

**Willington Parish Council**  
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## Annual Parish Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6pm

### Minutes

- 1) Appointment of clerk for the meeting - it was agreed that the Parish Clerk be the clerk for this meeting.
- 2) Minutes of meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – these were read out by the Chair and all agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council.
- 3) District/County Councillors Reports – no County Councillor Present and nothing to report from District Councillor.
- 4) Report of the Parish Council Chairman for 2015/16.

This year has been the first following the election of a new Council.

May I first thank my fellow councillors for their support and patience during our first year together. May I also thank our two District Councillor, Martyn and Andy for their diligence and application to encouraging and supporting the various initiatives of our Parish Council. Both at District level and in Martyn's case, county level too!

We began the year with the appointment of our temporary clerk, Janice Jackson. Her advice and guidance proved to be invaluable during those early months, and we thank her for her conscientious efforts in stabilizing the ship. During November we held interviews and appointed our new clerk, Justina Nurse. We are now sailing more smoothly and much underlying work has been effected by Justina to correct and improve many of our policies, procedures and terms of reference.

Ongoing over many years was the legacy concerning the desirability of exchanging a small piece of land near to the river, at the tip of the Bridleway. This was resolved in October, but as yet we have not completed all the legal paperwork.

The matter of charges for parking at the Picnic area car park has arisen again and sadly at the moment it seems likely that the DCC will institute charging very soon. We will need to monitor the ramifications of this controversial move and make our reflected views known to the DCC.

We have been over the last six months attempting to persuade the DCC to revisit the speed limit on Twyford Road, with a view to making it 30mph, and to consider improving the situation at the crossing on Repton Road near to the Co-Op, by introducing a traffic-lights controlled function.

We were represented at the inaugural opening of the village defibrillator, which has been placed in memory of Gill Beasley, at the Co-Op. The parish council being a fundamental supporter of the scheme.

Our new Railway garden is moving toward completion of the first phase with the introduction of the seating and the WI centenary planter.

During the year we received requests for financial support for projects including the Parish Church alterations, Arts Festival, Carnival activities and advancing the Village Planning group work.

At Christmas time we once again had our Christmas Tree looking very sparkly and we are thankful to the licensee of the Green Man for allowing us to plug-in the lights for that decoration.

Lastly, may I take the opportunity thank the many parishioners who turn up month by month to give us support and bring to our attention their many and varied concerns which we can consider for attention within the village.

## 5) Reports from other Community Groups –

- Findern Footpaths Group sent their apologies
- Willington Football Club in attendance but no report
- Arts Festival – gave out their leaflet for this week's festival and talked about the festival in general.
- St Michael's Church – thanked the PC for the £5k donation earlier this year and showed photos of the work at the Church.
- History Group – was formed 18 years ago and they gave a summary of the speakers over the last year and what they had coming up over the next year.
- Bowls Club – Been going over 40 years, has 24 members, 3 league teams and twice a year have an open door for the public to come and have a go. The 30 year lease on the grounds and building are due for renewal with the PC next year and they hope this can be renewed.
- Willington Voice – summary of the village plan explained
- Village Hall – it's been there since 1949 and is now ready for its next stage of development.
- The Old School – a charitable trust run by volunteers, owned by the Harpur Crewe estate. Need new younger trustees. Soon to have a Morris Dancer Group.
- Youth Club – there are 20 plus young people attending each week at the Old School for activities.
- Footpaths Group – this group needs to get going yet in Willington

- Community Conservation Group – this group also has funding but needs to get established.
- PPG –

I am Margaret Hooley, Chair of the PPG (with Christine Bould) and am here to represent the Willington Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) The purpose of this group is patients of the surgery working with the surgery to:

- Provide a channel of communication between practice staff and patients to break down barriers to communication and enable sharing of information
- Help themselves and other patients to take more responsibility for their health
- Provide practical support to the surgery
- Contribute to continuous improvement of services determined by the needs of the community

The PPG would like to welcome new members. If you are interested please call the surgery. We have our AGM coming up on the 19th May starting at 7pm, we meet at Willington Surgery on the third Thursday each month. Minutes of meetings are on display in the surgery alongside other PPG information. 2015 was a busy year for PPG and am pleased to say 2016 is just the same. PPG was instrumental in organising a very successful Health Promotion Event at the surgery in late 2014 which has been the catalyst for offering training to members of PPG and surgery staff on areas including Dementia Friends Training, Mindfulness etc. and this is still ongoing. Businesses in the area have been invited to attend these training sessions. We are backing the move to make Willington a Dementia Friendly area. This year we have provided funding for a vaccine bag, a pharmacy fridge and ear syringe pack. Also weights for chair based exercise classes at the surgery plus a panel screen has been purchased for the surgery. INR machine is now up and running in the surgery following a financial contribution from Persimmon Homes. The INR (international normalised ratio) is a device that monitors how quickly blood clots. Work is underway to hold a second Health event at the Surgery which takes place on 22nd June between 4 and 6.30 pm so please put this date in your diaries and please come and see what is on offer. PPG has links with Health watch and as Chair I attend regular meetings with the South Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group who oversee the commissioning of services and it keeps our group updated on developments.

**6) Any raised Parish Matters** – one matter raised – the fence on Bargate Lane and will it be mended? This will be placed on the RAC agenda. Clerk informed everyone about the new website and how they can use it for their groups and events.

**7) Date of next meeting in 2017 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**