

Key Issues from the meeting held on Mon. 11th March 2024



WILLASTON
Residents' & Countryside Society

The future of WR&CS

Organisation Leads gave their groups' feedback. The Vice Chair then read a statement: An Officers' meeting recently took place which again highlighted that although current officers encourage others to take on various vacant roles, or lead on specific projects, volunteers are not coming forward. This makes it extremely difficult for current Officers to be positive about the future. In addition & following legal guidance obtained during the data protection issue in 2023, current Officers feel unable to continue with the organisation as it currently stands.

The Vice Chair has confirmed that he will not seek re-election at the AGM & other Officers intend to resign. *All Officers wish to emphasise that this is not their preferred choice but feel that they have been left with little option.*

Looking forward, if another organisation was to be set up, this would still require WR&CS to cease operations for any new organisation/company to start afresh to protect against any historical issues.

As it currently stands & in accordance with the WR&CS Constitution, a Special General Meeting will be held for WR&CS to close; this has been arranged for Friday 20th Sept. 2024 in the Memorial Hall.

In the event of a closure, realised assets or protected funds remaining shall be distributed amongst those organisations existing within the district of Willaston. ***This particularly affects the ownership & operation of the Christmas lights on the Green.*** The WR&CS website & Facebook page would also cease to operate.

In the future, if a group of residents set up another organisation/company in whatever form, or explore a more formal organisation before a dissolution, they would be in the same situation, as assets remaining will still need to be distributed amongst organisations within the district of Willaston.

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. Barry V. has offered support to any interested parties re. how to formulate a planning report.

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

Fund-raising initiatives to purchase land off Hooton Road (the last remaining area dividing Willaston & Hooton) were discussed. It was 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 17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July. All dates are displayed on the notice board.

Councillor's Report

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

- ✓ The Highways Dept. will repair the wall between Pollards & adjacent car park. No date has yet been confirmed for this to be completed.
- ✓ Double yellow lines (at the corner of Hooton Road/Overdale Road & at the Green/Hadlow Road) have been agreed by the Highways Dept. No completion date has been confirmed.
- ✓ CWaC will affix a Commemorative plaque on Johnston's recreation Ground to honour the Coronation of King Charles. No completion date has been confirmed.
- ✓ Four cherry trees were planted in Feb. at the corner of Meadow Lane, replacing 2 felled last year.

- ✓ The Post Office has introduced a new Drop & Collect parcel service which will operate from the Spar in Willaston from Wed. 3rd April.
- ✓ Operation 'Park Safe' has been rolled out across Cheshire Constabulary. Residents can now report illegal parking problems online via the website. Residents can upload videos/photos of offending vehicles where they will be assessed. Minor obstructions or issues will be allocated to the local PCSO or beat officer. To report parking issues please visit: cheshire.police.uk/park-safe
- ✓ Our new PCSO, Matthew Fullager, has recently been Speed Monitoring in Willaston. He can be contacted on Matthew.Fullager@cheshire.police.uk



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 April 14th & 28th, May 12th & 26th, June 16th & 30th, July 14th & 28th.
- ✓ 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 May 13th, June 3rd & 24th.
- ✓ Councillor Hogg's Ward Surgeries will take place on Saturdays from 10am - 12 noon in the Memorial Hall on May 18th & 15th June.

Would you like more information?



A full set of the minutes of our meetings can be seen on our 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 20th May 2024 at 7.15pm in Willaston Methodist Church Hall.

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