

## **Willaston Residents' and Countryside Society (WR&CS)**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022  
in Willaston Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

Present - Officers: Brian Greenhalgh (Vice chair), Vicky Spraggon (Co-opted vice-chair), Sarah Shannon (Treasurer), Ceri Jones (Social media officer) and Margaret Smyth (Footpath's officer),

Present – Committee Members: Roy Spraggon, Rob King, Ruth McElroy, Sue Unsworth, Annette Troake, Cllr Myles Hogg, Sue Hunter, Barry Vowles, Helen Mayles, Sandra Kettiros, Ruth Hampshire, Jane Townsend, Fiona Mosley and Fiona Ennys.

### **Residents' Consultation**

Zaria Shreef and Gareth Prytherch from Neston Angels attended the meeting to discuss the project.

They currently have the Neston Community Youth Centre and will shortly be taking on Neston Civic Hall. The project is also had responsibility for the social prescribing unit that covers Willaston, Neston Mellock Lane and Neston medical centre.

There is a steering group set up with four sub-groups and people are welcome to get involved. The four subgroups focus on children, older people, mental health and health & well-being.

Zaria talked about how Neston Angels are a befriending service which has been running for six years. They are looking to train up volunteers and for more referrals from Willaston. The criteria for the service is residents' need to be over the age of 60, who are alone and not building up/struggling to build up a social network.

Sue U raised that the village has the Monday club and asked if there were any leaflets that could be shared. Zaria and Gareth have left some posters that can be distributed.

Ruth asked if volunteers are able to drive people. Gareth advised that they steer people to utilise the community transport available. However, they do allow volunteers to drive people but need to advise your insurance company.

Sandra asked if people who ask for support from Neston Angels require tasks such as dog walking. Gareth advised the role of Neston Angels is not for practical things but more the objective is to help people re-engage in social things/activities.

Fiona E asked if they were looking for people/volunteers in Willaston. Zaria advised they are looking across the whole of CH64 area.

All information regarding Neston Angles can be found on the Neston CYC website – [www.nestoncyc.org.uk](http://www.nestoncyc.org.uk)

Brian thanked Gareth and Zaria for attending the meeting.

### **Committee Meeting**

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mel Chapman, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Sheila Smith, Hilary Booth, Liz Young, Suzie Dixon, Madeline Hughes, Sheila Greenhalgh, John Woodrow and Viv Ley.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Sarah raised as Chair of Friends of Willaston Meadow that they have an interest in the McCarthy & Stone application. If the application is successful, the Meadow will potentially receive a financial benefit.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

There were the following corrections:

3.1 The minutes wrongly stated that Jane Townsend and Fiona Mosley they attended the meeting. Jane had sent her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.

3.2 (item 11) Councillor report – Jane raised that point 11.1 needs to be amended. Jane had previously reviewed the assets of community value and the heritage list should be reviewed.

The above will be actioned and updated in the previous minutes.

With these corrections, the minutes were accepted by members present as a true record of the meeting.

### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

#### **4.1 Speed Watch (item 4.1)**

Myles advised the Speed Watch team has not been approached. This is something that will be picked up by the environmental group.

**Action: Environmental group**

#### **4.2 Slow down sign (item 4.3)**

Myles is still in negotiations with CWaC Highways, and they are currently reviewing the bend on Hooton Road as you come into the village as a possible location.

**Action: Myles**

#### **4.3 Noticeboard on Johnston Rec (item 4.4)**

Sarah updated that a suitable noticeboard has been identified and an application has been made to Myles' councillor fund.

**Action: Sarah/Myles**

#### **4.4 WR&CS lottery (item 10.3)**

Sarah updated that Hilary had got more people to sign up to the WR&CS lottery. Sarah wished to record her thanks to Hilary for doing this.

Sue U commented that the WR&CS lottery is the only finance we receive into fund meetings etc. Brian mentioned could the lottery be developed. Myles discussed that previously it could be seen if the organisations' additional fundraising could impinge on other organisations in the village. No further action required following this discussion.

#### **4.5 AOB – emergency access sign (item 14.1)**

Myles advised that a new sign has been put up on the gate at the entrance to Johnstons' rec.

### **5. Groups**

#### ***Jubilee celebrations***

Sarah updated the committee that things were progressing. There has been a new web page developed for the celebrations which is hosted on the WR&CS website. The Pollards Inn are now involved in the weekend.

The joint coordination group are now advertising for people to have stalls on the Johnstons' rec when the big picnic takes place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The stalls are free and local people who do crafts etc to get in touch.

The group are still looking for old pictures of Willaston for the exhibition. Sarah asked committee to ask people they know if they have pictures they can share. The preference is to receive the images scanned by email.

The legacy art trail is still being developed and there is another meeting in January with the university. The university students have undertaken a walk of the village and are talking to the university history department. Sarah/Brian discussed that the installations may not be ready for June, but infrastructure will be in place. Sarah advised that the student's course must be completed by June 2022 and confirmed that the university students will be coming back to the village to present their ideas.

Fiona E asked how long the installations will be in place for. Brian advised currently this has not been decided.

Ruth asked if there was any consideration for a nature trail as a legacy and could a nature trail incorporate the art trail. Sarah advised if this were to be considered, this would be something to consider in the longer term.

Sarah updated that the Festival Society put in a grant request to Awards for All (lottery funded initiative) and they have been successful in securing £5,510 to cover core costs.

Brian advised that another application will be submitted to the arts council for funding for the Jubilee Art Trail.

### ***Environmental sub-group***

6.1 Ceri on behalf of the sub-group (Sue U, Sandra, Fiona M and Myles H) talked through the terms of reference for the group and seeking approval from the committee.

Ceri shared that the group want to focus on a small number of initiatives, as many things could be badged under the environmental. If requests come in these can be reviewed and brought to the committee.

6.2 Vicky wanted to clarify that the group would not be fundraising. Ceri confirmed that this group would not be fundraising and if any funds required e.g. materials for bench painting then quotes would be obtained and brought to the officers/committee for approval to purchase.

6.3 The members of the committee present approved the groups terms of reference.

### **6. Planning matters**

6.1 Mel (planning officer) was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so Ceri shared an update that Mel had sent.

6.2 Mel has reviewed how we wants to relay information regarding planning matters, which was done in the December report. This has included reason for objection, maps. Mel would be keen to have more involvement from the wider community in terms of discussion, questions and invites people to make contact via the WR&CS website.

6.3 Mel advised that there has been no movement on the Hooton crematorium application.

6.4 The main applications in December were the two submitted by the owner of Kerry (36 Hooton Road) for change of use of paddock to a garden incorporating a tennis court and outline planning for two detached dwellings on another part of land owned by the property. Annette advised that a number of houses have employed a firm (Knights plc) to submit a combined objection.

### ***McCarthy & Stone – former British legion site***

6.5 Barry advised that notices advertising the inquiry have been put on the village noticeboards and shared on Facebook and WR&CS website.

6.6 The Planning Inspectorate has now initiated a Planning Inquiry over four days from 8th to 11th February 2022 online (Microsoft Teams). The session on the morning of day one is a specific opportunity for any Willaston resident to give their views and all residents with an interest in this development are urged to get involved. This inquiry could result in a compromise/alternate design being discussed.

6.7 Barry advised that the Microsoft Teams meeting can be forwarded to anyone to attend. He expected the meeting invites around the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

6.8 Myles suggested that as the meeting has gone virtual that it may be best to book a slot if would like to speak. This is an opportunity whether you are for or against the application to get your view considered.

6.9 Myles discussed how McCarthy & Stone have submitted alternative options for 11-13 small houses if the current application is not successful at the inquiry.

6.10 Jane raised she felt that with the age profile of the village it is not fair to have the inquiry either at Winsford or Microsoft Teams. Myles fed back that the council were tasked by the inspectorate to find a location that would be suitable due to numbers of people who could potentially attend. And with covid restrictions the decision was to switch to online.

6.11 Barry discussed that the approach taken by WR&CS is they do not wish to stop a development on the former British legion site, but ensure that the proposed building does not over dominate the village and affect neighbours.

6.12 Jane was concerned about the impact on the surgery that the proposed development might have.

6.13 Sarah discussed that if McCarthy & Stone are successful as an organisation, we should look what do we require in addition with the financial incentive. Sarah suggested should consider asking for a pedestrian crossing at the top of Hadlow Road. Fiona E raised that a crossing at the top of Hadlow Road could cause an issue with a backlog of cards at the turn on the junction.

6.14 Barry discussed the speed issue on Hooton Road and should look to get the 20mph zone moved to start at Old Vicarage Road. Suggested to speak to planning inspectorate at inquiry. If they are in favour, the council will be advised.

**Action: Barry Vowles/WR&CS Officers**

6.15 Myles raised that there has been correspondence regarding Kerry 36 Hooton Road applications. Myles is chasing the Old Red Lion application to replace an existing structure. 27 Wallcroft has submitted another application (same application that has been dismissed twice). Myles is also calling in the enforcement department the Hanns Hall development.

6.16 Jane raised that in the previous minutes the property Millmead was discussed under resident issues. Jane raised concerns about the original boundary and wanted to know where the greenbelt boundary was in relation to the two properties.

Discussions took place that the fence put in to separate the properties were by the previous owners, but it was felt that the play frame in Millmead is now situated in the greenbelt and the new build adjacent is potentially using greenbelt as garden.

In discussion it was raised that individuals are free to report their concerns directly to the CWaC planning department.

The issue of possible greenbelt encroachment on Millmead and the land adjacent to Millmead (new build) will be raised to Mel (planning officer) and Myles will raise with the planning officers (CWA) regarding the greenbelt.

**Action: Mel/Myles**

6.17 Fiona M raised the question as to why WR&CS do not comment on TPO (tree preservation orders). Barry gave feedback that the society have not typically looked at TPO's as it can be very emotive and sometimes be neighbour disputes, which the society will not comment on. Jane felt that if a tree has a TPO on it, that as a society we should review it. Barry also raised that if a tree has a TPO on it, then the council should investigate this. Margaret advised the committee if an TPO tree is diseased, it will be allowed to be removed. No further action on this point.

## **7. Correspondence**

7.1 Sarah asked if there were any questions in relation to the correspondence report and that contacts were received via the website and Facebook.

7.2 Ruth asked about the Facebook page and that she has previously posted on the community section (Carols on the Green). Both Ceri and Sarah advised that we review the community section and will put on main page information we see. We had previously done a post on Carols on the Green coming soon (8<sup>th</sup> December) and also the day of the event (21<sup>st</sup> December). On the main page we have a policy of not continually posting the same event/information and are happy with the balance of posts. We have started adding information on the events tab and people can advise us if their organisations have events. WR&CS took the decision to not open the main page up to everyone being able to post, as it will become like other community pages which fulfil this and includes adverts.

## **8. Financial**

8.1 Sarah advised that a request has gone into HSBC to amalgamate the WR&CS bank accounts.

8.2 Sue U asked if WR&CS are going to be contributing financially to the Jubilee art trail. Brian advised that the university have their own resources and would be unlikely to request funding from the village.

8.3 Sarah discussed that we have got funds available for community support.

8.4 Fiona M suggested could the lighting in the memorial hall entrance be improved. Brian advised this should be suggested to the memorial hall committee.

**Action: Rob King (Willaston Memorial Hall)**

8.5 Ceri suggested improvements to the WR&CS website.

8.6 Brian suggested more lights on the tree. Ceri fed back that the ring-fenced Christmas lights fund would be utilised for the lights. There would need to be other considerations in relation to the lights such as the tree trimming etc.

8.7 The committee were asked if there were any suggestions/request for utilising the funds to submit a request to Sarah.

**Action: All**

## **9. Footpaths and Bridleways**

9.1 Margaret raised there is the outstanding issue of the tree blocking footpath 30 and is trying to find who is the tenant of the land. Helen advised that the agents Bradburn Pryce who manage the land may be able to assist.

**Action: Margaret**

9.2 Sue U raised that the footpath running behind the memorial hall and Pollards has a wall which is dangerous. Barry advised that when he was looking at improving the path two years ago, but Covid put an end to the project.

Margaret advised she will pick up with the council. Myles has sent pictures and advised the council has visited the site. Myles will report for the third time to CWaC.

**Action: Margaret/Myles**

9.3 Fiona E asked should a complaint be put in about the Change Lane/Pemberton Road footpath. Margaret discussed that the owner of the field should put the right/back after the works in the field are complete. Myles advised that is the state of the path can be reported if wished.

**Action: Fiona E/any other members wishing to**

9.4 Vicky asked if WR&CS would have the funds to replace the kissing gate that has gone from the top of the Johnstons' rec field.

**Action: Margaret/Sarah**

## **10. Organisations' Reports**

10.1 Ruth asked if the organisations' reports were put on the website as cannot find them easily when searching for information for the Jubilee. Advised that they are contained within the WR&CS meeting minutes.

10.2 Sue U asked if on the report section that the terminology 'No report received' is when the organisation has not sent a report in ahead of the meeting. And 'nothing to report' is if the organisation has responded and they have no updates to submit.

10.3 Sarah wanted to put on record thanks to Helen M for collating all the reports for the January meeting.

10.4 Ruth raised that there was nothing in the report regarding the Post Office being in the memorial hall is changing and is not currently being reported. Rob advised this is an ongoing discussion and the Post Office are quibbling over the monthly cost that they had been previously advised of.

Sarah raised could WR&CS consider funding the monthly cost for the community. Vicky raised we should not be funding a commercial venture.

Brian advised that we hold this on the agenda, and we will await an update on the memorial hall negotiations.

**Action: Carry forward**

### **10.5 Christ Church**

No report received

### **10.6 Friends of Hadlow Road Station Community Group** (submitted by Hilary Booth)

Fencing / Posts repairs that separate the Wirral Way from the railway track, have been undertaken by FHRS volunteers, further repairs will be undertaken, although we are awaiting the Council to provide the timber to complete this job.

Also, when CWaC supply the 2 long timber posts for the Wirral Way Country Park sign, this will be re-fitted by FHRS volunteers too.

A replacement Rowan tree has been planted on the car park embankment, to replace the dead one of the 4 planted last year.

Talks by FHRS on Hadlow Road Station and the numerous improvements made to the station and the surrounding land, will be provided throughout 2022. These talks generate additional contributions to be given to FHRS, and these all help to fund future improvements.

An original signal man's stool from a signal box on the Wirral line has kindly been donated by Steve Fletcher, and this will be put into the Signal Box at FHRS

This year's Santa event organised and run solely by FHRS volunteers at Hadlow Road Station, was a superb success. Over 130 children went to see Santa in his beautifully decorated signal box. Many thanks go to Carole for making Santa's Grotto look so magical. Thank you to our lovely village community, who donated over £250 as their thank-you to all our volunteers for all their hard work.

We have already set a date for Santa's Grotto at Hadlow Road Station in December 2022. !!

Gardening days will re-start on Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. (weather permitting) 1000 – 1200.

Do come down to join us for a cup of coffee if you feel like it. You will be made very welcome.

Thank you, Sue, for your litter picking in the station grounds.

Detailed planning is underway for FHRS to have an event on the platform of Hadlow Station on the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, as part of the village-wide Queen's Jubilee celebrations over the extended weekend. We will keep you updated.

The Pop-up-Cafe will restart on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If by any chance the sun is "cracking the flags" on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February we will open up the cafe.!!! You will need to check our Social Network pages for any last-minute updates

### **10.7 Friends of Willaston Meadow** (submitted by Sarah Shannon)

At our volunteer session in December, we finished pruning the trees in the Orchard. In January, we cut back the brambles around the edge of the Meadow. We always welcome volunteers at our working group sessions on the first Sunday of the month. We plant, cut back brambles, trim the grass and take on other tasks as required. We're a friendly group that share a love of the Meadow. Please get in contact if you would like to join us.

In December, we planted an Aspen tree in memory of Jean Hockridge and several members of her family visited Willaston for the occasion.

We have had several quotes to improve the footpath around Jackson's Pond and will be looking into opportunities to fund this work over the next few months.

### **10.8 Hadlow Green Singers** (submitted by Helen Mayles)

The Christmas Concerts proved very successful and feedback from members of the audience was that they really enjoyed the singing and their ability to join in with congregational carols and with David's solo of White Christmas. We sold 87 tickets over the 2 nights.

Practices start again at 7.30pm on Thursday 13 January at Willaston Memorial Hall, in preparation for the Spring Concert. The dates for this are 8/9 April and the choir will be singing the programme that was intended for Spring 2020. The theme is "A Man Called John" and all the pieces are by, or about, men called John.

(Masks are recommended when entering & moving around the hall & the seating will be as socially distanced as we can make it.)

New singers are always made welcome.

### **10.9 Horticultural Society** (submitted by Pam Irving)

Our Meeting in February will be on the AGM Tuesday 15th followed by cheese and wine. Another good reason to come along for a get together, as the business doesn't take very long.

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, Jill Thompson, on 336 5367. 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.

We have two coffee mornings, one on 21st May and the other on 24th September. The Annual Show is on Saturday 6th August

### **10.10 Johnston Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

### **10.11 Memorial Hall** (submitted by Rob King)

The first trustees meeting of 2022 took place this evening. We received a year-end financial report. Obviously 2021 was a difficult year for bookings although they are now starting to pick up for 2022. We are pleased to report that at the year-end we made a relatively small surplus. The Annual General Meeting will be held on 29th March and will be advertised in advance of the meeting. Audited accounts will be presented at that time. Our Treasurer has indicated that he will be resigning at the AGM. Notice of this had been given some months ago so any interested person should contact the Secretary, Doreen Francey, for further information. The current

Treasurer will be happy to meet with anyone who wishes to establish how much work is involved. Contact Doreen Francey in the first instance.

The Post Office have indicated their intention to continue to operate twice a week from the Committee Room starting in March when they will be open on a Tuesday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm and Friday mornings - exact timing to be agreed.

A group of Trustees are meeting later in the month at the Hall to agree on what interior decorating is required. The storage of chairs and tables is also being reviewed.

#### **10.12 Scouting**

No report received.

#### **10.13 Willaston CE Primary School**

No report received.

#### **10.14 Willaston Football Club**

No report received.

#### **10.15 Willastonhey W.I. (submitted by Susie Dixon)**

Members are looking forward to speakers and outings in 2022, Covid permitting.

In November we enjoyed an excellent talk by Ken Pye on The Curious origins of our Christmas Origins.

A lovely Christmas lunch was enjoyed by our members at the Nags Head in December.

Carols on the Green was a great success, despite the weather and donations over £300 are being sent to St.John's Hospice.

We have our Annual Dinner at The Woodcote on February 8th and a bridge drive on February 23rd.

Unfortunately, the Cheshire Federation of W. I's quiz has had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Our groups continue to flourish, January ramble is a walk around the village.

January speaker is Roger Ellison, subject My Journey into Photography.

Please come along to a meeting if you are interested in joining the W.I. Our next meeting is January 24th.

#### **10.16 Willaston Methodist Chapel (submitted by Sheila Smith)**

Christmas was, again, different to usual, due to the Covid advice and restrictions. The Carol Service was a morning one, instead of the usual Candlelit evening service, but good to sing the favourites along with the new. The Nativity on Christmas Day had an unusual interpretation which was enjoyed by all, and it was good to see all the families coming together again. We re-created the illuminated tableau in the porch for Christmas week which was well received.

Now we go forward with regular services at 10-45a.m. each Sunday. Occasional ones may also be zoomed, please contact Jim Shaw (327 7183) for further information. Everyone welcome.



#### **10.17 Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club** (Submitted by Fiona Mosley)

After a very successful Christmas fund raising effort, and in the throes of the Omicron variant, we have no immediate plans for any future events.

Altogether we raised £1910.18. A huge thanks to all those who helped out and donated, it was a massive joint effort involving nearly everyone in the village.

We are continuing to meet fortnightly, but we have switched venues to the Memorial Hall Committee Room for the moment, to be covid safe. All members and guests must do a lateral flow test before the meeting. Newcomers are welcome to attend and find out what we do. Just email Brian [willaston.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:willaston.secretary@gmail.com) first so we know to expect you. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7.30pm and our next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

We are planning a Burns Night supper at Poulton Hall, just for club members. Future events, as yet unplanned, include a night at Kri in Neston where we take over the whole restaurant with members, families and friends as a fund raiser. We also propose to hold a tea dance in the Memorial Hall for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Meanwhile, watch this space for future events such as our book sales on the green. We are still urgently looking for space in a house or garage to store all our books. If you can help, please let Brian know by email or phone Fiona on 0151 3843081.

#### **10.18 Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group** (Submitted by John Woodrow)

I hope you all had a good Christmas and I send you my best wishes for a Good New Year and a better 2022.

There have been some changes recently at the Surgery of which I would like you to be aware.

Kate our Practice Manager has spent a lot of time addressing the issue of how the Surgery interacts with patients with a view to improving the service provided. To this end Kate has been advising the receptionists that the emphasis for them is being there to help and assist rather than being seen as a barrier to patients accessing care within the Surgery. She has pointed out that patients are effectively "customers" and that they should be treated no differently from what would be expected in any other customer facing situation. To emphasize this change in attitude Receptionists will now be known as Patient Assistants. I hope that you see the effect of this change.

We also have the help of June Knight an Advanced Clinical Practitioner who will be with us every Friday. June is able to prescribe medication and she has a wealth of experience in Primary Care. She will be able to deal with many matters which in the past a Doctor would have dealt with and this will relieve some of the pressure on the Doctors to deal with more critical matters and should lead to improved waiting times before having a consultation with a Doctor. We also welcomed Seema Varghese as our new Practice Nurse in December. Welcome to you both.

As ever I welcome your feedback on any matters you would like to raise with me at [johnwoodrow@btinternet.com](mailto:johnwoodrow@btinternet.com) and 0151 327 3260 and I would be particularly keen to hear of your experiences with the change in "customer care".

#### **10.19 Willaston Toddler Group**

No report received.

#### **10.20 Willaston Village Festival Society**

No report received.

## **11. Councillor report**

11.1 Speed limit assessment on Hadlow Road has been completed in three locations and the council advised that the mean speed score does not meet the criteria for the road to become 20mph. Any issues with roads need to be reported e.g. accident on the road as this feeds into considerations for speed on highway.

11.2 Myles is going to chase the signage and road markings for the disabled designated space on the green.

**Action: Myles**

11.3 A540 tree planting scheme in the middle of the carriageway. CWaC have received feedback that trees on some stretches may cause issues and they have made revisions. Tree planting is due to start on the carriageway in February.

11.4 Councillors across the borough were consulted regarding wildflower planting. Myles has indicated two sites in the village. The grassy areas at the top of Meadow Lane and the small green,

11.5 Myles advised if people want to have TPO's (tree preservation orders) put in place need to think ahead. If trees have TPO's that are diseased you can apply for the tree to be removed.

11.6 The village have been offered 300 sandbags in the case of flooding. Myles is looking for somewhere that they could be stored centrally. Suggestions have included the rangers store at Hadlow Road. If anyone knows of a suitable area to store to get in touch.

11.4 Green home grants are available to people who meet the criteria to improve energy efficiency in their homes.

To qualify for this grant residents must have an annual combined household income of £30,000 (gross) or less, this includes household in receipt of qualifying welfare benefits. Live in a property that is classed as inefficient with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of E, F or G.

Residents can apply online at: [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/greenhomegrant](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/greenhomegrant)

Or call: 0300 123 8123

11.5 Avian flu outbreak in borough. If residents find any dead swans, geese, ducks or other dead wild birds such as gulls or birds of prey, they can report them to DEFRA helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

## **12. AOB**

12.1 Fiona E asked if there was any update on the post box being restored at the top of Briardale Road. Sarah advised that the new owners of the house where the post box is normally situated obtained approval from Royal Mail for temporary removal. Myles confirmed the original post box will be put back once the works have been completed.

12.2 Ruth asked if the lights on the tree could be switched on for the 6<sup>th</sup> February as this is the official date the Queen came onto the throne. Sarah raised would there be a benefit in it and villagers may question why the lights are on. It was agreed to put this to a vote. Seven people voted in favour, six people voted against and the remaining members abstained.

Sarah to speak with the electrical contractor regarding switching the lights on for the weekend. This will be funded from the Jubilee funding.

**Action – Sarah/Brian**

12.3 Sandra K raised that the PTA noticeboard at the entrance to Johnstons' rec is rotten and looks tired. Can this be removed. It was advised the Johnstons' rec committee would need to take this forward.

**Action – Johnstons' rec committee**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.20pm.

**Dates for future Committee Meetings:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022