

Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2017 in the Memorial Hall

Residents' Issues

No residents attended to raise issues with the committee.

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), Rob King (Memorial Hall trustee)

(Committee Members): Annette Troake, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Hilary Morris, Helen Mayles, David Compton, Madeline Hughes, John Woodrow, Sandra Kettiros, Clare Jones, John Fisher, Paul Janvier and Debs Jerrett.

Roy Spraggon also attended, initially as an observer.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Fiona Ennys, Sheila Smith, Myles Hogg, Stephen Bazely and Hilary Gould.

Chris welcomed new members and introductions were made around the table. David Compton explained he was representing Christ Church as Stephen Bazely was unable to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

This was explained for new members and there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September 2017

Two corrections were made to the minutes:

- Item 12.3 – the grass cuttings from the Meadow were not bagged.
- The date for the AGM in 2018 should read 28th September 2018.

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

4. Matters arising from the previous Minutes (18th September 2017)

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

5.1 Sign at Hadlow Road Station (item 5.1)

The company that Sarah had ordered the sign from is no longer responding to any emails. Therefore, she has found another company that can make a sign but it would need a mortice joint. Sarah agreed to contact John Morgan to see if he can help. **Action: Sarah**

5.2 Christmas Lights (item 9.2)

Myles had reported that the Council agreed to refurbish the lights for this Christmas only, after which they will take them down and new ones need to be purchased. Paul commented that they had to be taken down so that the tree can be pruned. An initial quote of £11,000 has been rejected. It was suggested that lights that beam into the tree would be cheaper

5. A.G.M

Issues that had been raised at the AGM were discussed. Richard Dutton had suggested that a CCTV camera could be erected at the Nag's Head. It was believed that this is being progressed and he may also be involved in a traffic survey. It was agreed to write to say that we assume they are developing this idea and don't need our involvement but to let us know if this is incorrect. **Action: Sarah**

Sandra Kettiros had suggested that a smiling flashing sign might be effective in making drivers slow down. She agreed to find a picture so that we can speak to the Council about it. **Action: Sandra**

Peter Williams had suggested extending the yellow lines on Hadlow Road to the Old Hall on that side of the road. There was a discussion where some members expressed concern that this will just move the problem of parking further up the road. Chris commented that this was as much for pedestrians, wheel chair and push chair users crossing at this point. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting to give people the chance to look at the junction. **Action: For next agenda**

Sarah proposed that the date of the AGM should be moved to mid-October as two meetings in a fortnight are hard to manage and it is then a long time until we have a committee meeting to discuss any issues raised at the AGM. Paul seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously. Chris thanked everyone who helped on the evening in September 2017.

6. WR&CS Matters

6.1 Correspondence - General

The following correspondence had been received:

- Penny Povey about traffic through the village, particularly HGVs. An update was given to her about what we have done to date.
- Geoff Dodd about putting a defibrillator in the phone box. He was told that this is something we are looking into and a request has been made to Spar. Sue reported that she had not heard from Spar.
- Caroline Hopkins about a sign at Hadlow Road saying that dogs had to be kept on the lead on the Wirral Way. We spoke to the Ranger who said the sign was an old one and removed it.
- Caroline Hopkins pointing out that our email address does not work. This will be removed from future publicity and people encouraged to contact us via the website or Facebook in future.
- Chris Wells about the need to police the noticeboard. Sue is removing notices that do not meet the guidelines, particularly those from outside Willaston.
- Sue Richardson about a caravan parked on Field Hey Lane. We offered to drop the residents a note about it but it was removed before we needed to intervene.
- Ken Stubbs about traffic through the village and down Mill Lane, particularly HGVs. An update was given to him about what we have done to date.

6.2 Correspondence – Kay Parry, Principal Engineer at CWaC

Chris reported that Kay had responded with the following points, following her attendance at the last meeting:

- There were no roadworks taking place which would have adversely affected the traffic survey that took place in the village.
- There is not capacity within the highway boundary to widen footpaths as they could not be extended into the road because the roads would then be too narrow.
- In the last three years, there have been two collisions on the road between Hadlow Road and Old Farm Close. Both of these involved vehicles turning at junctions, not as a result of vehicles passing on the bend. Kay suggested taking no further action but to continue to monitor the situation.
- There was no formal agreement with Aldi but concerns have been raised with them over their vehicles going through Willaston. Aldi had provided instructions and literature to all their suppliers, asking them to use the A540. CWaC have found Aldi to be very helpful and proactive in attempting to get suppliers to use the main road. It was agreed to write to Aldi about this issue. **Action: Chris**
- The road improvement scheme at Two Mills which is currently under construction may assist in reducing the number of HGVs travelling through Willaston as it will be easier to turn right from the A550 onto the A540 towards Neston, with a new formal right turn lane.
- Kay will write to Highways England about the signage on the A41 and it was agreed that we would write too. **Action: Chris**
- The current speed limit on Birkenhead Road is as recommended in the speed limit assessment and there are no proposals to lower it.
- The best way forward with the Quarry Road scheme is still under consideration and will be re-consulted on when the proposals are finalised.

Kay also provided detailed information about when highway mirrors are permitted and it was noted that this only applies to mirrors on public highways, not private land.

At the last meeting, Kay had mentioned a request from local shops to extend the limited parking time. She has not had time to look into this in more detail.

6.3 Co-option of additional committee member

Chris explained that after the AGM, Roy asked to be considered as a co-opted member. Roy said that he had been a resident for 48 years, his wife had been born in the village and they have a family grave in the churchyard. He worked for Vauxhall for 39 years and was interested in learning more about what the Residents' Society does.

At this point Vicky and Roy left the room.

There was then a discussion about the role of co-opted members and concern expressed that the constitution does not clearly define how many co-opted or Resident representatives are allowed. It also is not clear which committee members need to be residents and which need not. Concern was also expressed that we currently take anyone who shows an interest in our work whereas we should be more strategic about who we co-opt by identifying people with skills that we need.

Hilary Booth proposed and Paul seconded the co-option of Roy Spraggon to the committee. Barry, Rob, Madeline and Jane abstained and John Woodrow voted against because of the concerns above. The motion was carried by ten votes to one.

Vicky and Ron then returned to the room.

It was then agreed that there should be a group to look at the constitution in more detail with a view to clarifying some of the issues identified. Chris, Sarah, Vicky, Barry, Paul and Jane agreed to be on this group.

Action: Sarah

6.4 Christmas Card Fair

Chris reported that the fair was held on Saturday and 113 people attended. A profit of approximate £140 was made, excluding the costs of the WR&CS overlay on the banners.

Clare thanked us for allowing the Scout Post a table and said they sold £68.30 of stamps. She emphasised the importance of buying the stamps in Willaston as the funds raised help to fund events for young people in the village. Last year it raised around £1500. Clare agreed to send around further information about the Scout Post to members so that it can be put on the website, Facebook and noticeboards. Organisation representatives were asked to encourage their members to support the enterprise. It was also suggested that the Scouts could sell at the next Hadlow Road brunch.

Action: Clare, Sarah, Ceri, Sue, Organisation Reps

It was agreed to book the Memorial Hall for another Charity Christmas Card Fair in the first week of November 2018.

Action: Hilary B

7. Play Area

Sarah reported that the next improvements to the play area are likely to take place in mid-December. John Fisher commented that the area between the goal posts are getting muddy and suggested artificial turf but this is quite expensive. John also commented that the moles are active on the Recreation Ground again and the Council are trapping them.

8. Village Halls

Sarah expressed concern that we have lost both the Church Hall and the Legion in recent years and she suggested that we set up a group to take a more strategic look at what provision we have in the village and what the requirements are likely to be in the future.

Clare commented that she had met with the PCC about the Scout Hut and they are hoping to keep it going with a new formal relationship. It had originally been planned for a 25-year life span but that was 35-40 years

ago. David commented that all the land is still designated as a burial area. There is sufficient space for 5-10 years in the section currently being used but a decision will need to be made about the optimum use of the remaining land by the church.

David also commented that a survey is currently being done by the church to get people's views about what is missing in Willaston that could be provided by them. He said that there are still capital funds ear-marked for the development of the church and they hope to progress this over the next year, once they know what will be of benefit to the village. Organisation reps were asked to encourage their members to fill in this survey.

Action: Organisation Reps

It was agreed to get a group together to have an initial discussion about meeting facilities in Willaston. The following were suggested: Scouts, Memorial Hall, PCC, Methodist Church, Johnston Recreation Ground, School, Legion.

Action: Sarah

9. Treasurer's Report

Hilary Booth circulated the financial report. On 27th October 2017, the current account had a balance of £989.57. The lottery account had a balance of £2247.87 and the play area account has a balance of £5048.61. £944 of the current/lottery account is ringfenced for newsletters.

10. Planning Applications, Decisions and Appeals

Barry reported that he had received a CD of information to do with the Roften development. It appears that there is potential to add a further 35 houses using the Corfe piece of land. The cleaning of the site and remedial work is likely to take until the end of 2018 and the building work will be from 2019-2023.

Barry also reported that the application for hardstanding and shipping containers at Heathfield Nurseries had been refused. It was noted that more action has taken place on the site and Mr Jackson had emailed to say that they will be involving a local charity, providing toilet facilities etc. Mr Jackson had been expected to attend the meeting to give more information but had not turned up.

There is an appeal in place for the construction of an independent dwelling at Street Hey.

John Fisher asked about trees that had been cut down in Mill Lane. Barry confirmed that these did not have preservation orders on them. It is possible to see which trees are preserved by going to the interactive map at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/total-environment/trees-and-hedges/trees-and-tree-preservation-or.aspx>

Sue commented that the buildings going up at Goss Moor are visible and Barry confirmed they will be two storey detached houses. Hilary M commented that they had planted saplings in the Meadow to screen them but it will be some time before they are large enough.

11. Footpaths and Bridleways

Jane reported that many of the footpaths are now getting muddy, particularly FP28 (from the Mill to BR66) and the bridleway itself that leads to the end of Street Hey Lane.

The Community Payback Team completed the work they started on the path between Mill Green and the Rec and this has now been planted and covered in woodchip.

The erosion of FP30 (Hooton Road to Mill Lane) has been reported and a worksheet for remedial work has been raised by the Council. Some help is needed cutting back overhanging vegetation on FP31 (between Benty Heath Lane and Hooton Road) and bushes opposite New Hey Lane. Sandra offered to help one weekend if other volunteers can be found.

The improvements to FP32 (behind Pollards), filling in hollows on BR66 (at the end of Street Hey Lane) and filling in pot holes on FP33 (Change Lane) have not yet taken place. Jane is also waiting for an update on the quotation for work on FP32 as it appears that the Council are no longer able to fund this.

Jane contacted the Ranger about obstructions on the Wirral Way and the need for a ramp where FP34 meets the Wirral Way (because of flooding) but no work has been done so she plans to send more photographs. Myles has agreed to use some of his Councillor's budget to fund resurfacing where the Wirral Way gets flooded.

Chris commented that there will be sleepers and ballast available shortly from Hadlow Road Station but Jane felt that they could not be used for footpath improvements, although possibly the ballast could be used on Change Lane.

Jane also reported that the Council is launching an Adopt A Footpath scheme which may include insurance for volunteers and equipment loan.

12. Organisation Reports

The following reports were received in advance. Helen mentioned that the Hadlow Green Singers were having their concert on 8th December and they will also be singing at Santa's Grotto on 10th December at Hadlow Road Station. There was also a discussion about the issues at the Memorial Hall around the WI display. Two new volunteers have been found for the Memorial Hall committee following some advertising.

12.1 **Christ Church**

We are currently undertaking a community survey to help us as we continue improving the facilities at Christ Church. Please go to www.christchurchwillaston.com/survey or fill out a paper copy from the church porch. We are holding a Christmas Tree Festival with the Festival Society from the 1-3 of Dec so please come along to one of the events, the films, market, live music or one of our Advent Services and enjoy the beautifully decorated trees.

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

I am sure many of you will have seen that the new K6 Telephone Kiosk is now back to its full glory. This was funded with help from Rural Support Grant, Cheshire Community Foundation Grant, money from the New Homes Bonus, Councillor Myles Hogg's CWAC fund and some of Friends of Hadlow Station's own funds. The telephone kiosk is locked for security but will be open on Pop-up-cafe days.

The pop-up-cafe continues to be very successful and has been running now for over 12 months. Thank you to all our regular attendees and also to our new customers for their support. The next cafe opening will be November 26th from 10.30am to 1.30pm. The pop-up cafe will be open on the last Sunday in the month during winter (except for December when we will not be opening due to Santa's Grotto). We will publicize the opening dates for 2018 shortly.

We are now well underway with planning for Santa's Grotto on 10th December. The opening ceremony including Santa arriving, will start at 12.30pm and his signal box grotto will be decorated ready for the children to visit. There will be entertainment provided by Simon-le Barber and Hadlow Green Singers during the afternoon and face painting or colouring, together with Traction Train rides will be available for the children. Tickets are now on sale from Hilary on 0151 327 8325. Adult tickets are £4 and include large serving of mulled wine and mince pie. Children's tickets are also £4 and include a present from Santa, a soft drink and a ginger bread biscuit. Children's tickets are provided with an allocated 30-minute slot.

Numerous development projects continue which have included clearing and then grassing the far south platform (East) and planting of trees and bushes to encourage wild life. The platform edge has been whitened. The roundels have been fitted to the repainted level crossing gates, and three seats have been ordered for the far platform (East) and a large picnic table will be fitted shortly next to the main Hadlow Station sign on the grassed area. It is hoped that the refurbished luggage trolley and hand cart will be returned to the station very shortly at which time the existing luggage trolley will be removed for refurbishment.

Further planned projects include painting the signal, connecting the signal to the signal box for operation, and clearing the north platform (East side). These projects have been supported by a grant of £9,950 from Awards for All.

Finally, an Audio-Visual system is being purchased for fitting in the waiting room, supported by a lottery grant. This AV system will show a continually rolling display of historic and up-to-date pictures and videos that can be viewed when the waiting room is open to the public.

12.3 Friends of Willaston Meadow (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

At our most recent workday, we cleared brambles and nettles from around the saplings planted near the building site adjacent to the Meadow (behind Goss Moor). After two years the trees are doing well, and should in time help to screen the large new houses.

One of the apple trees in the Orchard was blown down in a recent storm. It was "Moss Seedling", not a very successful apple in our situation, so this winter it will be replaced with another; this one is called "Cat's Head", so we await the shape of the fruit with interest. The Wirral Countryside Volunteers are coming to help us in December, and this will be one task we can do together. In the meantime, we are preparing decorations for our tree in the Christmas Tree Festival, again they will be made from natural materials, perhaps a little enhanced.

Plans are also in hand to dredge the other part of Jackson's Pond during the winter.

12.4 Guiding Organisations

No representative currently.

12.5 Hadlow Green Singers

No report received.

12.6 Horticultural Society (Submitted by Pam Irving)

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

This is the last meeting in 2017. We start again on Tuesday 16th January when we will be having a talk on 'Controlling Pests, Diseases and Weeds in your Garden' by Sue Nicholas. This should be interesting to everyone as we all suffer these complaints!

Have a good Christmas and see you again in the New Year.

12.7 Johnston Recreation Ground

Tennis Club.

A very successful BBQ was held in July. However, the toilets in the pavilion were not as clean as they could be. Andy James suggested they could be monitored. There has been an issue with boys winding down nets in order for them to play football on the courts. A storage unit is still needed. Some trees have been cut in order to prevent further cracking around the courts' edging.

Pavilion

The roof has been repaired again. The ceiling repaired but several other general repairs need action. CCTV notices are to be put in and around the pavilion as some items have gone missing.

Dog Fouling

'No fouling' notices are to be put up at both entrances to the Recreation ground.

Allotments

All plots have been let and there is a long waiting list. The council will be cutting back bushes on the path side but "Allotmenters" are to be encouraged to cut back on their side.

Play area

There are 3 more pieces of equipment to be installed early next year. Probably March.

From funds held, it was agreed there would be a bench installed between the two entrances to the Meadow.

The next meeting will be the A.G.M. followed by an ordinary meeting on 16th November in Christ Church at 7:30pm.

12.8 Memorial Hall (Submitted by Rob King)

We are pleased to report that the internal refurbishment is complete. All that remains of the planned work is the replacement of the worn step outside the old entrance. All work done has been paid for and we have received the promised grant funding.

Almost £28,500 has been spent on the interior refurbishment programme and whilst we had projected to have a budget deficit for the year of just over £6,000, it is estimated that we will perhaps have a year-end surplus of £500 - £1,000. Funds at the end of October stood at just in excess of £30,000.

The issue of the proposed re-sighting of the WI Millennium embroidery was debated again at the request of two trustees following lobbying by various people. A vote on the proposal that it be put back in the original position in the main Hall was tabled. An amendment to that proposal was tabled but it did not get a seconder and then a further amendment was put forward that it should be reframed in a manner more sympathetic to the new décor. This proposal was, after yet further discussion, seconded and a vote was taken resulting in the somewhat vague motion being carried. This resulted in the resignation of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and one other Trustee all within less than 24 hours. It was agreed that the embroidery could be removed for a specific function should anyone hiring the Hall request it. Discussions will now take place with the WI regarding the embroidery as it has to be reframed if it is to be repositioned.

The Memorial Hall trustees hosted a "Best of British" soup lunch on Saturday 11th November and exactly the same number attended as last year although takings on the day were slightly down. Nevertheless, gross takings of £368 ensued.

Following the closure of the Royal British Legion Services Club on Hooton Road, the Memorial Hall trustees made arrangements for existing bookings to stand aside on Sunday 12th November to enable the Remembrance Day Parade to commence from and return to the Memorial Hall without any charge being levied.

Newly recruited volunteers to the committee are already making an excellent contribution, Phil Maltas having taken over the duties of Bookings Secretary and Felicity Robinson having taken on the new role of Publicity Officer with a specific brief to develop the presence of the Memorial Hall on Social Media. A large number of regular bookings for 2018 have already been made along with a number of one-off bookings for weddings and various types of anniversary from birthday parties for children to a Golden Wedding Anniversary.

12.9 Scouting Organisations (Submitted by Clare Jones)

1st Willaston Beavers – 32 young people

The Beavers have:

- Enjoyed a meeting of games and challenges
- Built dens and made s'mores over a BBQ at Eastham Woods
- Made Harvest Hampers for the Wirral Churches' Ark Project and presented these at Christ Church Harvest Festival Service
- Visited Pets at Home
- Recorded their recycling activities and made a water filter
- Been encouraged to bring in evidence for their Hobbies and Collector Badges and discuss these with the Colony
- Put up a tent, made a lolly stick catapult and learned to tie a reef knot using strawberry laces
- Completed a "Round the UK in 60 minutes" - various quiz/craft activities associated with England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales plus tasting traditional foods from each.
- Had a spooky Halloween Party
- Painted poppies on stones to decorate outside Memorial Hall for Remembrance Parade
- Learned to polish their shoes and roll neckers neatly.
- 13 attended Remembrance Service Parade
- 17 will attend forthcoming Liverpool Science Jamboree 25/11/17

1st Willaston Cubs – 28 young people

The Cubs have:

- Hiked in Eastham Woods

- Completed Stage 3 Emergency Aid requirements over 3 meetings
- Hiked to Hadlow Fields and had a campfire with another Cub Pack from Birkenhead
- Celebrated Diwali
- Made Paper Plate Poppies for a giant Remembrance Day wreath
- 13 Cubs attended Remembrance Sunday Parade
- 16 Cubs will attend Liverpool Science Jamboree

1st Willaston Scouts – 12 young people

The Scouts have:

- Learned about the role of the QM and importance of storeroom organisation
- Practised rucksack packing
- Practised washing up and learned about Camp Hygiene
- Done a Twilight Hike
- Refreshed their Navigational Skills
- Discussed beliefs, attitudes and values
- Carved Halloween pumpkins
- Carried out Remembrance Day activities
- 8 Scouts attended an "Octoberfest" Camp at Forest Camp (included archery and climbing activities)
- 1 team entered into Rest-a-While District Hike
- 6 Scouts attended Remembrance Sunday Parade

12.10 Sporting Organisations

No report received.

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

This committee asked the WI to serve refreshments at the charity card fair which will be over by the time of this Residents' meeting. Another village event where we shall be serving hot drinks is the Carols on the Green, which will be held on 19 December. This year it is celebrating its 50th year, so we hope for a fine night and a good turnout. Members are already preparing handmade decorations for their tree at the Christmas Tree Festival.

A few members have recently planted spring flowers (supplied by Follyfield) in the beds outside the Hall.

Our darts team are representing us in the County Championship, and we shall also be taking part in the annual County Quiz. Recent visits have included an overnight stay in Blackpool, there will be a theatre trip in November and members will be attending a carol concert in Chester Cathedral. The WI provided a bursary for a member selected by ballot, and we look forward to seeing the products of her glass-fusing course. Our annual bridge drive and afternoon tea will be held on 21 February 2018.

12.12 Willaston Methodist Church (Submitted by Sheila Smith)

We are delighted to report that a total of 38 shoe boxes were filled following our annual collection for the "Shoe Box" appeal last month. These, along with 191 from two other Methodist churches, will be sent and distributed to underprivileged children in other countries, via the "Samaritan's Purse" organisation. Many thanks to those who gave.

Christmas is coming, and children from "Create" and "Church Mice" will be making decorations for our tree, as we participate in the Christmas Tree festival in Christ Church.

As well as our regular services during Advent, our special services are as follows;

DECEMBER 10th - 10-45am. TOY & CHRISTINGLE
 17th - 6-30pm. CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE
 24th - 10-45pm. NATIVITY SERVICE
 CHRISTMAS DAY - 9-30am. CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE

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)

Christmas lights switch on - Tuesday 5th December - event starts 17:45. Mince pies & mulled wine served and a visit from Santa on his sleigh scheduled. Followed by his tour of the east side of the village (Hooton road & surroundings).

Santa will return to tour the west side of the village (Neston road & surroundings) on Monday 11th December.

12.16 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group

No report received.

12.17 Willaston Toddler Group

No report received.

12.18 Willaston Village Festival Society

No report received.

13. Councillor's Report

In Myles' absence, Sarah reported the following items.

13.1 Police

If you are reporting a crime that is in progress, there is a likelihood of the offender being apprehended if police officers respond immediately or if someone is in immediate danger, phone 999. For non-emergency calls, ring 101. To report a crime anonymously, ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. All instances of fraud should be reported to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

13.2 Consultation on Budget Plans for 2018-9

The Council is currently consulting on its budget plans. The closing date is 23rd November. You can respond by ringing 0300 123 8123, quoting Balancing the Budget, by writing to Balancing the Budget, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port CH65 0BE or online at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-petitions/Budget-consultation.aspx>

13.3 Stray Dogs

Stray dogs can be reported on 0300 123 7038 between 8am or 7pm or 033 123 7035 at other times.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Dean the Butcher

Vicky reported that Dean is closing on Saturday after 35 years. It was agreed to send a card with thanks for his work in the community, floral decorations etc. **Action: Sarah**

14.2 Christmas Tree Festival

Paul reminded the meeting that the Christmas Tree Festival takes place 1st – 3rd December.

14.3 Elm Green path

David had reported a light not working on the path to Elm Green. He was encouraged to use the Council's interactive website. Planting of bulbs has taken place in the churchyard.

14.4 Patient Participation Group

John W reminded members that a meeting of the PPG is on Tuesday when the new providers for the surgery will be coming to meet members of the PPG.

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

Dates for future Committee Meetings:

Monday 15th Jan 2018
Monday 19th March 2018
Monday 21st May 2018

Monday 16th July 2018
Monday 17th September 2018
Monday 19th November 2018

AGM: Friday 26th September 2018 (to be changed if the Memorial Hall is available)