

Key Issues from the meeting held on Mon. 22nd January 2024



WILLASTON
Residents' & Countryside Society

Christ Church Reordering Project

Prior to the formal meeting, Viv Ley & Bill Hardman gave us an overview of this project, which is now a fund-raising initiative to allow completion of the refurbishment. Once finished, the refurbished Church will incorporate the facilities of the old Church Hall & will be able to offer numerous new facilities for the entire village to use & enjoy. There will be an Open Day on Sat. 24th Feb. 2024 from 10am - 4pm for all to attend to view the plans & ask questions. Refreshments will be provided.

Looking at the future for WR&CS

Brian G. opened this discussion, looking at where WR&CS fits into the village community, what its strategy is/should be, together with the best form of organisation to take it forward. The current structure & organisation have served it well since its inception almost 50 years ago, however the difficulty of attracting new Officers & the considerable social changes that have occurred over the last few years have meant that we should now take a fundamental look at what we do & how we do it.

To remain as we are, is no longer an option. Many questions were presented this evening & all options must be considered. Professional advice will now be sought to advise us on the best way forward. This topic is an ongoing discussion which will continue at our next meeting.

All Organisation Reps will now take this discussion to their individual groups at their upcoming meetings With comments brought back to the next Committee meeting in March 2024.

Some Committee members felt that there remains a sense of ambiguity as to how residents currently view WR&CS's general principles & objectives; a meeting will now be organised ASAP for a pan-village discussion.

Planning Matters

Brian G. again discussed the current position of WR&CS not having a Planning Officer in place. Brian again thanked Barry V. for supporting the planning role by undertaking relevant background research & completing the planning reports. On Barry V's behalf, Jane T. stressed that Planning matters are a crucial aspect of WR&CS activity & she urged Committee members to at least consider taking on the task of preparation of the monthly planning report. Barry V. had also asked Jane T. to clarify that he was happy to show any interested parties how to access CWaC's planning details & formulate a report.

It seems that the new Green Belt Alliance is no longer in operation.

Jane T. discussed possible fund-raising initiatives to purchase the field off Hooton Road which is the last remaining area dividing Willaston & Hooton. Vicky S. clarified that WR&CS cannot engage in such purchases as we are an unincorporated organisation. This will remain an ongoing point of discussion.

Footpaths & Bridleways / Environmental Group update

No activity with Footpaths at the moment. Monthly litter picking sessions continue & upcoming SUNDAY dates are: 25th Feb, 17th March, 21st April. All 2024 dates are displayed on the notice board.

Councillor's Report

For all details please see the meeting's full Minutes. A summary of the discussion included:

- ✓ The Highways Dept. at CWaC has now taken on responsibility for the repair of the wall between Pollards & the adjacent car park.

- ✓ The request for double yellow lines at the corner of Hooton Road/Overdale Road & at the Green/Hadlow Road has now been actioned & agreed by Highways Dept at CWaC.
- ✓ CWaC will affix a Commemorative plaque on Johnston's recreation Ground to honour the coronation of King Charles.
- ✓ There will be no wildflower planting in Willaston this year.



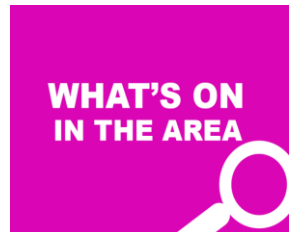
Love Where You Live

To ensure that Willaston looks and remains well-kept & safe for everyone, we request that all residents take responsibility for the upkeep of their own hedges & the exterior of their property. Any problematic issues should be reported to Councillor Myles Hogg.

What's coming up in Willaston?

See the notice boards, WR&CS website or Facebook page for further information.

- ✓ Hadlow Road Station pop-up café will be open on Sundays from 10am - 1pm on: Feb. 25th, March 10th & 24th, April 14th & 28th.
- ✓ Hadlow Road Station next Garden Day is Wed. 6th March from 10am - 12 noon. Come & join this happy group & enjoy a "cuppa and a biscuit" as thanks for your help.
- ✓ Hadlow Green Singers have choir practices on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome.
- ✓ Willastonhey WI meetings take place at 7.30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall. New members always welcome.
- ✓ The Knit & Natter group meet in the Methodist Schoolroom from 2 - 4pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, working on various knitting projects. Please feel free to join.
- ✓ The Mobile Library will visit the Nag's Head car park on Mondays from 2.05 - 4.35pm on: Feb. 19th, March 11th, April 1st & 22nd, May 13th, June 3rd & 24th.
- ✓ Councillor Hogg's Ward Surgeries will take place on Saturdays from 10am - 12 noon in the Memorial Hall on: Feb. 17th, March 23rd, 13th April.



Would you like more information?



A full set of the minutes of our meetings can be seen on our website. If you would like an email alert when minutes of meetings are posted on our website, please contact us via the website.

If you have any village concerns, then please let us know.

Get in touch with us via the 'Contact Us' page on the WR&CS website where general enquiries can be sent to: secretary@willastoninwirralresidents.org

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

If there is any issue you would like to raise, the first 15 minutes of each meeting is open to any resident. Please let us know if you would like to attend during this session. You are also welcome to attend throughout the meeting as a silent observer - again, please let us know if you will be attending.

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.15pm** in Willaston Methodist Hall.

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