

Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019
in the Methodist Chapel School Room

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

Present - Committee Members: Lyn Jackson-Eves, Myles Hogg, John Fisher, Roy Spraggon, Annette Troake, Rob King, Fiona Ennys, John Woodrow, Debs Jerrett, Stephen Bazeley, Ruth McElroy, Helen Mayles, Susie Dixon and Sandra Kettiros

In attendance were Ged and Debbie Weeden and Andy Wilson for the Residents' issues. Linda and Jacky Boutet attended for part of the meeting and Barry Seedhouse for all of the meeting.

Residents' Issues

1. Proposed 20mph Limit

Ged and Debbie Weeden attended the meeting to discuss CWaC's proposals for a 20mph limit for various roads in Willaston. Ged noted that residents directly affected had received letters about this but not other residents in the village. He expressed the view that roads that currently have a speed over 24mph should also have been considered, particularly Hadlow Road. He also considered that there should be a chicane at Hadlow Road Station to slow traffic and make crossing the road easier.

Myles confirmed that the information will also be published in local papers and that responses need to be made by 18th October 2019. Myles further explained that CWaC has a four-year programme and nine devices to measure speed were put up in Willaston. These showed the average speed in Hadlow Road to be 25.2mph; in Hooton Road to be 27.8mph and Mill Lane to be 26.4mph. All the others were below 24mph and therefore met the Council criteria for a 20mph speed limit. Myles further said that the cost to put the signs up in Willaston would come to £2,000 and an extended 20mph speed limit in Hadlow Road would cost £15,000 as it requires physical measures, not just signs.

There was a general feeling expressed by the committee that the speed limit in Hadlow Road should be reduced.

2. Street Hey Lane

Andy Wilson attended the meeting to say that there is a container and second caravan on the bottom field off Street Hey Lane. He was asked to send further details and photos to Myles and to WR&CS and the CWaC enforcement officer will be contacted with them.

Action: Myles/Chris

Committee Meeting

1. Welcome

Chris welcomed Susie Dixon, representative for Willastonhey WI and Ruth McElroy, representative for Willaston CE School to their first meeting. He also welcomed the observers at the meeting and the committee introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Helen Jakubczek, Madeline Hughes, Barry Vowles, Sheila Smith, David Nind and Paul Janvier.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 15th July 2019

The minutes were proposed as correct by Vicky Spraggon, seconded by John Fisher and accepted by all members present as a true record of the meeting

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of 15th July 2019

There was discussion on the following matters, as the other matters were complete, or included elsewhere on the agenda:

5.1 Map of our area (item 4.3)

Paul is trying to track down the original map used in the District Community Plan.

Action: Paul

5.2 Stewart Milne Development Information Pack (item 4.4)

Sarah reported that the pack is almost ready and she has applied for funding from the New Homes Bonus fund. Once this is received, printing and distribution can take place.

Action: Sarah

5.3 Defibrillator (item 4.8)

The defibrillator is now installed outside the pharmacy. Doreen Francey had been in contact with Sarah about publicising training once a date is arranged, which we have agreed to do.

Action: Sarah/Ceri

5.4 Planning Guidelines (item 13.6)

Barry still needs to update the planning guidelines to include a section on when we should communicate with potential developers.

Action: Barry

6. WR&CS Matters

6.1 Correspondence/Email/Facebook

A list of correspondence had been circulated in advance to committee members. Sarah commented that it had been very busy for Summer months and Ceri noted the high levels of sharing and enquiries on Facebook.

Jane raised the correspondence with Peter Williams about crossing Hadlow Road by the Old Vicarage Road alleyway and commented that she feels some measures need to be put in there. However, it was noted this has been discussed with Highways at a previous meeting and they are not willing to take any proposal forward.

6.2 AGM/Committee Membership

The AGM is on Friday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Chris asked people to arrive at 7pm to help set up. It was agreed to serve wine at the start of the meeting and John W agreed to manage it with help from Sue and Sandra.

Action: John W/Sue/Sandra

Sarah said that an invitation had been given to the Post Office to speak at the meeting, but no-one was available. However, they will provide a written statement for us to read out. There will be a slot for Nigel Pratten to present the War Memorial accounts, as agreed at a WR&CS committee meeting earlier this year.

Sarah then explained that we have vacancies for the following posts:

- Vice Chair – Vicky is not eligible for election as she lives outside Willaston but would be willing to be co-opted into this role.
- Footpaths and Bridleways – Jane does not want to stand for re-election but is interested in continued involvement in WR&CS.
- Publicity – Sue is willing to stand for re-election.
- Social Media – Ceri is willing to stand for re-election.
- 2 Resident Representatives – Fiona is willing to stand for re-election but Hilary G has said that she does not want to stand but may wish to be involved at a later date.

Sarah advised that anyone wishing to put themselves forward for a role will need to provide a written statement at least 72 hours before the AGM. She confirmed that people asking to be considered at the meeting will not be eligible but could be co-opted later by the committee.

Sarah reminded committee members that there will be an AGM flyer that will need to be distributed to all houses in Willaston and thanked people in advance for their help with this.

Action: Sarah/All

6.3 Christmas Card Fair

The Christmas Card Fair takes place on 9th November 2019. Fiona will lead on the catering whilst Sue, Chris and Sandra agreed to help with other aspects. It was thought Madeline will also help in the kitchen. Annette expressed a wish to have a stand for the play area fund-raising.

6.4 Neighbourhood Plans

Chris reported that he had a long discussion about Neighbourhood Plans with Cheshire Community Action (CCA). No non-parished areas had developed a plan and he was advised that it would take a few years to develop one. Chris suggested that a meeting is set up with CCA and the Officers and that they come back to the committee with a proposal when they have found out more information. **Action: Chris**

6.5 Assets of Community Value

Jane had circulated an email about potential assets in the village that could be listed as being of community value. Vicky proposed that a sub-committee is set up to look at this. The proposal was seconded by Jane and agreed by all present. Jane agreed to lead the committee, with Myles and Vicky also being members. **Action: Jane**

Chris commented that some emails are being circulated to out of date committee lists and suggested that in future all emails should go through Sarah.

7. Sub-Committees

7.1 Logo

John F reported that little progress has been made but Helen's sister is now back from honeymoon so the new logo should be available soon.

7.2 Play Area

Sarah reported that funding had been received from Friends of Hadlow Road Station (£200); Darby and Joan Club (£100); Monday Club (£100) and Johnston's Recreation Ground (£1000). £110 was raised at the Tour of Britain event. Rob suggested that Sarah approach the Zoom Zoom Trust. There are a number of fund-raising events coming up and Sarah encouraged committee members to support them. **Action: Sarah**

Sarah also reported that she and Annette had met Officers from the Council and agreed that we should aim to raise £8000 through grants and community activities before putting in a bid to the FCC Communities Grant (formally WREN). The aim is to do this for the December 2019 round but if not, then the March 2020 round.

Sarah and Annette had also raised the poor state of the play area and Myles said that this had also been raised at the Johnston Recreation Ground Advisory Group meeting with Andy James.

7.3 History of the Lights

Ceri reported that she is pulling together different sources and will be going to visit the Cheshire archives. She confirmed that once she has got information together, then she will circulate a version for comments. Ceri said that she was aiming to get a fact file ready for the next meeting but it was agreed that it is better to get this right than to hurry with it.

7.4 Post Office

Chris reported that a potential partner has registered interest and is working with the Post Office. They are in the process of negotiating a lease for premises in Willaston from which to operate and until they have secured agreement for the lease they are unable to complete their Post Office application. It is clear that the Post Office are determined that we will have a new facility in the village and are keen for this opportunity to progress. It was noted that McColls are closing in Neston and Little Sutton shortly.

8. Proposed 20mph Speed Restrictions in Willaston

The proposals, discussed in the residents' section were further considered. It was agreed that these are not fit for purpose and did not address the real need in Willaston which is to reduce the speed in Hadlow Road up to the station. It was noted that this road is well used by pedestrians and does not have a pavement in some parts. The crossing at the station also needs improvement.

It was agreed to send a response from WR&CS – proposed by Sandra, seconded by Hilary B and agreed by all present. **Action: Sarah/Chris**

It was also agreed to publicise this consultation and how to respond and Sarah will put together a summary to go on the website, noticeboards and Facebook. **Action: Sarah/Ceri/Sue**

9. Willaston History

Jane said that she and Ruth Hampshire had discussed the need to preserve Willaston's history and expressed concern that Cheshire archives are a long distance so it may be better to have a historical archive in Willaston itself. After discussion, it was agreed that suitable things could be scanned and put on the website but items are best stored at Cheshire archives as they have expertise in this. It was agreed to ask people to pass things on to any WR&CS committee member and to gently suggest people may consider leaving historical items about the village to WR&CS in their wills. **Action: Jane**

10. Bus Shelter

Chris said that he had been approached by a new resident asking us to consider the issue again. However, there was a general feeling that a new shelter was too expensive and would clutter the Green or other sites such as Meadow Lane. Therefore, it was agreed not to progress it.

11. Financial Report

Hilary Booth had circulated a Financial Report of all WR&CS accounts in advance. This report showed that at 31st August 2019, the WR&CS current account had a balance of £529.06; the Play Area account had a balance of £1480.65; the Christmas Lights account had a balance of £12,869.11 and the Lottery account had a balance of £569.84. Hilary noted that £146 of the current account is ring-fenced for newsletters.

Chris thanked Hilary for all the work she had done on the finances.

12. Planning Applications, Decisions and Appeals

12.1 McCarthy and Stone

Myles reported that the appeal hearing is on Friday 27th September 2019 at 10am in Ellesmere Port. He encouraged people to attend if they are available. Myles commented that CWaC has appointed an advisor who has put together a strong case to support refusal. He also noted that Barry had sent in an excellent response from WR&CS. Chris expressed thanks on behalf of the committee and residents to Barry for the quality submission he has submitted to the Planning Inspector.

12.2 Hanns Hall Livery

Barry had reported in advance that he has submitted a detailed statement to the Planning Inspectorate to try to stop this development of six very small detached houses on the livery stables site in the Green Belt area.

12.3 Street Hey Lane

Barry had reported in advance that the appeal against the installation of an additional gated entrance has been dismissed as this makes a new formal entrance on Street Hey Lane where it is becoming a Bridleway, thus having an urbanising effect. Helen M commented that the gate is there and agreed to send a photo to Myles so that he can raise this with the planning officers concerned. **Action: Helen M/Myles**

13. Organisations' Reports

The reports below had been submitted in advance. Chris thanked all representatives that had sent in reports.

13.1 Christ Church

No report received

13.2 Friends of Hadlow Road Station Community Group (Submitted by Hilary Booth)

The new fence at the end of the far platform, beyond the signal box, (by the 'No Trespass' sign) has now been completed and separates the Station platform from the rest of the Wirral Way. A third 'No Trespass' sign will be installed on the opposite platform also, at the Hooton end of the railway track, this will then be as it looked in the 1950's.

The woodworking group have now fixed a mortice lock on the waiting room door, this not only makes it more secure, but is also more pleasing to the eye. This will be followed by painting of the new timber and the door

itself.

A second historical sign is being refurbished and fitted inside the shelter on the far platform whilst work is still ongoing with painting all the white lines on the new platform edges.

The BBC North West came to the station on 20th August to film the progress that has been made at the station and to interview three of our volunteers. Chris, Jenny, and Carole. Fame at last! This will be shown on BBC Look North at some time in the near future. The BBC team were there for over an hour but I think we can expect to be on TV for a couple of minutes! Keep a look out for it.

Talks about the station and its volunteers have been given by Chris our chairman, and if anyone is interested in a talk for their society or group, then please contact Chris on 0151 327 4511.

We had a fabulous turnout for the Pop-up-cafe on August 25th when the weather was very hot and sunny and we were all entertained by the West Approaches Singers. A really lovely morning was enjoyed by all who came.

The next Pop-up-cafe openings will be from 10.30am to 12.30pm on October 13th, October 27th and November 10th. The new extractor fan is now working, providing a much-improved environment for the kitchen volunteers.

We look forward to your company once more, so see you soon.

13.3 Friends of Willaston Meadow (submitted by David Nind)

At our last committee meeting in July, it was agreed that David Nind would represent the Group at future meetings of WR&CS.

Subsequently committee members were delighted that Sarah Shannon agreed to become the new Chair of FOWM, following the sad death of Hilary Morris. Sarah has been an active volunteer at Big Meadow in recent years, has created its Facebook page and consolidated its presence on the WR&CS website. We are very fortunate to have her as our Chair.

In the past year, CW&C approved the installation of a memorial bench on the Meadow; whilst we understand the wish to commemorate loved ones, committee members are concerned that the meadow is designated a Local Wildlife Site and we will discuss with CWAC an approach for any future requests.

Volunteers continue to meet on the first Sunday of every month at 10.30am at the meadow for environmental tasks: all are welcome.

13.4 Hadlow Green Singers

No report received

13.5 Horticultural Society

No report received

13.6 Johnston Recreation Ground

No report received

13.7 Memorial Hall (submitted by Rob King)

The trustees met earlier this week. At the time of writing it is still disappointing to note that we still have vacancies for a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Bookings Secretary. In addition, there are organisations named in the trust deed who still have not put forward anyone to act as trustee.

During the summer the exterior of the building has been completely redecorated and some of the woodwork replaced. In addition, a brand-new dishwasher has been installed. We plan to have some areas of the interior redecorated where wear and tear is evident.

The defibrillator has now been fitted at the village pharmacy and we are arranging for some training to be available for any interested parties. Access to the cabinet housing the equipment is via a 999 call requesting the combination for the combination lock.

At our last meeting and the previous one we had discussions regarding a review of hire charges which have been static for some years. Between 2016 and 2019 our utility costs have increased by 77% without any increase in hire charges. This includes gas, water, electricity, telecoms and cleaning. A decision has been taken to maintain current charges for regular users but to apply an increase to hire rates for casual lettings. Therefore, from 1st January 2020, hire of the facility will be £20 per hour and £5 per hour with minimum 2 hour booking for the Committee Room. During the winter months we will review charges for regular users for implementation in 2021. We are conscious of the fact that some people may question the need for any increase when considering our cash reserves. However, the trustees consider it prudent to maintain a healthy sinking fund as repairs to the fabric of the building can be costly.

The monthly soup lunch season now looms so any organisation wishing to hold such an event should contact the Bookings Secretary as soon as possible.

13.8 Scouting

No report received.

13.9 Willaston CE Primary School (submitted by Ruth McElroy)

Christmas Fair - Willaston Primary School Christmas Fair is on December 6th, 3.15-5.30pm. All welcome.

Aldi Sticker Collection - Willaston Primary School is collecting the stickers given to Aldi shoppers, one given for each £30 spent. These are being collected in school; when redeemed, school can obtain sports equipment, and enter a £20,000 draw for more sports equipment! If anyone has stickers that they would like to donate to school, please take them to the school office.

Neston High School Ways to Wellbeing Fair - Neston High School is delighted to announce their first ever health and wellbeing event "Ways to Wellbeing" which will take place on the 12th October, between 12-3pm. There will be over 50 stalls comprising of health food specialists, mental health charities, dieting organisations, holistic therapists and much more. There will even be free taster sessions for the community who would like to experience reiki, yoga or meditation. Parents, students, families and the local community are all welcome to attend! The event is free, however you can register for a ticket using the link below. Each ticket will be entered for a prize: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ways-to-wellbeing-fair-tickets-65784343743>

13.10 Willaston Football Club

No report received

13.11 Willastonhey W.I. (submitted by Susie Dixon)

- Our walking netball team attended the World Cup event at the Fan Park, and found it most enjoyable. They are playing at a festival in Ellesmere Port, run by England Netball on 21st September.
- We had a trip to Chester for the wall talk which was interesting, and we were very impressed with our visit to Claire House.
- We are catering at the soup lunch on October 12th. The raffle will be for village playground appeal.
- We have a change of venue for our next annual dinner to Woodcote.
- Our next speakers on September 24th are Peter and Jill Nicholson from Gordale.
- Several rambles have taken place, the latest one in August, was walk around Lymm.

13.12 Willaston Methodist Chapel (submitted by Sheila Smith)

After the summer holidays, the Chapel resumes the extra activities in addition to regular services.

- Pause - alternate Tuesdays from 10th September, 10-30a.m. -12 noon. Bible chat, coffee and cake.
- Church Mice - first Thursday of the month from 5th September, 10a.m. Story, songs and craft for pre-school and carers.
- Create, Messy Church - Wednesdays, monthly from 18th September, 3-30 to 5pm, Primary school age and under, with carers. Saturday 28th September. Please come and join us to support the Macmillan Cancer Big Coffee Morning between 10a.m. and 12 noon, for coffee and cake.

Sunday 29th September. Our Harvest Festival service is at 10.45a.m after harvest breakfast, come and join us!

Saturday 12th October. As a fund-raiser for the next phase of the children's play area equipment, we are having a children's Film Show. It is "SING" an animated comedy film featuring animal characters. Starting at 6p.m. with light refreshments in the interval. Contact Jim, 327 7183, or Sheila, 327 7400 for further details.

Lastly, as the Tour of Britain Cycle Race passed through the village, we will have had a stall on the Green collecting items for the Food Bank charity, and selling Fairtrade items, as the cyclists were cheered on their way.

13.13 Willaston Phil Supporters' Group (submitted by Sarah Shannon)

We had a successful AGM at which we showed a short film about In Harmony - the Phil's outreach work with schools in Liverpool. A subsequent collection raised £46.

Our September concert is fully booked and we have had to book a larger coach for the October concert. Please note that if you want to book for the Christmas concert on 18th December or the Messiah on 4th January, the closing date is 18th November as these are likely to be very popular.

For a copy of the programme and booking form, contact Joan Butcher on 0151 327 5191 or email infoconf@dircon.co.uk.

13.14 Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club (Submitted by Debs Jerrett)

Our upcoming Quiz night takes place on Saturday 5th October @ The Memorial Hall, Doors open at 7pm, entry fee £10 per person, including supper. There'll be a cash bar & a raffle. All profits go towards the playground appeal so please show your support for this village cause and put up a team - Teams up to 8 or individually and join in with others if you wish. For tickets: Call - 07930 887450 email - Willaston.secretary@gmail.com or available at the White Feather gift shop.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

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

We had a Patient Participation Group meeting on Friday the 6th of September. Thank you to those who attended and I hope that you found it useful.

- Debbie Bebbington, an Admiral Dementia nurse spoke about the issues facing Dementia sufferers and as importantly the help and support the carer of a sufferer can call upon. Leaflets are in the surgery giving more information. If you know of a carer who you think is struggling to look after their partner, you might suggest that they talk to Admiral. The service is free to patients.
- We have experienced difficulties with some patients over referral letters. Where the patient's condition is serious, the letter is dispatched on the day of the surgery visit. In non-urgent cases it can take up to 14 days to issue the letters. Please bear in mind that the Doctors have other matters to deal with in addition to seeing patients. However, the surgery is going to review the situation and I will be following this matter up with them to discuss their ideas.
- Where patients require Medical Certificates for a holiday, please give the Surgery as much notice as possible. There have been situations where patients have left matters to the last moment and only asked for the certificate to be completed the day before departing on holiday. Again, you must allow 14 days' notice for these.
- You will notice in the future that there will be a camera mounted at the Surgery door to allow the receptionists to ascertain who wants access. This will be used when there is a single receptionist on duty to give them protection from unauthorised entry.
- The surgery is very conscious that the telephone system is not as good as it could be and a new system is being investigated and should be in place soon to give patients an improved service.
- There has been confusion over whether when a patient has a test at the Surgery it is up to the patient or the Surgery to ascertain the test results. We have decided that it is the patient's responsibility to contact the surgery after 2pm on the day they are advised the results will be available and not to assume that a nil response means all is well. This will ensure that results do not fall down a crack. In cases where the results demand further urgent attention patients will always be contacted by the Surgery.

Many of you will already be aware that Amy, our resident pharmacist, will have left on maternity leave by the time you read this. She will return next July and, in the meantime, we will have one locum full time, ie, she will be here all the time Amy is away and so we will have continuity with the same face.

Lastly, but most importantly, all patients will be delighted to learn that our Surgery was voted Number 1 in Cheshire in a patient survey. Our thanks go to all the staff at the Surgery for looking after us so well and I will be writing to the Surgery on your behalf to this effect.

As always, if you have any matters of concern or observations that you would like me to take up with the Surgery please contact me at johnwoodrow@btinternet.com or on 3273260.

13.16 Willaston Toddler Group

No report received.

13.17 Willaston Village Festival Society

No report received

14. Councillor's Report

14.1 Land Sales

CWaC is reviewing all CWaC-owned land sales and the report will not get to the relevant committee until January 2020. In the meantime, no sales are taking place.

14.2 Council's Homelessness Strategy

Myles reported that the CWaC homelessness strategy has developed five key priorities with actions and comments can be made up to 1st November 2019. Further details and an online survey can be found at http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/homelessness_strategy_consultation

14.3 Enforcement Consultation

Myles reported that CWaC are consulting on whether some enforcement powers should be delegated to town and parish councils. These include fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, littering or urinating in public places. The consultation closes on 4th November 2019 and further details plus a survey can be found at http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/enforcement_policy_consultation

14.4 Daffodil Bulbs

Myles reported that councillors have the opportunity to purchase sets of 500 daffodil bulbs for £35. All committee members were asked to email Sarah with suggestions for where they could be planted in the village by 23rd September so she can co-ordinate an application to the Members' Fund. **Action: All/Sarah**

14.5 Waste Collection and Recycling

Myles reported that the current provider, Kier, is exiting the waste industry and its contract ends on 29th March 2020. Work is underway to create a new local authority trading organisation which will launch on 29th March, employing the same teams and using the same vehicles and bins. This will be owned by the Local Authority and will be a 'not for profit' entity, limited by guarantee but retaining any profit.

14.6 Allocation of Social Housing Consultation

Myles reported that CWaC are consulting on the way that they provide social housing. Over the last five years, the number of households waiting for social housing has increased to almost 9000. However only 1228 properties became available in the last financial year. For further details and to complete a survey go to: http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/allocations_policy_consultation

14.7 Drive Safely for Longer Assessment

Myles reported that if you are 60 or over and live in CWaC, you can have a free Drive Safely for Longer assessment. It is not a driving test but the instructor will discuss any requirements or concerns and tailor the session to meet your needs. To book a place go to www.drivesafelyforlonger.co.uk or email roadsafety@wirral.gov.uk or ring 0151 606 2143.

14.8 Remembrance Day

Myles reported that he had had a conversation with Richard Berry, former Chair of the British Legion in Willaston. The group has now disbanded and Richard will not be available to lead the procession this year. However, he has the banner. Stephen said that he has spoken to the Guiding/Scouting leaders and said that

if they have the names, then the exhortations can be done. John W agreed to pick up the banner from Richard. **Action: John W**

15. Footpaths and Bridleways

Jane reported that the enclosed footpaths and bridleways have all been strimmed but there has been a lot of regrowth. Two volunteers have been trimming overhanging brambles and branches on parts of FP32 (between Pollards Inn and the Wirral Way) and BR64 (opposite New Hey Lane).

The filling in the hollows on FP33 (Change Lane) have been filled in by Jigsaw Housing. Those on BR66 (end of Street Hey Lane) still have to be done. However, Richard Ankers (CWaC Rights of Ways Officer) has cut down an overhanging branch on this bridleway, along with low overhanging branches on FP28. The remedial work to FP30 (Hooton Road to Mill Lane) has not yet taken place but a contractor is 'lined up' and nor has the strimming on the new ramp to the Wirral Way. When this strimming is complete, Chris has grass seed to put down.

Richard Ankers has also contacted the owner of the adjacent field to BR64 (Fernyess Lane) about the potential danger of dead elms and the owners now have a deadline to deal with the issue. If no action is taken, a formal notice of enforcement will be considered.

Jane has had complaints about cyclists not using bells on the Wirral Way and the Ranger has asked for 'Care Share' signage to be added. An evaluation of signage along the whole Wirral Way is taking place in collaboration with Wirral Council.

Jane has been asked if anything can be done to enable wheelchair users and others to use FP70 (The Weint) as the path is overgrown. Jane noted that she and Chris had significantly cut it back a few years ago and that all footpaths should be accessible for wheelchairs. It was agreed that when Jane has permission to do the work, she should pick a date for a working group and circulate it to all committee members. **Action: Jane**

There is a national campaign to identify and claim footpaths that were used historically by the public but not put on the definitive map. Wirral Footpaths and Wirral Ramblers have identified a few around Willaston. Jane asked for help should funding be needed to restore them but it was felt that there was not enough information. It was agreed that in principle we would support any proposals but it would depend on the details of what is involved and the costs.

Please email willastonfootpaths@outlook.com if you see any other problems with Willaston's countryside footpaths and bridleways.

16. Any Other Business

16.1 Benches

Sandra reported that she had begun to scrape of the paint on the benches on the Green but this is difficult in places and the bench by the bus stop is rotting. Chris agreed to speak to some FHRS woodwork volunteers as it may be better to replace slats. **Action: Chris**

16.2 Patient Participation Group

Rob said that he had received an email about the future format of the PPG. John W explained that the last meeting was very poorly attended and a new system was being trialled to see if it results in more involvement. He confirmed that he had agreed this in consultation with the surgery. He also noted that the email system had stopped working at the surgery but is now up and running.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10pm.

Dates for future Committee Meetings:

Monday 18th November 2019

AGM on Friday 11th October 2019

2020:

Monday 20th January 2002

Monday 16th March 2020
Monday 18th May 2020
Monday 20th July 2020
Monday 21st September 2020
Monday 16th November 2020