

## Minutes of monthly Parish Council meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**In Attendance: Cllrs P Cullen (chair); J Cullen, Houghton, Laughlin, Finney, Pearson, MacPherson (part)**

**112/17 To Receive Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Harding, Cllr Warner and Cllr MacPherson. Apologies were received but not accepted for Cllr Evans due to his general lack of attendance. The clerk was asked to email Cllr Kerry who has not attended the last 2 meetings nor sent apologies.

**113/17 Declaration of Members Interests.**

a) Declarations were received and accepted for Cllr Houghton for item 119/17

**114/17 Public Speaking.**

- a) A member of the public asked what item 116/17 meant. The Chair explained the reasons for closing the meeting to the public. Brian from the VH Committee wanted to clarify the agenda item 118/17 monetary request. He explained that due to the VH application to the Big Lottery failing they need to change their plans. Brian summarized the proposals which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Brian informed the Council that the VH currently has approx. £33,000 in its account and the build a brick could potentially raise another £10,000 over 2 years, he had been advised that one of the ways to raise the money would be to raise the precept but the Chair had concerns about this as the Village Hall belongs to the Village and not the Parish.
- b) Police Liaison Officer not in attendance, County Councillor Martyn Ford sent his apologies as did District Councillor MacPherson who were both attending another meeting at SDDC. In his absence Cllr Laughlin reported that a member of the public had asked for a litter bin on the picnic area at the marina as there are currently only dog bins there. **Resolved:** clerk to add to RAC agenda.

**115/17 To confirm the minutes of Willington Parish Council monthly meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**Resolved:** the minutes of the monthly meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, having been circulated, were then approved by all and signed by the Chair

**116/17 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.**

**Resolved:** all Councillors agreed to close the meeting at the end to discuss sensitive items.

**117/17 Chairman's Announcements.** The Chair wanted to make it clear, after recent comments from parishioners about the land swap, that the decision to pull out was not done on a whim.

**118/17 Finance**

a) Items for Payment –

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk	Wages (14 hours per week)	£970.67
Clerk	Expenses:	<b>£36.50</b>
	Home working for June	18.00
	Mileage	13.50
Clerk	Mobile top up	5.00
McCulloch	Litter picking, play inspection	599.00
McCulloch	Mowing invoice	700.00
E-on	Electricity for TRPF	5.61
E-on	Electricity for Bowls Club	14.01
Firs Nurseries	Planters	776.40
OST	Room hire	98.50
Streetscape	New swings and bushes	242.40
	Swing bushes	72.00
Greenbarnes	More magnets	102.38
Brian Davis	Newsletter costs	114.00
Playsafety Ltd	Annual Play inspection	264.60

## Monetary Requests

### Scouts

£1,000.

The clerk explained that she had contacted Calon Energy regarding this request as they own the building but they had informed her that the lease agreement in place means the scouts are responsible for everything on their site as they do not pay rent. The Councillors agreed it was not the best use of money as the hut is very dilapidated however the scouts have already had a break in because of the doors and they are a long way off getting a new hut so the doors are essential. **Resolved:** Parish Council to grant the money under section 137 with 5 votes in favour and 1 abstain.

### Village Hall

£40,000

The Chair stated again that he was not happy with the idea of raising the precept to pay for the village hall. Cllr Houghton has been speaking to the UK Councils and Churches Financial Investors who specialize in investing council money and currently invest several billions. They currently give an annual return of approx. 6% and this could provide a return on investment for the village hall each year rather than raise the precept. Cllr J Cullen suggested matching what the VH raise and giving them the original £17,000 promised. Everyone agreed that morally the PC should help. The question was asked if the VH money was currently invested, Brian answered no it wasn't. The Village Hall is held in trust by the Charity Commission for the village. The clerk and Cllr Houghton explained that the VH has no legal obligation to provide disabled toilets but everyone agreed it would be better to have them. The proposal is to pledge £17,000 to the Village Hall for their external works but two Parish Councillors to sit on the Village Hall Committee (with voting rights) with immediate effect and Cllr Laughlin was approved to join Cllr Harding in this role. This was proposed by Councillor Houghton, seconded by Cllr J Cullen with 5 votes in favour and 1 against (Cllr P Pearson). Secondly it was proposed for the Finance Committee to look at further funding of the Village Hall and the other ideas suggested tonight. **Action:** clerk to arrange a finance meeting and add to the agenda.

### Income

Willington Garage

Newsletter advert

20.00

- 119/17 Willington Carnival stall and presence.** Cllr Houghton to set up and Cllr Finney and Cllr Laughlin to man the stall for the afternoon. Cllr P Cullen to provide a display. The parade starts at 11.30am.
- 120/17 Storage at TRPF –** Cllr J Cullen had visited the garage at TRPF and took photos, as requested by the clerk, and it is full of fridges and football equipment but not neatly stacked. The clerk explained that she could use this for storage but it's so messy at the moment. **Action:** clerk to email football club and Carnival Committee saying there will be an amnesty at the end of August and to sort their stuff out. A skip will need to be booked and arrange for some shelves and storage to be added to the room.
- 121/17 New email addresses for councillors –** Cllr P Cullen. Cllr Cullen explained that inadvertently Councillors email addresses had been circulated to members of the public and he did not want his personal email address given out and would therefore prefer a Council email address. The clerk said she had spoken to her previous Parish Council at Sawley who had done this and the councillor said it was the best thing they did and was worth the cost of £25 per address per year. The clerk also explained that a council email address remains the property of the Parish Council not the individual so all emails from that Councillor remain on the domain which means if that Councillor leaves the PC can retain the emails and the information is not lost. **Resolved:** clerk to arrange all Councillors have an individual address.
- 122/17 Willington Voice Update / Local Plan –** Cllr Houghton. **Action:** Cllr Houghton and Brian to put a proposal together for the September meeting.
- 123/17 Station garden plan and Christmas Tree –** Cllr J Laughlin. Cllr Laughlin explained that she had met with Martin the owner of Woodgrow in Findern and discussed a way forward for the area. Martin had suggested removing all the current trees to let some light into the area as it is quite dark. A concern was raised then about lack of shade. Cllr Laughlin went through various tree types and their properties aiming for planting late October early November. **Action:** get 2 quotes from Mercaston and Woodgrow with pictures for the meeting in September and circulate prior to meeting for councillors to look at pictures.
- 124/17 Minute item from May minutes.** Cllr P Cullen said the whole point of this original agenda item was an apology and he was disappointed this did not happen. Clerk had circulated the new item with amendments direct from Cllr Harding's email and everyone agreed to accept the item. **Resolved:** clerk to now publish.
- 125/17 Football Club request. Resolved:** request denied as the team are nothing to do with Willington and the field needs to rest in January, February and March due to being water logged plus the new team has no goals and Willington FC have to pay £95 each match to mark the pitch.

### 126/17 Report of the Parish Clerk

- a. Pensions – New regulations and staging date. Clerk has asked another clerk and they use NEST. **Action:** put on finance agenda to discuss percentage etc. and clerk to arrange a finance meeting.
- b. Noticeboards and licence from Assura. All 4 are now up and the Co-op have got theirs to install and waiting for the licence back from Assura for the doctor's surgery one. Discussion was had about the wooden posts currently in the

station garden and Cllr P Cullen offered to take these down and store them in the garage. **Action:** Cllr P Cullen. It was agreed there was no need for a notice board near the shops on Beech Avenue. The clerk is going to ask the Post Office about holding posters for her to collect and distribute once a week.

- c. Playground quotes. Clerk has received 2 quotes and awaiting a third and has put this on the RAC agenda.
- d. Newsletter – Brian’s absence. It was noted that Brian will need some form of heart surgery around September time and will need to convalesce so the Christmas Newsletter will need to be done by another person with Brian’s help.
- e. STW cover reported – been reported and work booked in.
- f. Audit update – nothing further to update
- g. TRPF – windows and legionnaires report. Windows have been quoted for and damaged one boarded up by Sims and Twigg at the request of the clerk. The clerk has also seen the visit reports from SDDC which they do every month.
- h. 2 weeks off in August. Clerk requested 2 weeks off but not sure which 2 weeks so will advise by email.
- i. Dragon and footpath – hedge has been trimmed by the Dragon and cleared the sign. News signs will be discussed at Footpaths Committee.
- j. Website transfer – all been done now.
- k. New swings and bushes – the clerk has ordered these and the bushes and swings have been replaced at Hall Lane and the bushes for Trent Avenue need to be done next. Clerk to ask Graham.
- l. Potlocks letters delivered. Clerk delivered 35 letters to the Potlocks.

**127/17 Planning  
Planning Matters for Decision**

9/2017/0649	11 THE GREEN WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6BP	THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE RESTAURANT AT	16-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0628	HILL FARM THE STABLES ETWALL ROAD WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DX	AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATION 9/2017/0116/FH FOR THE ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT	12-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0570	DERBY WITH BURTON SERVICE STATION ETWALL ROAD WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DX	THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LIQUID NATURAL GAS (LNG) REFUELING STATION INCLUDING COMPOUND, 2 DISPENSERS AND RELCATION OF EXISTING HGV PARKING AREA AT	30-May-17	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Clarification was sought for the extension at the Dragon but no further comments were made.**

**Planning Matters for information**

9/2017/0282	6 WATERSIDE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6ET	THE ERECTION OF TWO DWELLINGS IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THOSE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED (9/2011/0569) AT	13-Apr-17	16-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0465	12 CHURCH CLOSE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6EN	EXTENSION AND ALTERATION INCLUDING A GARAGE CONVERSION AT	02-May-17	27-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0449	19 THE GREEN WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6BP	THE FELLING OF A SYCMAORE TREE AT	02-May-17	12-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0425	3 WILLOW GROVE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6EL	THE ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AND A REAR VERANDAH AT	02-May-17	27-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0403	HOTEL IBIS BUDGET HOTEL LAND WEST OF ETWALL ROAD WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DX	THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY BUILDING TO HOUSE FOUR UNITS FOR USE WITHIN USE CLASS A1 (SHOPS), USE CLASS A3 (RESTAURANTS & CAFES) AND/OR USE CLASS A5 (HOT FOOD TAKEAWAYS) (REVISED SCHEME TO THAT APPROVED UNDER 9/2016/0134) AT	13-Apr-17	23-Jun-17	<input type="checkbox"/>

**All Granted and Councillors noted the information received with no further comments.**

**128/17 Committee Reports**

- a) Finance – no meeting held.

- b) RAC – there was no meeting held in June due to absences.
- c) Footpaths and Open Space Group – minutes of meeting held in June had not been circulated prior to the meeting
  - i. Role of Vice-Chair – nominations. Clerk asked to email Cllr Kerry to see if he will be attending any of the meetings and could fulfill this role.
  - ii. Permission to complete application for new footpath. Cllr P Cullen said this might not need doing now as it is a permissive footpath but will report back when he knows more.
  - iii. Storage. The group would like to buy some equipment to help clear paths etc and will submit this at September meeting but can the group please store these items at the garage on TRPF. Council agreed.
  - iv. Facebook page and website page created – the clerk has now created these for the group.

**129/17 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other Meetings.**

There was nothing to report

**130/17 Items for Information**

- SDCVS e bulletins
- DALC circular 08/17 and change of address and phone number
- Rural Services Network bulletins
- SDDC – press releases
- DIG-IT dates
- Contact Us: re hedges at 2 and 4 Mercia Drive overgrown
- Phone Call from 141 Twyford Road re hedge
- Phone call from another Football Club followed by email
- Church Warden and rising water
- History Group talks and dates for newsletter and website
- Email regarding state of path from Willington to Repton – passed to Cllr Ford
- Alan Gifford email re TPOs and edging corner of hall Lane and Oaks Road
- 2 emails from people re allotments in Willington in North East
- Posters for summer activities from SDDC

**131/17 Date of the next Meeting**

The date of the next Willington Parish Council Meeting is to be confirmed as Tuesday 12th September 2017 at The Old School, starting at 7pm prompt.

**132/17 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.**

- a) **Land swap costs.** The clerk was handed a piece of paper at the last meeting by Mr Bird detailing costs for the potential land swap asking for re-imbursement. **Resolved** unanimously not to reimburse the fees as the Parish Council is not liable for them. **Action:** Clerk to inform Mr Bird. It was also discussed that a letter needs to go to Timms Solicitors to ask why they had invoiced us after Mr Bird had paid the fees. Previous minutes explicitly state that Mr Bird agreed to pay the fees for both parties whether it went ahead or not and the letters to and from Timms was shown as proof of this. **Action:** clerk to send a letter to Timms asking why they billed us when the letters in the file clearly showed that Mr Bird was liable for the fees no matter what the outcome and to express the Parish Council's disappointment in the way it's been handled and to ask for the money back as the PC should never have been billed.
- b) **The conduct of Cllr Evans at WPC meeting 11th April 2016 – Cllr P Cullen.** **Action:** defer to next meeting.