has now been strimmed.

### **12.2 Bridleways**

Fiona is still waiting to hear from Leahurst to about the possibility of having a permissive bridleway linking Damhead Lane and the Wirral Way. She will continue to chase this up. **Action: Fiona**

### **12.3 Willaston Walks Footpath Signs**

Jane is still seeking funding.

#### **12.4 Kissing gates.**

The three kissing gates on FP 37, the one that runs between Adfalent Lane and the A540 have not yet been installed.

#### **12.5 Strimming & footpath clearance**

Jane has inspected paths that she had been told were strimmed and found some were only partially done. She has reported problems to the Council and to Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Society who are also in contact with the Council. Myles will express his concern about this. **Action: Myles**

#### **12.6 Volunteers**

A number of volunteers have come forward as a result of contacting our 'pool'. They have been working on footpaths not on the strimming list and also cutting overhanging branches and brambles on paths on the list.

#### **12.7 Footpath behind the Memorial Hall**

Jane has been working with Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society to see what can be done to make the width on this footpath legally enforceable. They are looking at a modification order to improve the definitive map and statement for this footpath. Jane asked if anyone has photos of this path taken between 1988 and 2010 to let her have a copy or to contact her if they have used this footpath over a number of years. She can be contacted via [willastonfootpaths@outlook.com](mailto:willastonfootpaths@outlook.com).

#### **12.8 Vehicles**

There have been complaints about vehicles speeding down FP30 (between Mill Lane and Hooton Road). The Council has been informed.

#### **12.9 Hedges**

Jane has asked the Council to contact the landowners who have hedges at the side of enclosed footpaths and bridleways to ask that they cut their hedges as many are now obstructing parts of the highways. Jane agreed to give Myles a list of the affected pathways and he will follow it up. **Action: Jane/Myles**

### **13. Organisations' Reports**

#### **13.1 Christ Church** (Submitted by Jean King)

The Interegnum continues. A Parish Profile has been submitted to Chester Diocese and has been approved. The post of Priest in Charge is being advertised. This means that given suitable candidates, interviews will probably take place mid-Autumn and a successful candidate will take up his or her post as soon as possible after that. Meanwhile the three Sunday morning services continue as before, along with the Wednesday morning service and the Sunday afternoon Worship at Weatherstones (which takes place on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm). All are invited to come along to any of our services.

Working parties continue to improve hedging etc in the Church Yard. The mid-summer Strawberry Tea raised £470.

Future Events to which everyone is most welcome:

- Sunday 7th September at 12 noon. Joint "Bring and Share Faith Lunch" in the Methodist Hall.
- Sunday 14th September at 4pm Annual Pet Service at Christ Church.
- Sunday 5th October at 10am Harvest Festival at Christ Church.
- Beginning of November. A Concert in Christ Church with Organ and Male Voice Choir.
- February 14th. St. Valentine's Day! A film night in the Memorial Hall.

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

We are again grateful to CWaC's contractors for keeping the main paths mowed this season, and for the extra work they have done in the orchard area. There is a good crop of apples this year, and, for the first time, some damsons, as well as a small number of pears. (But you do plant "pears for your heirs"). Villagers are welcome to take apples for their own use, but again people from elsewhere have been reported taking larger quantities. This has been a good year for butterflies, and we are indebted to a local photographer for some pictures of them for the noticeboard.

#### **13.3 Guiding Organisations**

No report received.

### **13.4 Hadlow Green Singers** (Submitted by Margaret Smyth)

Choir members enjoy a well-earned rest during August and reconvene on 11th September for a very busy season. During October we are performing at Burton Church on Saturday 4th, then off to Christleton on 9th to give an after dinner concert for an organisation of retired police officers. Saturday 18th sees us at Ellesmere Port partaking in the National Association of Choirs Concert and then, it's weeks of hard work to prepare for the Christmas Carol Concert! Make a note of this date - 12th December in Christ Church. Exhausted just thinking of it!

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

Our Annual Show was a success again this year. Despite the rain in the morning, we had a lovely sunny afternoon to enjoy tea and cake. If you are not brave enough to exhibit in the Annual Show you have an opportunity to try your hand in our Autumn Show on Tuesday 16 September. This is a fun show when members do the judging themselves. This is followed by a short quiz.

Saturday 27 September was to be our Autumn Coffee Morning but, due to unforeseen circumstances, this has had to be cancelled. In October we are welcoming back Sue Beesley talking about her garden 'Panning for Gold'.

### **13.6 Johnston Recreation Ground** (Submitted by Sue Unsworth)

#### *Open Forum*

A meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. A resident was concerned that planning permission for the container belonging to the Football Club had not been applied for, expressing the opinion that permission had expired and therefore the container should have been removed or permission re-applied for with the usual opportunity for those affected to object. Another resident had written to Myles Hogg about the allocation of funds paid by allotment holders to be given to the Playground Appeal, when she had been, with others, asking for tall trees to be lopped on the allotment. She had been told that there were no funds available. Cllr Hogg said that the allotment money was not 'ringfenced' and was used for many things on the Recreation Ground as a whole.

#### *Other*

- We are still awaiting a précised version of the bye-laws for the notice board.
- The dog warden has visited and given advice, bags and the number to contact with any information on 'culprits' (0300 123 8123).
- The metal football barrier poles were being used to climb on by children and could be a danger. There are now notices on the container advising that there is now 'anti-vandal' paint on its roof.
- There is still no representative for the allotment holders on the committee and there are one 'full' and two 'half' plots available.
- It has been suggested that another litter bin be placed, possibly with a lid, outside the play area by the seat near the pavilion so that footballers could use it rather than litter the area. The only litter bins currently are in the play area.
- A committee member suggested that to help maintain the new play area, the sports clubs should be asked to contribute. Originally, in the 1930s, both the cricket and football club paid a fee per session to use the ground.
- A letter had been received from the Rotary Club about planting of trees. It was not thought to be appropriate or necessary to plant any more trees.
- The committee does not have a Secretary to replace Barbara Jordan yet.

### **13.7 Memorial Hall**

No report received

### **13.8 Scouting Organisations**

No report received

### **13.9 Sporting Organisations**

No report received

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

The summer holiday season does not see any let-up in WI activities. After our rather damp barbecue evening, some members enjoyed lunch on a canal boat trip in Chester, and in August a group visited St Deiniol's Library at Hawarden. The walking group have had two very different waterside walks (followed by pub lunches), one beside the Weaver at Hartford and the other along the promenade between New Brighton and Seacombe. Talks have included a speaker's experiences in Japan, and the mysteries of bonsai.

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

Following the summer break "Create" and "Church Mice" for children and carers recommence this month, September. "Pause" and "Bible Study" for older Christians exploring and discussing the Bible also resumes.

On 7th September, following the services, Christ Church are sharing a faith meal with us at the Chapel at 12 noon. We are happy to welcome all to share this ecumenical meal.

On 28th September we are having a Harvest service with a difference, entitled "Harvest in the Community". The morning service will include Jim Shaw and Dave Murdoch talking about their work in the community. All welcome.

As Christ Church await a new vicar, we are delighted to announce that Marcus Torchon will continue to lead us as our minister for another 3 years, instead of moving on, as is the Methodist tradition.

#### **13.12 Willaston PTA** (Submitted by Faye Clowes)

The PTA have had a well-earned break from fundraising. School reopens 2nd September and the AGM to elect new committee will be held during the month (date to be confirmed).

#### **13.13 Willaston Royal British Legion**

No report received.

#### **13.14 Willaston Royal British Legion Services Club**

No report received.

#### **13.15 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group** (Submitted by Rob King)

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust took over the management of Willaston Surgery on 1<sup>st</sup> July as planned. However, because of contractual complications, the planned 3 month hand over period did not take place. Since taking over, "Bridgewater" has been involved in two Patient Group meetings which were both very well attended. The message they have been putting forward is that the Surgery has clearly been operating very well and they do not wish to do anything to upset service levels and in particular the ready availability of appointments. Indeed, in a national survey of all GP Surgeries in England, Willaston Surgery came 21<sup>st</sup> out of nearly 8,000. The challenge for "Bridgewater" is to at least maintain that superb result but preferably improve upon it.

On 1<sup>st</sup> August the usual WI Friday Market coffee morning was sponsored by "Bridgewater" with tea and coffee being free. The Committee Room was hired and a number of high profile Bridgewater executives attended including the CEO. It was an opportunity for patients to speak directly with them and provide them with an opportunity to get a feel for how they had performed during their first month. They have indicated that this was a very worthwhile event and they obtained further feedback when they attended the August Patient Group meeting.

Bridgewater has demonstrated that they are very keen to have patient involvement and there is a commitment from them for us to hold regular open meetings which they will fund. We are in the process of agreeing a number of dates for public meetings and it is also likely that they will hold further Friday morning events to coincide with the WI market. Ways in which their presence at the Market can enhance service levels are

currently under consideration and the idea of holding phlebotomy sessions in the Committee Room is being explored. This would save some people who need blood tests having to go to the Surgery.

Minutes of Patient Group meetings are available via the Willaston Surgery website ([www.willastonsurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.willastonsurgery.nhs.uk)) or can be emailed to you on provision of your email address to the chairman of the Patient Group. (robking4@mac.com)

All patients are encouraged to become members of Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust. By becoming a member you have an opportunity to have your say in shaping the provision of healthcare in our area. Membership is free and you receive regular newsletters. You can join when you next visit the Surgery or it can be done online via [www.bridgewater.nhs.uk/ft/](http://www.bridgewater.nhs.uk/ft/)

Feedback from patients has so far been generally very positive with appointments usually readily available ie little change. Anyone experiencing difficulty in obtaining access to an appointment is welcome to contact me so that the issue can be taken up with management.

At the last Patient Group meeting a presentation was given regarding the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre consultation process. Patients are encouraged to read about plans for the Centre and comment accordingly. Information packs are available from the Surgery Reception or online at [www.transformingcancercaremc.nhs.uk](http://www.transformingcancercaremc.nhs.uk)

At the last meeting Rob King indicated that by the time of the next meeting in the autumn he will have held the position of Chairman for 2 years and feels it is only right that he should stand down to give others the opportunity to stand for election. Anyone wishing to stand should be prepared to give a presentation of no more than 5 minutes which should provide some background information about yourself and why you feel you should be elected.

#### **13.16 Willaston Village Festival Society** (Submitted by Sarah Shannon)

To link in with the 'Over By Christmas' event at Hadlow Road Station, we will be holding a war themed ploughman's lunch in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Do join us for some simple, yet delicious food.

With less than a year now to the next Festival (25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2015), we urgently need people to help plan some of the activities. This includes running an art exhibition, organising the fancy dress parade and preparing the children's WW1 celebration lunch. If you can help, please contact me on 327 5318.

#### 14. Any Other Business

##### **14.1 Speed Limit on Hooton Road**

Barry suggested that the bends in Hooton Road should have a speed restriction. He agreed to request this.

**Action: Barry**

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

#### Dates for Committee Meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

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5<sup>th</sup> January; 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

All in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

Date of the Annual General Meeting: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm