

Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018
in the Memorial Hall Committee Room

Residents' Issues

Chris introduced and welcomed Paul Jackson and colleagues who had come to the meeting to speak about the new Flower Power project at Heath Lane Nursery. Paul handed out a booklet to committee members and explained that the objective is to create a community garden for people suffering social isolation, illness and recovering from injury. The project is partnered with Willaston Surgery, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and provides tools, seeds and waist-high planters free of charge for people to use at the site. They are currently finalising the health and safety aspects and expect to have an open day in about four weeks.

In addition, they have some animals, including two goats, a peacock and peahen and are expecting two Cheshire pigs, two alpacas and two Bengal cats shortly. Two small rowing boats will be available for the pond and the stables will house ponies for children's pony rides and equine education. Fresh, organically based old English vegetable lines will also be available shortly.

There is a community area with the idea that people can stop when walking their dogs and meet others. Free tea and coffee is available to anyone working in the area. This is the area from the second gate at Heath Lane.

Sue suggested that it may be worth contacting Pam Irving as she is the link for Darby and Joan and the Monday lunch club. Sarah agreed to pass on Pam's details, if she is happy for a contact to be made.

Action: Sarah

Jane asked about funding and Paul explained that this is being covered by the business, although some of the planters have been paid for by local companies. He further explained that they will be registering as a separate Community Interest Company and looking to get a committee together.

Paul noted that volunteers are needed to support the project and was grateful for the coverage given by the Society on Facebook and the website.

Chris asked about the planning aspect and Paul explained that all this is consistent with historical activity on the site but he is now hoping to develop it further.

Sarah Duffy (PCSO) joined the meeting briefly and explained that they are hoping to use it as a satellite station, which will also be available at unsocial hours.

Mia, a young Ranger with the project then spoke. She explained that she goes down to the farm to check and feed the animals. She has put together a competition at Willaston Primary School to name the pygmy goats, for which the prize will be time with the goats.

Chris thanked Paul, Mia and the rest of the group for attending.

Committee Meeting

Present - Officers: Chris Hampshire (Chair), Vicky Spraggon (Vice Chair), Sarah Shannon (Secretary), Hilary Booth (Treasurer), Barry Vowles (Planning), Ceri Jones (Social Media), Sue Unsworth (Publicity) and Jane Townsend (Footpaths and Bridleways)

Present - Committee Members: Annette Troake, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Sandra Kettiros, Debs Jerrett, Myles Hogg, Sheila Smith, John Fisher, Rob King, Roy Spraggon, Stephen Bazely and Hilary Morris.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Clare Jones, Hilary Gould, Madeline Hughes, Paul Janvier, Helen Mayles, John Woodrow and Fiona Ennys.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

One correction was made to the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018:

- Page 9 – first sentence of the final paragraph should read: Offers were made to scan the logo in the first instance by an observer (Iain Henrys) as he has a high-quality scanner.

With this amendment, the minutes were proposed as correct by Myles Hogg, seconded by Lyn Jackson-Eves and accepted by all Committee members present at the meeting as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 16th July 2018

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

4.1 Sandstone walls (Residents' Issues)

Myles reported that he had looked into any rules regarding sandstone walls but there are none for our part of Cheshire. The only rule relating to walls is that if they are near a highway, the maximum height they can be is 1m.

4.2 Organisation list (item 4.2)

Sheila is currently updating this and getting people to confirm they are happy for their details to be included.

Action: Sheila

4.3 Trees (item 10.1)

The tree in Old Vicarage Road still needs to be cut. Sheila said that the yew tree in the Methodist Church grounds has a preservation order on it. They have had several requests to cut it and asked for permission but not had a response yet. Sheila agreed to provide details to Myles who will chase this. **Action: Sheila/Myles**

4.4 Tractors (item 12.1)

Myles reported that he had looked into the issue of tractors going through the village but as far as he was aware, there are no special controls. He suggested that we contact local contractors and farmers and it was agreed that we would write again. Rob suggested that the NFU might have some guidance that we could use in the letter and Sarah agreed to check this. **Action: Sarah**

4.5 Logo (item 12.4)

Barry had tried scanning the old Festival logo which is a bit clearer than the current one but he needs to work a bit more on this. Lyn has not yet spoken to her son and said she would need some guidance about what is required. **Action: Barry/Chris/Lyn**

4.6 Atworth House wall (Residents' Issues)

Myles has discussed this with Highways and they will provide something to warn oncoming traffic of the bend.

5. Residents' Consultation

Chris commented that at the last meeting the Residents' consultation session had taken approximately 45 minutes and he wanted to ensure that the committee members were aware that this was a deliberate decision on his part as there was a large number of people interested in the issue. Sarah commented that the Memorial Hall Committee Room is quite small and if a lot of people decide to attend as observers, then there is a practical issue about fitting them in, especially if we don't know in advance that they are coming. The committee had no objection to moving the venue to the Methodist Chapel, although it is more expensive. Sheila agreed to discuss the cost of regularly hosting the Society's meeting with the Chapel before a decision is made. **Action: Sheila**

6. Working Groups

6.1 Willaston Christmas Lights (WCL)

Chris informed the meeting that sadly a burglary had taken place on Saturday 15th September when the Quiz was taking place and expressed his sympathy. Ceri confirmed that all £1,800 of raffle ticket money had been

stolen. She stated that there were no issues of data breach. Currently the police are investigating the incident. Chris confirmed that we had taken out insurance for loss of money at the start of the fundraising and Ceri confirmed that she has the raffle ticket stubs and unsold tickets so we should be able to substantiate this part of the insurance claim where further details will be submitted. **Action: Chris/Ceri**

Ceri then reported that the separate WCL website has now gone live, with a Go Fund Me page. All funds raised currently stands at about £17,700 (excluding the stolen money). This includes the Rotary Quiz on Saturday, which raised just over £1,000. Chris thanked Ceri on behalf of the Society for all she had done and commented that it is an incredible amount.

Chris then asked about the proposed WCL newsletter and commented that a Society newsletter was planned for October, to be delivered at the same time as a flyer about the AGM and information about the WW1 weekend. After discussion, Vicky proposed, and Hilary B seconded that the fundraising news about the lights should be on the front page of the WR&CS newsletter and a separate WCL newsletter was not required. This was agreed by all present, other than Ceri who abstained. It was agreed that draft wording for the front page would be produced by members of the Christmas Lights group and that the deadline for sponsoring a star would be Friday 26th October. **Action: Debs/Ceri**

Ceri then reported that the commemorative book will be a printed book and will be available for people to look at every Saturday in December in the Methodist Chapel. The Chase are currently looking at designs and it will be funded through Myles' Councillor fund. Ceri said that she thought several hundred people had sponsored a 'star' but she would let the committee know the exact figure. **Action: Ceri**

Hilary B suggested that a foreword giving some information about the history of the tree and WI involvement with previous lights etc would be appropriate which was agreed. Hilary will produce the wording. **Action: Hilary B**

It was agreed that the original sub group should meet to review the project and identify the steps required to close down this project. This should include trimming the tree, purchasing and installing the lights and looking into any public liability, electricity costs etc. The close down report will be provided to the next committee meeting. **Action: Myles/Ceri/Paul**

Chris then told the meeting about a call he had received from a trustee at the Lord Leverhulme's Charitable Trust in which they had expressed an interest in helping with the lights funding. Chris passed around a five-year cost analysis, suggesting that over five years the estimated costs will be £20,255, with a further £1,379 per annum depreciation per year. Myles suggested that maintenance of the lights would be in the region of £500-£1000 per year and Debs commented that the community lights group would be happy to continue to fund raise in the future. There was a discussion about the merits of putting in a grant application. Sarah proposed that we should not put in an application for the lights. Instead we should write to say that we have raised the funds for this project but would welcome the opportunity to discuss other funding needs in the village. This was seconded by Vicky and agreed, with 13 votes for the proposal and 6 against. There were no abstentions.

Debs commented that the lights switch on will take place on Monday 3rd December from 5-6pm. They are hoping to make this an extended event with stalls in the Memorial Hall.

6.2 WW1 Commemoration Weekend

Sarah reported that the planning for the weekend was progressing well and gave an outline of the events proposed. Chris reported that Erik and Helga Fritz will be attending from Reutlinghen and they will jointly close the event at Hadlow Road Station, together with Myles by reciting a poem in German and English respectively and extending the hand of friendship. Chris also asked for volunteers to read other poems and letters sent home during the Hadlow Road Station event.

Sarah requested that she and Chris have admin access to the WR&CS Facebook site so that posts can be made in a timely way before and during the event. **Action: Ceri**

7. WR&CS Matters

7.1 Correspondence/Email/Facebook

Chris reported that a number of contacts had been made and passed the list around for members to see. Of particular interest was a contact about cars dropping children off to school at Meadow Lane and parking on the grass verge. This had been forwarded to the PCSO who took immediate action. Information has also been sent out by school. A note of thanks was then emailed to the Society by the person who raised this issue.

7.2 AGM (Friday 26th October 2018)

The paper sent out in advance was discussed. It was noted that the Rotary Club was left off the list. The position of Vice Chair is up for election. Chris explained that under the new constitution, which will be adopted at the beginning of the meeting, Vicky is not able to stand as Vice Chair as she no longer lives in the village. However, if this position remains vacant at the AGM, we are able to co-opt her onto the committee and then appoint her as Acting Vice Chair. The position of Secretary is also up for election. Sarah stated that she had thought hard about whether to continue in the role as she has found the last year to be difficult. She said that she would stand again but may not stay on for the full three-year term.

Vicky proposed and Debs seconded that we should use the process outlined in the new constitution to ask for nominations for the posts of Vice Chair, Secretary and Resident Representatives. This process would be included in the flier for the AGM. This was agreed by all present.

c. Christmas Card Fair (Saturday 3rd November 2018)

Sarah reported that five organisations have replied asking for stalls and she will chase up the others.

Action: Sarah

Hilary B and Sandra agreed to help and it was thought that Madeline would also be willing.

d. Bench on Green

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Financial Report

Hilary Booth submitted a Financial Report of all WR&CS accounts as at 31st August 2018. This report showed that the WR&CS current account had a balance of £598.33; the Play Area account had a balance of £75.48 for the play area and £252.95 for the WW1 project; the Lottery account had a balance of £382.62; and the Christmas Lights account had a balance of £15,374.71. £585 of the current/lottery account is ring-fenced for newsletters

Hilary confirmed that sales of Lottery tickets for the year starting 1st September 2018 had gone well, with 168 sold. The committee thanked Hilary for the work that she had done, recognising the significantly increased amount of work involved with the Lottery at this time of year.

9. Planning

9.1 Current Issues

Barry raised concerns about an application from Bramley Cottage to build an additional house in their grounds, stating he felt it came very close to the boundary edge. It was agreed to respond by expressing concern rather than formally objecting.

Action: Barry

Barry expressed similar concerns about proposals for an extension at 30 Broadlake.

There was a discussion about proposals to demolish existing buildings and erect six houses at the site of Nessun Dorma in Lydiate Lane. Barry had looked at the plans and confirmed that the proposed footprint roughly covers the area already developed and commented that planning permission had already been received for two houses on the kernel site. It was agreed not to object but to comment that the development should be consistent with existing buildings, with a widened entrance and a footpath to Birkenhead Road and sufficient parking. Jane commented that in the Community Led Plan there was no desire shown for building of more large houses in Willaston.

Myles said he is investigating who owns the land adjacent to Westbourne in Smithy Lane. Jane commented that this area could be designated a footpath if 20 people use it regularly when walking.

Chris noted that the application to build a retirement living complex on the former Royal British Legion site had been turned down. He thanked Myles, Barry and Iain Henrys for their work on this and their presentations at the planning meeting.

It was noted that there has been considerable action on the site next to Hooton Station (Roften). Barry reported that the decontamination work has almost been completed and the planning officer should be inspecting shortly. Myles commented that the builders have been in touch with Hooton Residents' Society about the S180 funded work to rebuild the community centre.

9.2 Land next to Cherry Brow Farm

Barry explained that a few years ago, there was a discussion at this committee about what land in Willaston should be designated as appropriate for house building. This was the only plot that had been identified and reported to the Council. It would therefore be difficult to rescind this. It was noted that historically houses in the surrounding area had been built with the intention of this plot being included but that had not happened. Vicky commented that any building needs to be in character as it is in the conservation area.

10. Organisation Reports

The reports below had been submitted in advance and Chris thanked those organisations who had provided reports and advised this provides an opportunity for organisations to promote themselves. It was agreed to put a request for a Chair and Vice-chair for the Memorial Hall in the newsletter, Facebook and website.

Action: Sarah/Ceri

10.1 Christ Church

No report received.

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

The sleepers purchased for the track upgrade were not up to the grade A standard ordered, or expected, and have now been collected and a full refund will be received. Thanks to Tim Ley for supervising the early collection (6.30am) on Friday 7th September. We will now order grade A hardwood sleepers from Balfour Beatty that meet Network Rail standards, along with two 28-foot-long rail extensions that have been funded by the £1000 Tesco Bags of Help grant.

Moving the dog-leg in the Wirral Way path and fencing by the signal box by 28 feet, has now been completed. In addition, the painting of the signal will be completed before the track can be re-laid and the railway extensions put down. A brick-layer should have built the East section platform face and the tree stumps on the platform top should have been ground out by the time this report is published.

We have identified that more timber repairs are required in various parts of the station grounds and have brought this to the attention of CWAC who are now re-assessing this additional repair work but they have confirmed that the budget for these works has been approved. The two broken windows in the signal box are planned for repair and a Perspex film has been put over these two broken windows by CWAC as a temporary measure.

Thanks to Jenny Jackson for strimming the weeds in the planted East section of the far (South) platform. A further final bench has been ordered for the West section of the far (South) platform. Although further benches can be put on the East section, we are aware that some of the benches are showing early signs of wear and tear which is disappointing; particularly given the cost. We will be taking this up with the supplier to establish if this should have been expected.

We will shortly be fitting the milk churns onto the hand carts on the platform.

We are now in full swing organising "Santa's Grotto" which will be on Sunday 9th December. We are also planning for the WW1 celebrations on November 11th at the station in the afternoon and hope you will be able to join us at both of these events. More details will be given next month.

Yes, we did have rain for the Pop-up-Cafe on both the 12th Aug and the 26th August (!) but once again we put up two gazebos on the platform for our customers although the majority managed to get seats in the waiting room. We can only thank all our VERY loyal supporters who still arrived for their bacon bap despite the appalling weather! Fingers crossed for better weather at the next pop-up cafe openings on 14th October and 28th October (the day the clocks go back) from 10.30am – 1.30pm.

10.3 Friends of Willaston Meadow (Submitted by Hilary Morris)

The 'temporary' boundary with the development at Goss Moor continues to concern the group, and a letter has been sent to the council. The latest working party picked apples and damsons from the orchard, which will be available for tasting at our "Apple Day" on the Green on Saturday 22 September. The dry summer has of course reduced the water level in both ponds, and Jackson's Pond in particular is now a small muddy puddle. The autumn rains ought to fill it again, but we hope not to the extent of last winter, when the boardwalk was submerged. This immersion had a detrimental effect on the wire netting covering, and plans are in hand to replace the netting before the wood becomes slippery.

10.4 Guiding Organisations

No representative currently.

10.5 Hadlow Green Singers

No report received.

10.6 Horticultural Society (Submitted by Pam Irving)

The Annual Show this year was a great success in our new venue. Entries of Flowers, Vegetables, Produce and Flower Arranging were of the highest standard. Those who helped to organise it and those who came to see it all enjoyed the experience. Well done to everyone.

Our September meeting on Tuesday 18th September will be our Autumn Show followed by a short Quiz. If you did not enter the Annual Show you could give this a try. It is a fun show and members do the judging for a small prize. Good practice for next year. The Schedule is at the back of your Annual Show Schedule and if you have mislaid it please ring Pam on 327 6048 and you can have another one. No excuses.

On Saturday 22nd September we will be holding our Autumn Coffee Morning starting at 10.00am to 12 noon. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, bottles and bric-a-brac.

The Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm; details are shown on the Village Notice board, and if you are interested in joining us, come along or contact the Membership Secretary, Ms Jill Thompson, telephone number 336 5927. Membership is only £6.00 per year and you can get 10% discount at Burleydam Garden Centre on all gardening products on production of your Membership card.

10.7 Johnston Recreation Ground

No report received.

10.8 Memorial Hall (Submitted by Rob King)

A meeting of Trustees was held at the beginning of the month at which our financial position was considered. Our position remains healthy with income from casual lettings performing particularly strongly.

We are still facing a challenge to recruit new Trustees and currently we are without a Chairman and Vice Chairman. In accordance with the terms of the trust deed a Chairman is appointed at the start of each meeting by a show of hands and we are fortunate that we have a degree of continuity in that our Treasurer has been fulfilling the role. However, in the long term this is something which needs resolving.

It is interesting to reflect that over the last two to three years when major external repairs and internal refurbishment were being undertaken there was a wealth of opinion being expressed within the community regarding the work being undertaken. It is disappointing that now there are opportunities for local people to come forward and play a part in driving things forward, little interest has been forthcoming.

A further opportunity to become actively involved in the day-to-day running of the Hall is available as our Bookings Secretary, Phil Maltas has now indicated his desire to stand down as soon as possible. During his time with us, Phil has done an excellent job which is reflected in the level of casual bookings but work pressures and recent addition to his family has meant that Phil has had to reconsider his position.

The current Trust Deed was discussed and in the light of various organisation (clubs / societies) changes it was agreed that we should apply to the Charity Commissioner to update the document to more accurately reflect our current position.

10.9 Scouting Organisations

No report received.

10.10 Sporting Organisations (Submitted by John Fisher)

The open age team have not entered a team for the West Cheshire League so will not be playing at the Recreation Ground this season.

Willaston Vets will play their first game on 15th September and will be playing in a mini league before Christmas, and a cup competition after Christmas as well as friendlies on other Saturdays. The Vets will play their home games on a Saturday afternoon.

For the younger players there will be 5 Wolves JFC teams running in the 18/19 season. The Under 7's, Under 8's, Under 11's, Under 15's and a Youth Under 17's will play their home matches on a Saturday morning with the kick off typically at 9.30am on 11-a-side pitches and mini pitches for the younger teams, with training on Wednesday's and Thursdays. The first league games for the teams will be the weekend of the 15th September.

Anyone interested in playing for or helping with training or assisting on match days Willaston, Willaston Vets or Willaston Wolves should contact John Fisher (Willaston Open Age) 07780 693 284 or Jerry Hopkins (Willaston Wolves) 07714 071552 or Jonathon Todd (Willaston Vets) 07976 458 383.

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

After a talk about healthy eating last month, in September we shall be enjoying a virtual tour of Chester. Recently a group of members spent a weekend visiting Stratford and the Cotswolds, and future outings include a theatre visit to Calendar Girls and a car treasure hunt.

Here in the village the afternoon tea held in aid of the Christmas lights appeal was a great success, the amount raised being £1,276.75. We shall be hosting the Soup Lunch on 13 October. A rowan tree is to be planted at the station to mark the centenary of Women's Institutes nationally. Willastonhey members are already making decorations for their contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival, and another date to be noted is Tuesday 18 December for Carols on the Green.

10.12 Willaston Methodist Chapel

This month, September, one of our morning services was followed by a meal to welcome Anne Rigby-Jones as our new Minister, Jim Shaw assisting her as our Local Lay Pastor. The Harvest Festival was celebrated with a morning service led by two of our Worship Leaders, and an evening Harvest Praise service, and we donated food items sent to The Ark project. The annual "Shoe Box" appeal is under way again with boxes ready to be filled with suggested items for under-privileged children in the third world countries. The Chapel will be participating in the WW1 Commemorative weekend events in November, open from 9-30 until 5pm all weekend. There will be displays of children's work, children's craft sessions, and an evening film, 'Oh What a Lovely War' at 7pm on Saturday 10th November. More information on posters and social media. The Chapel is also supporting the Christmas Lights appeal with a Children's Christmas Crafts Saturday and a film, on October 27th.

10.13 Willaston CE School PTA

No representative currently.

10.14 Willaston Royal British Legion/Willaston Royal British Legion Services Club

No report received.

10.15 Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club

No report received.

10.16 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group (Submitted by John Woodrow)

There has recently been a national survey of GP practices, rating them on a variety of measures. Willaston was rated higher than average on every measure compared with all the practices in Cheshire and Nationally. Overall, we came 789th out of over 7100 practices in the country. I am sure that you would wish me to pass your thanks to all at the Surgery for this wonderful achievement, we are very grateful to them all that we are so well looked after in the village. I will write to the Surgery conveying our formal thanks to them all.

There is a move afoot to work more closely with the two practices in Neston, We are looking at sharing additional services which an individual practice could not justify and if you have any suggestions please let me know. In addition, if any of you would like to join in these discussions again please contact me.

Some of you will be aware that following the changes in the Data Protection Rules the Surgery will have to obtain positive confirmation from patients to retaining their e-mail addresses. If any of you feel able to master the computer technicalities and have the time I should be very grateful for volunteers to help me to carry out this work.

It is that time of year when we start to think about flu vaccinations. At the moment the Surgery does not have a date when they will receive their quota and I suggest that you check on the Surgery website or at the Surgery for information when these will be available.

As ever if you have comments, information or requests you can contact me on 01513273260 or at johnwoodrow@btinternet.com

10.17 Willaston Toddler Group

No report received.

10.18 Willaston Village Festival Society (Submitted by Paul Janvier)

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December. More details to follow.

11. Councillor's Report

11.1 Fly Tipping

Myles reported that the Council had prosecuted someone in Winsford for fly tipping who had been fined £655.

11.2 Empty Properties

Myles reported that there is currently a consultation on changes to council taxation for empty properties. There are currently 478 empty properties in the CWaC area, of which 169 have been empty for more than five years. For this and other current consultations, go to:

inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations

11.3 Energy Tariff

The Council has a joint partnership with Qwest Services to advance energy-related opportunities. They now offer a range of competitive tariffs to residents of CW&C. For more information go to www.qwestservices.co.uk/

11.4 Parking outside Hunters

Myles has been contacted by a number of people about parking outside Hunters on Hadlow Road. It was agreed to write a letter from the Society asking them to encourage visitors to use the car park next to Pollards.

Action: Chris/Sarah

11.5 Rail Line Closures

Work is starting across the Merseyrail network and closures are planned as follows:

- 24th December to 3rd January – rail loop under the River Mersey
- 2nd to 22nd March - Rock Ferry to Hooton. A shuttle rail service will continue to operate between Hooton and Chester/Ellesmere Port.
- 25th March to 2nd April – Chester to Hooton. At this time there will also be a reduced timetable between Hooton and Rock Ferry.

Replacement bus services will run whenever rail services are closed.

It was agreed to put this information on the website and Facebook.

Action: Sarah/Ceri

11.6 Open the Door Campaign

A new campaign about domestic abuse has been launched called Open the Door. More information can be seen at www.openthedoorcheshire.org.uk/

12. Footpaths and Bridleways

Jane reported that the enclosed footpaths were strimmed in July and therefore paths have been passable all Summer. Improvements have been made to FP 32 (behind Pollards), which were done by the landowner.

This has been inspected by the CWaC Footpaths Officer who agrees that the area is still likely to flood. Chris asked Pete Benbow to look at it but his view was that it is not worth doing any further work. Chris, in a private capacity, has complained about a section of hedge being removed and replaced by a gate and fencing.

No progress has been made on the dead elms on Ferryness Lane (BR64), filling in hollows on BR66 (end of Street Hey Lane) or pot holes on FP33 (Change Lane). CWaC has said that there is no money for these works. Jane asked the committee to report any accidents on these stretches of path to the Council and/or herself. A report has also been made of erosion to FP30 (Hooton Road to Mill Lane). The tree overhanging the path to Elm Green (FP29) has been trimmed by the church and the ramp leading onto the Wirral Way should be done next month, funded through Myles' councillor budget.

Vicky commented that the first kissing gate between the Recreation Ground and the Mill has a lot of dog poo bags hanging from it. There is a bin on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to highlight this on Facebook.

Action: Ceri

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

13. Any Other Business

13.1 House on Willaston Farm terrace

Sue commented that one of the houses is getting overgrown. Vicky said that she was aware that it is rented. She agreed to try to find out who the landlord is so that we can write.

Action: Vicky

13.2 Birkenhead Road

Sheila commented that the path on Birkenhead Road up to the Lydiate is overgrown. Myles noted that hedge trimming starts at this time of year and agreed to follow it up.

Action: Myles

13.3 Thefts from Cars

Chris reported that two cars had been broken into at Hadlow Road Station car park on Sunday 16th September.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Dates for future Committee Meetings:

Monday 19th November 2018

Monday 21st January 2019

Monday 18th March 2019

Monday 20th May 2019

Monday 15th July 2019

Monday 16th September 2019

Monday 18th November 2019

AGM on Friday 26th October 2018 and Friday 25th October 2019