

Key Issues from the meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018



WILLASTON
Residents' and Countryside Society

Proposed McCarthy and Stone Development



McCarthy and Stone are proposing to build 35 apartments at the former Royal British Legion site in Willaston. One resident came to the committee meeting to present his concerns about the proposal. These included the size of the development, the number of parking places provided, access and his view that some apartments may not be bought and would then be sold to a housing association.

Ed Harvey, McCarthy and Stone's planning consultant for the development and Carol Riley, the communication consultant also attended the meeting to give feedback on the consultation to date. They had received 65 pieces of feedback of which 46 expressed support, 14 objected and five made no comment or were unsure. The consistent comments they have received to date are: Looking forward to the development (34 people); sales enquiry (32 people); like the plans proposed (32 people); good use of land (20 people); concerned about the design and size of the development (14 people); concerned about parking (10 people) and access concerns (10 people). As a result of the parking concerns, they have increased the proposed number of spaces from 25 to 30 spaces.

There will be further opportunity for anyone to respond to the Council when a planning application is submitted, at which stage WR&CS is likely to submit a response.

Christmas Lights

The lights were refurbished for Christmas 2017 but as they have been in place for ten years, they will no longer pass health and safety/electrical tests. Before new ones can be put up, the tree has to be trimmed. The Council do not fund Christmas lights, other than for Ellesmere Port and Chester. Therefore WR&CS has set up a working group with the aim of raising £14,000 to cover all costs including purchase and fitting of new lights, removal of old lights and electricity.



Sign on the Wirral Way

We have bought a finger-post sign that has been fitted on the Wirral Way at Hadlow Road Station, directing people to the village and shops. Thanks to Ray Riley for putting it up.

WINDS (Willaston INDOOR Spaces)

Following the closure of the Royal British Legion in Willaston, we have brought together the organisations offering indoor facilities in the village (Christ Church, the Methodist Chapel, the Memorial Hall and the Scout Hut) to see how we can work together. As a first step, we will be doing a community needs assessment. Look out for the survey that will be delivered to your house with our next newsletter and please take time to fill it in and let us know what you think.

Footpaths and Bridleways

Some work has been done on FP32 (behind Pollards) but there are still issues with flooding at this time of year. Cllr Myles Hogg's fund is paying for a small access ramp on the footpath from Wallcroft to the Wirral Way close to Hadlow Road Station. A volunteer working group spent two sessions clearing BR64 (opposite New Hey Lane) – thanks to all those involved.



Events coming up in Willaston

See the notice boards or the WR&CS web site for further information.



7th April – Councillor's Surgery in the Memorial Hall
14th April – Rotary pop-up book sale on Village Green
15th and 29th April – Pop up café at Hadlow Road Station
5th May – Rotary musical evening at the Memorial Hall
13th and 27th May – Pop up café at Hadlow Road Station
20th May – Ecumenical Pentecost service on Village Green

Want more information?



A full set of the minutes of our meeting can be seen on our website or a copy will be sent if you ring 0151 327 5318.

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Any village concerns then let us know.

Get in touch with Willaston Residents' & Countryside Society through the 'Contact Us' page on the Society's website. Alternatively write to the Society c/o the Chair, 11 The Courtyard, Willaston. CH64 2UT.

Information about the wider area is also available on the About My Area website: www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/CH64.

If there is any 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. You are also welcome to attend throughout the meeting as an observer – again, please let us know if you will be attending.

Our next meeting is on Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.15pm.

(All meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of every other month).

Find out more at <http://willastoninwirralresidents.org> or  /Willastonresidents.