

Key Issues from the  
meeting held on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
2014



**WILLASTON**  
Residents' and Countryside Society

### No 22 Bus Service

A large part of our last meeting was devoted to the 22 bus service which runs between Chester and Heswall via Willaston. This is due to cease shortly, largely due to the express X22 service which has taken a lot of customers. We had a resident who attended to express her concern and a representative from the Council. There is a petition calling on the Council to provide an alternative service which has around 350 signatures. The service now runs at a considerable loss and the Council cannot afford to subsidise it. There are alternatives for people over 80 and with disabilities. Councillor Hogg will look at the feasibility of providing a minibus to Chester once a week. Stagecoach has refused to divert some of the X22 services through Willaston, claiming that there is not enough leeway in the timetable. The unreliability of the 272 service was also raised and the Council is in discussions with this to see if this can be improved.



### Play Area

The play area fund has recently been granted £37,280 from WREN which means that the fund has now raised almost £60,000. This means that we are now able to start on the stage one improvements. It will take some time to finalise arrangements and appoint contractors but we hope to see some activity in the next few months.

### Planning

We have continued to oppose the development of two houses at the rear of Montrose, Mill Lane and put in a submission to their appeal. These proposals are in the Green Belt area. We will also be opposing a proposal to formalise the traveller site on Heath Lane. This was a temporary site and the period it was originally for has come to an end. We will be opposing its extension on the basis that the site is on Green Belt land and there is now adequate alternative provision for travellers in the Ellesmere Port area.



### Footpaths

There has been a problem with summer with the strimming of paths, which have not been strimmed as often as promised and often the strimming has been poorly done. Whenever issues arise, these have been reported to the Council.

Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society is looking at the footpath behind the Memorial Hall and is asking for any photos of this path taken between 1998 and 2010. If you have any, or if you have used the path over a number of ways please contact Jane Townsend by emailing [willastonfootpaths@outlook.com](mailto:willastonfootpaths@outlook.com).

### WR&CS AGM

Our AGM will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Willaston Memorial Hall, followed by wine and cheese. Please do come along and let us know what you think about the work we have done over the past year and what you would like to see us doing in the future. We are recruiting resident representatives onto the committee, so if you would like to be involved, please put your name forward.

### Events coming up in Willaston

- 14<sup>th</sup> September – Annual Pet Service at Christ Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – Horticultural Society Autumn Show
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – WR&CS AGM
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Ploughman's Lunch for the Festival Society
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – World War 1 commemoration at Hadlow Road Station
- 28<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church
- 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at Christ Church



See notice boards or the full minutes for further information.

### Want more information?



A full set of the minutes of our meeting can be seen in the Methodist Church Hall, on our website or a copy will be sent if you ring 0151 327 5318. Our website can be found at: [www.willastoninwirralresidents.org](http://www.willastoninwirralresidents.org). If you would like an email alert when minutes of meetings are posted on our website, please email [admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org](mailto:admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org).

#### **Any village concerns then let us know**

Email Willaston Residents' & Countryside Society through the 'Contact Us' page on the Society's website, the link on the About My Area website's WR&CS page or directly to [admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org](mailto:admin@willastoninwirralresidents.org).

Alternatively write to the Society c/o the Chair, 11 The Courtyard, Willaston. CH64 2UT.

Information is also on the About My Area website: [www.aboutmyarea.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk), search on CH64, then click on villages in CH64. There is a link to our website at the bottom of the page.

If there is any particular issue you would like to raise, the first 15 minutes of each meeting is open to any resident. Please let us know if you would like to attend during this session.



Our next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 and our AGM will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.