

Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th July 2018
in the Memorial Hall Committee Room

Residents' Issues

Hadlow Road Planning Application (on land adjacent to Cherry Brow Farm)

Chris introduced and welcomed Helen Jakubczak who wished to raise concerns, on the outline planning application for the land on Hadlow Road. Approximately 20 other people attended as observers to support Helen.

Helen advised that there are a significant number of local objections to the outline planning application submitted. The proposed development would not just have a personal impact but also key community interests, which they would like to have put forward to the council by WR&CS. Helen also advised that not everyone who has objections could attend the meeting tonight.

Helen suggested that the stables were demolished in 2004 contrary to CWaC's policies and procedures and in 2006 a planning application similar to the current outline application was submitted and declined. Consideration should be given to using the land as allotments/agricultural land.

Helen went on to advise that the group's main objections are that the outline plans do not meet GB6/SPG infill requirements as it is unsympathetic to the conservation area, overpowering and includes the removal of the sandstone wall alongside the road which is a dominant feature in the village and the site layout. She also expressed concerns about the proposed access to the site, the plans do not detail parking spaces and it will therefore add to the parking congestion on Hadlow Road.

Ruth Hampshire (resident) also raised concerns about the existing sandstone wall fronting this site and requested details on whether any sandstone walls are protected in the village and what guidance can we get from CWaC planning. Myles said he would investigate the rules regarding the sandstone walls.

Action: Myles

Helen also advised that the planning application is incomplete and missing information including surveys.

Helen indicated that she had spoken with Barry Vowles (WR&CS Planning Officer) who pointed out that this was an outline planning application that doesn't include adequate planning detail and WR&CS would only comment when a full valid planning application was submitted.

Chris then advised the group that WR&CS is a community organisation and that whatever position WR&CS takes, does not stop individual residents from submitting their own comments to CWaC on any planning application and encouraged all present to do so.

Helen asked whether WR&CS would take on board the residents' comments to which Barry responded that WR&CS will take into account all views but any response to CWaC would solely be on planning grounds. Debbie (Hadlow Road resident) asked if there was a certain time limit on the plans being updated. Myles stated that he is confident that CWaC will not agree to these incomplete plans and will need much more detail to be submitted before consideration by CWaC's Planning Department.

Helen commented that she believes that Barry had a discussion with CWaC's Planning Officer prior to this meeting and this was before hearing the local residents' views. Helen then indicated that she felt this had resulted in CWaC believing that WR&CS would not be objecting to this application. Barry responded by stating that he had not given any WR&CS view in this conversation with the Planning Officer at CWaC. Barry then explained that the conversation he had with the council planning officer was to understand the application further and Barry came to the conclusion that CWaC was not intending to consider this application until the appropriate additional documentation was received. Barry also advised that there are a number of issues that dominate the thinking/approach to this outline application including the fact that the sandstone wall in question is circa 200 years old and these walls are a village feature and part of the character in the conservation area. However, he does not think there are any planning regulations related to sandstone walls other than those on the English Heritage listings.

It was noted that WR&CS has to interpret and make decisions based on the communal village views and not just a small group. WR&CS uses the 2014 Willaston District Community Plan to assist in making decisions but it should be noted that this Community Plan did not come out with strong views in some areas.

Chris then summarised that the outline planning application is incomplete and WR&CS won't submit comments at this stage but will consider submitting a response in due course should a full planning application be submitted.

Concerns were then raised about the traffic coming onto Hadlow Road from the proposed development. Barry responded that the CWaC Highways Department would be very thorough and would be looking to review recent traffic surveys as they are consulted on all planning applications.

Local residents then mentioned that the site is a place for wildlife with various species and whether there would be the need for an ecological report. Myles stated that, for example, if bats or newts or other protected species were found on the site then ecological studies would be required before the application could progress. Any additional reports would be needed to be undertaken as required to support a full application. It was pointed out that the only way to guarantee the space for community/wildlife would be to purchase the site for that purpose.

Helen indicated that there was a dispute regarding the boundaries related to this application. Myles responded that this is not a matter for CWaC's planning department and Helen's disagreement to this was noted.

Myles commented that if the CWaC Planning Officer was minded to approve this outline planning application then he would 'call the application in' for a full Council meeting consideration where the CWaC elected members would then make the decision.

Helen commented that the planning application notice was not clearly visible. It was noted that the only people who need to be informed by CWaC are the neighbours immediately adjacent to the application.

There were discussions regarding CWaC's planning portal. Barry and Chris explained various points regarding the portal including the fact that anyone can object to the outline planning application and continue objecting on different elements. The CWaC planning portal does not automatically send email updates to individuals. John Woodrow suggested that everyone with concerns regarding this planning application should monitor CWaC's planning portal and then lodge as many comments as they feel necessary but it was stressed that comments need to be reasoned, individualised and planning related.

At the end of this discussion Chris clarified that WR&CS may, or may not, support or object to this planning application.

Royal British Legion Planning Application

Iain Henrys attended the open session of the meeting and gave an update following his meeting with the CWaC Planning Officer that morning although further information was awaited from McCarthy & Stone. The CWaC Planning Officer is looking to consider the planning application at the end of July. The revised planning application submitted is beginning to comply with specific planning regulations and certain policies but the CWaC Planning Officer is still awaiting outstanding information regarding the trees and highways.

Iain advised that McCarthy & Stone have not redesigned the building but rather the revised plans have been 'tweaked'. Iain stated that he felt the parking issues had not been addressed as there was not one space per apartment and suggested that the application technically needs 60 parking spaces. Iain felt that McCarthy & Stone had amended the proposed plans 'to do just enough' to comply with separation distances, etc. As a result, Iain believed that following the minimal revised roof heights and other minor changes, the CWaC Planning Officer could be minded to recommend approval of this application.

Ruth Hampshire asked if WR&CS could advise what specifically has been changed on this revised planning application as this would allow residents to submit further focussed objections on CWaC's planning portal. Iain clarified that everyone can object to the revised plans and Chris strongly encouraged individuals to do so.

Myles stated that has already 'called in' this application which is likely to go forward for a decision by the elected Council Members either on 7th August or 4th September.

Atworth House, Neston Road

The resident of Atworth House attended to comment that a car had mounted the very narrow pavement and crashed into the garden wall of her home which is situated next to Jillian Dawn florists. She asked if WR&CS could advise if any safety measures could be put in place against future accidents at this spot. Iain Henrys (resident) advised that on parts of Neston Road the kerb height has been increased and potentially such measures could prevent future incidents. Myles asked the resident of Atworth House to contact him directly to discuss and gave her his contact details at the meeting.

Chris thanked everyone for attending the public consultation session and many residents left the meeting with four people remaining as observers of the committee meeting.

Committee Meeting

Present - Officers: Chris Hampshire (Chair), Hilary Booth (Treasurer), Barry Vowles (Planning), Ceri Jones (Social Media).

Present - Committee Members: Annette Troake, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Sandra Kettiros, John Woodrow, Debs Jerrett, Madeleine Hughes, Myles Hogg, Sheila Smith, John Fisher, Fiona Ennys, and Paul Janvier.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Vicki Spraggon, Roy Spraggon, Stephen Bazely, David Compton, Sarah Shannon, Rob King, Jane Townsend, Clare Jones, Sue Unsworth, Hilary Morris and Hilary Gould.

In Sarah's absence, Chris thanked Ceri for taking the minutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

Chris declared an interest as Chair of Friends of Hadlow Road Station for the Listed Building Consent planning application.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were proposed as correct by Paul Janvier, seconded by Debs Jerrett and accepted by all Committee members present at the meeting as a true record of the meeting noting the correction to the meeting date from 22nd May to 21st May.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 21st May 2018

There was discussion on the following matters, as the other matters were complete:

4.1 Litter clearing (item 4.3)

This took place on the 16th June with two volunteers which was organised by Myles. Sadly, there was a poor turnout. Myles wondered if there was interest in another litter picking date and suggested an alternative option would be that if people in the village would like to do some litter picking separately on their own he would provide the necessary bags and equipment. Feedback was to offer individuals in the village the equipment if they would like to progress this which will be communicated out via WR&CS Facebook page and the WR&CS website. **Action: Sarah & Ceri**

4.2 Data Protection policy (item 5.2)

It was agreed to carry this item forward as it was not clear if the Play Area contact list has been deleted or whether people on the WR&CS volunteer and Minutes notification lists have been contacted. **Action: Sarah**

Sarah and Sheila met regarding updating the organisation list. Sheila is currently updating this and getting people to confirm they are happy for their details to be included. **Action: Sheila**

Noticeboard (item 5.3)

The noticeboard has been re-varnished by Sandra and the committee thanked Sandra for doing this. Whilst doing this Sandra noted that the benches around the village green needed 'painting'. It was agreed to include this as an item on the next meeting's agenda. **Action: Sarah**

5. WR&CS Matters

5.1 Communications

Chris reported that various WR&CS communications had been received and actioned including Facebook messages.

5.2 Privacy Notice - cookies

Sarah had circulated an updated privacy policy paper to advise on the use of cookies on the WR&CS website. Acceptance of the updated privacy policy was proposed by Annette Troake, seconded by Debs Jerrett and unanimously approved. **Action: Sarah**

6. Working Groups

6.1 Willaston Christmas Lights (WCL)

Ceri reported that a positive start had been made to the funding campaign and had circulated a report update. Ceri advised that the work of the volunteer group has been excellent in driving the campaign forward with the community. The first community fund raising event took place at Christ Church with their 'Ring the church bell' that raised a £132. Ceri thanked Christ Church for running this fund-raising event.

Debs and Ceri then discussed the raffle that was due to be launched to support the Christmas Lights. Hilary advised of the need for full recording of raffle ticket information. Ceri and Debs responded that this was in place and there is a defined process and a template had been developed for recording purposes. Ceri further advised that the cost of the printing of the tickets had been donated by a local print firm (Atom Printers, Ellesmere Port). It was noted that as Hilary is the raffle promoter the raffle ticket design has to be approved by her prior to printing. **Action: Ceri**

Debs requested committee members to take raffle tickets to sell to their groups. To support raffle ticket sales, John said that it would be possible for WCL group to attend the Willaston Patient Participation Group meeting; Lyn said the group could attend the Horticultural Show and Chris said the group could come to the Friends of Hadlow Road Station pop-up café on 25th July. Debs thanked everyone for these opportunities. **Action: Debs**

A discussion was held on what figure would be reported to all village residents and when. Ceri advised that WCL will publish results on a monthly basis and she will liaise with Hilary (Treasurer) on this outside the meeting and send a subsequent communication to everyone. **Action: Ceri**

Chris suggested that WR&CS should formally write and thank the people/organisations who have donated e.g. newsletter print, raffles, web site. Ceri advised that this had been discussed by WCL and Myles had indicated he would do this on behalf of WR&CS and the WCL sub-group. **Action: Myles**

Chris stated that cash handling insurance had been taken out and would be included in the WR&CS insurance renewal in September. Chris also advised that the WR&CS public liability insurance does not cover events hosted by WR&CS. Ceri confirmed that all events being done for the Christmas Lights fundraising are being undertaken at the responsibility of the individual organisations e.g. Willastonhey WI, Willaston & South Wirral Rotary, Methodist Chapel.

Myles advised that the WCL focus was funding towards lights on the Christmas tree on the village green.

Chris asked about the dedication book and will it be printed/handwritten. Ceri reported that no decision on this has been taken yet as options are being investigated and the main priority was to kick off the fundraising. Ceri also advised that she is working with Sheila on the dates that the book can be on display in the Methodist Chapel.

Sheila commented that she had received feedback on how individual sponsors had appreciated receiving a personal receipt for their donation, especially given the amount of work this involves.

Ceri reported that the newsletter has been distributed and a thank you event will be organised. Some positive coverage has been received from the Liverpool Echo and Radio Merseyside. A WCL website and 'Go Fund Me' page are due to be launched shortly and there will also be further marketing materials produced as and when required.

6.2 WINDS (Willaston INDoor Spaces)

Sarah had submitted an update to the committee prior to the meeting with three decisions to be made in relation to the WINDS survey results: a. should information about offers of help be passed onto the organisations; b. if people were interested in more information should a copy of the report be sent; c. should the project be closed down as the work is complete.

All three points were unanimously agreed and Chris thanked everyone who has been involved.

6.3 WW1 Commemoration Weekend

Sarah had submitted an update to the committee prior to the meeting. Chris then advised that two WW1 meetings had taken place bringing various organisations together in the village to progress this event. John W proposed that this should be led by WR&CS which was seconded by John F and unanimously agreed.

Ceri asked why the Methodist Chapel were not part of it and Sheila confirmed that the Methodist Chapel would like to be involved. Sheila will contact Sarah as Chair of this group to progress/join. **Action: Sheila**

Paul advised that the next meeting is to be held on the 16th August at 2.30pm in Christ Church.

Chris advised that Matt Baker (from Over By Christmas) has offered to do a 15 mins performance at Hadlow Road Station following their performance in Chester earlier that day.

The end of WW1 event has received an anonymous donation of £750.

Chris asked if the committee would provide a £250 loan for the group to be drawn down now and paid back when other monies offered have been received. Everyone agreed to this and Hilary will action the transfer. **Action: Hilary**

Funding will also include a £500 donation from Myles Councillor's fund towards the event once a completed CWaC form has been submitted to secure the funding. **Action: Sarah**

Chris advised that the Play area bank account is currently dormant and will remain so until the end of 2018 and Chris requested approval for this bank account to be utilised for the WW1 event even though it was noted that the account name would not change. This was unanimously agreed by the committee.

Fiona suggested that the horticultural society be asked to supply flower arrangements for this event. **Action: Lyn**

7. Financial Report

Hilary suggested that WR&CS could give an extra £300 to the Christmas lights, making the total amount of £500 donated to WCL. John W proposed this and Madeleine seconded it with a unanimous approval.

Hilary Booth submitted a Financial Report of all WR&CS accounts as at 6th July 2018. This report showed that the WR&CS current account had a balance of £598.33; the Play Area account had a balance of £825.48 (of which £750.00 is for the WW1 project); the Lottery account had a balance of £1,110.45; and the Christmas Lights account had a balance of £9,982.06. £585 of the current/lottery account is ring-fenced for newsletters

Ceri will contact Hilary after the meeting to confirm how Hilary will be reporting the figures in future e.g. what date up until. **Action: Ceri**

8. Planning

Barry advised that the Hadlow Road plot (next to Cherry Brow farm) has been debated and discussed by WR&CS over the years and it had been previously agreed by WR&CS that this land would be suitable for a small-scale housing development.

Ceri asked when previous discussions had taken place about this site as she had never been part of that in previous meetings. Barry advised that this was approximately 4 to 5 years ago. Ceri suggested that as new members had joined the committee maybe WR&CS should consider discussing this again. It was agreed to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action: Sarah**

John Woodrow asked how objections are considered in CWaC's Planning Department and Barry advised that each planning objection is treated individually.

Debs proposed that WR&CS object to the outline planning application for the site on Hadlow Road which was seconded by Fiona and apart from Barry's abstention was approved by all. **Action: Barry**

Addendum to the Meeting: This application was withdrawn a few days later.

Sheila asked about the Roften site and if there was any update. Barry advised that a new set of plans and house types had been submitted last year. The proposed provision which has been approved is for 265 houses and a 60-bed care home. Before any building work can commence the issue of the contaminated land needs to be fully resolved.

9. Organisation Reports

The reports below had been submitted in advance and Chris thanked those organisations who had provided reports.

9.1 Christ Church (Submitted by Stephen Bazely)

On Sunday June 24 we welcomed a number of people for breakfast (an invitation which is always open to everyone) to ring the bell and donate money toward the Christmas lights. Thanks to Annette and Ceri for their help and all those who got involved, we managed to start the fundraising with £132 raised in about 30 minutes as people rung the bell. We also joined the Scouts for their Annual Celebration which was a great time. Keep an eye on our website in the coming days for information regarding the improvements at church.

9.2 Friends of Hadlow Road Station (Submitted by Hilary Booth)

All three trolleys are now fully refurbished and safely secured to the platform and the fixing of the milk churns to the main trolley will be undertaken over the coming weeks. The AV system in the waiting is now showing short films of volunteer work done as well as showing events held at the station.

The old rotten sleepers have been totally removed and safely disposed of, and the stone chippings has also been lifted and stored so that the railway line is at the correct height relative to the platform. The railway "chairs" that support the railway track on the sleepers have also been taken up and securely stored. The new grade 'A' recycled hardwood sleepers will be re-laid over the coming weeks by a Network Rail Training company following which the railway track will be put down and finally railway ballast will be laid.

Whilst the new sleepers have been delivered we have identified that some of them are not up to standard. However, work will start in laying the ones that are of good quality whilst the sub-standard ones will be replaced when additional sleepers are delivered.

The Hadlow Station sign has been fully restored with new wood.

The last of the sash windows in the kitchen has been replaced so that all windows in the kitchen now open. Many thanks to Tim Coombes from Wirral Sash windows for this support.

The gardens are looking good, and the new perimeter trees are growing well. New benches and plaques have been fitted on the far (South) platform, and a villager stopped the other day to comment how lovely it was to sit in the warm evenings down at the station. We are delighted to have such positive community feedback. Two long service award BR pocket watches and other train related memorabilia have been donated to FHRS for display in the Ticket Office.

The pop-up cafe is so busy we have purchased more chairs and 2 further tables. The next cafe openings will be from 10.30am to 1.30pm on July 29th, August 12th and August 26th.

9.3 Friends of Willaston Meadow (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

The recent dry weather has provided an opportunity to carry out the work to lengthen the boardwalk over Jackson's Pond and add some crushed stone to the approach from the gate. There is water in the pond despite the drought, but it looks rather murky, as does the farther pond. There are still some wild flowers in evidence, notably rosebay willow herb and field scabious, and many of the trees in the orchard will yield good crops.

9.4 Guiding Organisations

No representative currently.

9.5 Hadlow Green Singers

No report received

9.6 Horticultural Society

Lyn Jackson-Eves provided a verbal report at the meeting. The society have been planning their annual show which takes place on Saturday 4th August in the Memorial hall. The next meeting takes place on the 18th September.

9.7 Johnston Recreation Ground (Submitted by Sue Unsworth)

The three-monthly meeting was held in Christ Church on the 27th June. Several barbecues have been held for Tennis/Football clubs and were very successful. There has been a new bench fitted at the far side of the field at a cost of £574.

Allotments. There has been some work done on plot 8 (more to be done hopefully!) As there is a long waiting list, it was suggested that more of the field nearest the road could be utilised. Possibly to provide 2 more plots. This will be discussed further at the next meeting in September.

Football. The goal posts have been removed for the summer, however, Junior football is still being played using portable posts. The pavilion still needs attention with repairs still not completed. Moles are still a problem making the surface very uneven and bumpy. The grass has not been cut regularly and long cuttings are not now being removed.

Tennis. A box has been supplied for storing tennis equipment.

Playground. The children are making great use of their well-equipped playground. It would be nice to see the litter bins put to greater use too!

Next meeting is 27th September in Christ Church at 7:15pm. All welcome.

9.8 Memorial Hall (Submitted by Rob King)

There is little to report since the update put forward in May. The purpose-built storage facilities in the front boiler room and corridor have been completed and a review of what is stored where is being undertaken. If this impacts any existing users who do already store items at the Hall they will be consulted.

Interest in the Hall for weddings / receptions continues to be buoyant and a flyer promoting this type of hire is in production. Our license for weddings to be solemnized at the Hall has been renewed for a period of three years.

Our search for a new Chairman continues. Someone who sat in on a previous meeting has declined to take up the post as he has changed his mind about retirement.

A nappy disposal facility (yellow) is now located outside near the refuse/recycling bins. Anyone making use of the bin must make sure that it is locked after use.

Our year to date income exceeded expenditure by £4,745 and an overall surplus for the financial year was projected to be approx. £4,000. Considering all the work carried out internally and externally over the last two years, the Treasurer reported a current healthy credit balance of £32,387. It is likely that the next major area of expenditure will be on external painting although that is not scheduled for this year.

The Trustees agreed that if the Hall is hired for any WW1 events a discount of 75% will be given.

9.9 Scouting Organisations

1st Willaston Scout group recently held a Celebration of Scouting and our AGM. We desperately need more Leaders - word of mouth success means that we are bursting at the seams!

9.10 Sporting Organisations

No report received

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

In May, Willastonhey celebrated its 38th birthday with a supper supplied by members. In 1980 this WI started following an influx of new families when the Broadlake and Old Vicarage estates were built. At that time both Willaston-in-Wirral and Hadlow Green WIs had waiting lists, and the response to a special meeting was sufficient to warrant a new evening WI. Sadly, both earlier WIs have now closed, but Willastonhey WI members try to be an active presence in the village. Recent activities have included a garden visit in Lancashire and participation in a "Walking Netball" group, as well as an afternoon tea at the Adelphi Hotel to celebrate women's suffrage.

9.12 Willaston Methodist Church (Submitted by Sheila Smith)

This month, July, we have had our final services with Marcus before he moves on with his ministry to Nuneaton and Coventry district. He will be missed for his enthusiasm, dedication to his faith, and humour. After 8 years as our minister he has moved us forward, and we now have 4 Worship Leaders, a Lay Pastor, and 4 local preachers in our congregation! We wish him and his family God's blessing, and now look forward to the future with Jim Shaw leading us as Local Lay Pastor.

9.13 Willaston CE School PTA

No representative currently.

9.14 Willaston Royal British Legion/Willaston Royal British Legion Services Club

No report received.

9.15 Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club (verbal update by Debs Jerrett)

Debs advised that the Rotary Club will be undertaking a book sale on Saturday 4th August on the village green to raise funds for their nominated charities.

9.16 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group (verbal update by John Woodrow)

John Woodrow advised that there is a Patient Participation Group Meeting fixed for Tuesday 31st July at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss new Prescribing Procedures and Matters relating to the issuance of Referral Letters for Private Health Care.

If any patient wishes to raise any other please advise John in advance on 0151 327 3260 or by e-mail to johnwoodrow@btinternet.com

9.17 Willaston Toddler Group

No report received.

9.18 Willaston Village Festival Society

No report received.

10. Councillor's Report

10.1 Blocked pavements

Chris, as Chair of WR&CS, has previously contacted households by letter in previous years where pavements were reported as being blocked by overgrowing trees, hedges etc. This approach has received a positive response and Myles suggested that the letters are reintroduced as a polite way to ask residents to undertake necessary works which was unanimously agreed. Myles to provide Chris with details of those houses to be contacted.

Action: Myles/Chris

Sheila advised that one of the trees is overhanging the pavement on Old Vicarage Road which is the responsibility of CWaC. Myles asked Sheila to send some images to him and he will progress this with CWaC.

Action: Sheila & Myles

10.2 Abandoned vehicles

The abandoned vans were removed from Broadlake after a number of months. Anyone can report abandoned vehicles to regulatoryservices@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

10.3 Litter picking

A council litter picker visited Willaston in the first week of July.

10.4 Housing land monitoring report

CWAC currently has granted permission for building 10,306 houses compared with a 5-year target of 4,814 with an 8-year supply of housing land.

11. Footpaths and Bridleways

Jane reported that because of the weather the footpaths are very dry and many large plants on the sides of footpaths are dying back. Three volunteers have cut back vegetation either side of FP28 (Mill to Street Hey Lane). Consequently, all the village walks paths are passable.

To support Jane, Chris had contacted CWaC about FP32 (behind Pollards). He was told that the path would be raised, ditch deepened and drainage pipes would be added and the work had an allocated budget. This work has now been completed. Thanks to Jane for her work on this.

Following the inspection of BR64 (Fernyess Lane), at Jane's request, Dr Hilary Ash is recommending that it be designated as a local wildlife site as she considers it satisfies the criteria for biodiversity. The CWaC Footpaths Officer has contacted the owner of the adjacent field about the potential danger of the dead elms to users of the bridleway, should trees fall over the path. A tree in the churchyard is overhanging at the beginning of the path leading to Elm Road. Jane has brought this to the attention of the vicar.

The proposed improvements to filling in hollows of BR66 (end of Street Hey Lane), and pot holes on FP33 (Change Lane); the erosion on FP 30 (Hooton Road to Mill Lane) and the ramp leading onto the Wirral Way have yet to be done. Damage to the footpath near Mill Lane has been rectified. However, the people who organised this work did not get permission from the Council and the diggers effectively closed the path for the day without permission and without notices being put up.

Please email willastonfootpaths@outlook.com if you see any other problems with our Willaston footpaths or bridleways.

Any Other Business

12.1 Tractors overhanging footpaths

Debs suggested that there are increasingly large tractors that travel through the village with overhanging trailers that can be dangerous. Helen also raised a similar issue that occurred on Hadlow Road. Debs asked whether there were any controls in place to stop this. Myles agreed he would investigate this further.

Action: Myles

Ceri raised in previous meetings there had been discussions for a letter to be written from the chair to the local farms regarding large agricultural equipment going through the village. Chris confirmed that this had been done but no response had been received.

It was noted that the use of the tractors is a fundamental part of a farmer's role and we live a rural village.

12.2 PCSO speed checks

Chris advised that the PCSO had undertaken several speed checks in the village and 14 motorists were caught doing over the 20mph speed limit at the last speed check.

12.3 Willaston football club

Chris asked if anyone had or knew anyone who had interest in 1970's Willaston FC there are some literature/articles available. It was suggested that Hilary Morris be contacted.

Action Chris

12.4 WR&CS Logo

Chris asked if anyone could look at the WR&CS logo for it to be scanned and digitised into a quality image. Paul advised that when the Christmas Lights newsletter was done the WR&CS logo was not of a good enough quality as when minimised the illustration became illegible. The quality of the WR&CS logo was discussed and it was acknowledged that the logo is a scan of a scan and not the original artwork and the quality has deteriorated. It is difficult to reproduce as a high quality.

Fiona suggested that this could be a good opportunity to review the logo completely and modernise it. It was agreed to include this as an item on the next meeting's agenda.

Action: Sarah

Barry mentioned he has copies of WR&CS letterhead he could share if anyone needed any.

Offers were made to scan the logo in the first instance as he has a high-quality scanner. Barry/Chris agreed to send over the files they have with the WR&CS logo.

Action: Chris/ Barry

Chris also asked Lyn if she could speak with her son about the potential to look at the existing WR&CS logo if required.

Action: Lyn

12.5 WR&CS meetings in 2019

The 2019 meeting dates commence on the 7th January then the 1st Monday every other month, except May when the meeting falls on the 13th May. The AGM will take place on the 27th October 2019.

Addendum to the Meeting.

Chris apologises but the 2019 WR&CS committee meetings will be held every other month in 2019 on the 3rd Monday commencing 21st January 2019.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Dates for future Committee Meetings 2018:

Monday 17th Sept 2018 & Monday 19th Nov 2018 with the AGM on Friday 26th October 2018