

**Parish Council Minutes of Willington Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at The Old School, Castleway, Willington**

Present: Cllrs P. Allsopp (Chair), M. Bartram, J. Houghton, T. Bartram, I. Walters, C. Harrison, A. Davenport, R. Titley and T. Bates.

County/District Cllr. M. Ford.

Members of the Public.

Rachel Male (Clerk).

110624/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr. C. Mead and I. Hudson.

110624/2 Variation of Order of Business

Not required.

110624/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

110624/4 Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.

a) Residents raised the following issues:

Steven Gough, Planning Director from Firstway Solar attended the meeting to go through the proposal of the battery farm at Egginton. The presentation will be added to the website for information.

b) District Cllr. I. Hudson was absent from the meeting however sent the following report:

Bittern View Estate

The SDDC owned house now has carpets fitted and some furniture installed. It is nearing use, I accept that the process has taken far too long when SD is in need of such housing.

The developer has managed to delay injunction proceedings on road and pavement completion, I am assured by SDDC Legal that this is merely (another) delay, and matters are progressing.

You will all have noticed that Derbyshire SNT (police) attended an Anti-Social Behaviour incident on the Green Space at the rear of Bittern View Estate last month. They generated an incident number and taped off (with police tape) the unofficial access point to this area from Kingfisher Way. The tape is now removed and our PCSO is monitoring the area. I have passed this information onto SDDC and asked them to report to me on whether they can legally close access to this site. This is not the first ASB concern here.

Planning Matters

I see you have the Chesterfield - Willington 'The Great Grid Upgrade' on the agenda, I attended the first of a series of webinars on this. Every house in Willington should have received a consultation leaflet. The online resources listed in this leaflet are very good. The webinar less so. I passed on initial concerns that there is no Official Information point at all in South Derbyshire (the closest is Erewash) and that our closest consultation presentation is at Findern village hall (Findern is not directly affected).

However all consultations and webinars are now postponed until after the General Election.

This is a National Infrastructure project, so SDDC will not decide, HM Inspectorate will.

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The route for the new pylons is still to be finalised, however the line will come from Aston, so the East into Willington Power Station.

There is no significant works required on the Willington Power Station site.

I also see that the Egginton BESS will be presented to you. This is DMPA/2024/0432, although the Batteries are proposed to be installed in another Parish it would (if approved) have significant impact on Willington with cables underneath all of Castleway and a large portion of Twyford Road, circa 3kM in length. This will be decided at full Planning Committee, but probably not just yet as Derbyshire County Highways have asked for a delay, next SDDC Planning Committee is 18 June.

County Election Boundary, your item 19

There was a consultation on changing Derbyshire County Electoral Boundaries, this was meant to be finished, but due to a 'consultation error' with SDDC, the consultation has been extended. The idea is to try to balance out electors between divisions, there has been significant growth in some areas since the last review and so this suggestion.

For Willington it means splitting our SDDC Ward (Willington and Findern), Willington will go off into a new County Division with Stenson Fields and Repton, called 'Repton and Stenson'. Findern will remain with Etwall.

I would prefer the new Division to be called 'Willington, Repton and Stenson'.

Finally, there is a General Election on July 4th, maybe you have all heard, well everyone has until 18th June to register to vote (19th to register for a postal vote).

110624/5 To confirm and agree as a true record the non-confidential Minutes of the Willington Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2024

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

110624/6 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required.

110624/7 To confirm and agree the updated accounts to month ending 31st March 2024

RESOLVED that the updated accounts and bank reconciliation to month ending 31st March 2024, as submitted, be agreed.

This was due to the Council's NatWest account being closed by NatWest due to inactivity. The clerk is in the process of transferring the money to the Unity account.

110624/8 Annual Audit 2023/2024

a) To approve and note the Internal Audit Report for 2023/2024

RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Report be noted and approved.

b) To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023/24 be approved.

110624/9 Finance – Income and payments to 11th June 2024

To approve the income and payments to 11th June 2024. (attached). All invoices were available for inspection prior to the Meeting.

RESOLVED that all income and payments as submitted be agreed.

110624/10 To confirm and agree the accounts to month ending 31st May 2024

RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation to month ending 31st May 2024, as submitted, be agreed.

110624/11 Planning Applications

a) DMPA/DMPA/2024/0214 - Proposed 2 new access points with associated drainage engineering works on Land adjacent to the B5008 Etwall Road, Willington, Derby

Noted.

b) DMPA/2024/0683 - The erection of a replacement viewing platform at Willington Wetlands Nature Reserve, Derby, Derbyshire, DE65 6PD

Noted.

c) DMPN/2024/0645 - Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed extension and garage conversion at 3 Sealey Close, Willington, Derby, DE65 6EP

Noted.

d) Enforcement Appeal For Danes Lodge, Etwall Road, Willington - The making of a material change in the use of the land from use for storage of caravans and motorhomes to a mixed use of storage and residential use, together with the siting and occupation of a residential caravan, without planning permission at Danes Lodge, Etwall Road, Willington, Derby, DE65 6HE

Noted.

DMPA/2024/0432 Egginton Battery Farm

The Council discussed this application and **RESOLVED** to object to the planning application. Following this evenings meeting where members of First Solar attended, the Council **AGREED** to add to this objection as the impact on Willington during the installation of the cables will impact the village immensely. Cllr. P. Allsopp and the Clerk will write a note for the Willington Newsletter to encourage the village to object to this application.

1106024/12 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Work continues with the plan; the aim is to go out for consultation between July and September however this is to be confirmed. Public Consultation hopefully taking place on the Saturday 27th July at the village hall. This will be advertised.

110624/13 Twyford Road proposed community building and changing rooms

The Planning application has now been submitted and the planning department plan to have an answer to the Council by the 27th June 2024.

a) Twyford Road Community Building Committee

RESOLVED to set up a committee to move the project forward with Cllr's J. Houghton, P. Allsopp, M. Bartram, R. Titley and T. Bartram. Terms of Reference to be drawn up and agreed at a future meeting.

110624/14 Clerk's Report

Noted and attached.

110624/15 Play area inspections

To be deferred to RAC Committee.

110624/16 Request from The Dragon

The Council have been asked by the Dragon if they can place a bouncy castle for an end of summer garden party over the bank holiday weekend on the marina.

The Council RESOLVED to allow this so long as they have appropriate insurance is in place and a risk assessment is carried out. Assuming there is no charge for the event to the community they can use the marina free of charge.

110624/17 Bargate Lane

Concern was raised that the Council's piece of land on Bargate Lane had not been mown. This will be raised with the new contractor.

There also appears to be some issues with trees there, one appears to be dead, and one is covering road signs. The Clerk will raise this with DCC Highways.

110624/18 Gambling Act

Noted.

110624/19 Electoral Review

The Council noted the review. However, the Council would like Willington named in the new division, ie, Willington, Repton and Stenson as opposed to Repton and Stenson.

110624/20 Public Rights

RESOLVED to not participate in this scheme.

110624/21 The Great Grid Upgrade

This project has been delayed until after the General Election. The Council will discuss later date.

110624/22 South Derbyshire's Draft Cycle Network Supplementary Planning Document

To be reviewed by Cllr. T. Bates and R. Titley and if a response is required this will be submitted.

110624/23 Meeting close

The meeting closed at 9.03

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Payments to approve					
Date	Method	Name	Description	VAT	
		John Houghton	Xero invoice (June)	£ 6.00	£ 36.00
		Bowls Club	Leak (authorised at May meeting)		£ 100.00
		SDDC	Play area inspections (May and Annual)	£ 51.86	£ 311.16
		Willington Carnival	S137 Donation		£ 750.00
		Contractor (GC)	Grounds Maintenance		£ 372.00
		East Midland Audit Services	Internal Audit 23/24 Accounts		£ 109.95
		Contractor (AL)	Mowing of Twyford Road (2 cuts May and weedkill)	£ 84.68	£ 508.08
		Clerk	Ink		£ 18.49
		SDCVS	Clerk's Salary (May)		£ 0.50
From Unity Trust Bank Statement					
28.05.24		EON	Pavilion Electric		£ 55.21
28.05.24		EON	Bowls Club Electric		£ 24.20
28.05.24		SDCVS	Clerk's Salary (May)		£ 1,241.75
28.05.24		Contractor (BP)	Grounds Maintenance		£ 676.22
			Total	£ 142.54	£ 4,203.56
Income since last meeting					
Various		Allotment income			£ 51.00
Various		Newsletter income			£ 380.00
			Total		£ 431.00

Clerks Report June 2024

COUNCIL 8TH JUNE 2021		
080621/17 To Consider a Health Initiative Proposal Using Outdoor Gym	RESOLVED that a personal trainer be approached to carry out three one-hour sessions over a three-week period at a cost of £40.00 per session. Evidence that they are fully insured and a risk assessment must be provided to the Clerk before this takes place.	Clerk to meet with a representative from SDDC on site.
FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11TH JANUARY 2022		
110122/15 Village Green Application – Twyford Road Playing Fields	RESOLVED for the Clerk to investigate how we can protect the playing field if the Village Green application is unsuccessful.	Clerk is in discussions with Field in Trust.
110122/19 Young Tree on Beech Avenue and Oaks Road	The tree has a TPO attached to it, planning permission to prune has been requested. RESOLVED to accept a quote of £100, Clerk to check with Contractor the exact work he plans to undertake.	Clerk has a site visit with DCC on 11th May to considered. Permission now granted – to decide at the meeting when work is to be carried out. RESOLVED to carry out the work at the end of the year (it was reported it appears to have already been done). Clerk has requested the work to be carried out by another contractor.
Full Council Meeting – 14th June 2022		
140622/21 Correspondence b) Email from resident regarding SDDC Tree preservation Order records for trees in Willington	RESOLVED to email SDDC, Strategic Director asking for an audit to be carried out.	Emailed.
Full Council Meeting – 12th July 2022		
120722/18 Correspondence a) Marina parking (email from resident).	RESOLVED to ask County Council if wooden bollards could be placed around the area to prevent cars from being parked on the green.	Requested. Chased April 2023
Full Council Meeting – 11th October 2022		
111022/29 Correspondence a) Canal Marina out of date map (email from resident)	The map at the marina is out of date (pharmacy at its old location) RESOLVED that the Clerk will investigate replacing.	Being investigated.

<p>Other outstanding matter for Council's information:</p>
<p>Graffiti - please report any graffiti to the Clerk. Findern side of the railway bridge – reported to SDDC.</p>
<p>Centre of the village – zebra crossings Faded lines have been reported to DCC. Clerk continues to chase.</p>
<p>Tree planting at the marina for the Queen's Jubilee RESOLVED to request a cultivation license to enable this. Clerk to action.</p>
<p>Hall Lane play area Minute ref 130623/16 - It was discussed whether the green fencing to the left of the footpath should be removed or replaced. RESOLVED to replace should the cost be £300 or below and the Clerk will go ahead if this is the case. Update: Awaiting contractor site visit. Update: quote received to replace fence link and posts approx. £2080. Other options to be investigated. 141123/19 a) <u>Hall Lane play area – chain link fence replacement</u> RESOLVED to accept a quote received for £688.13 + VAT to replace. Contractor instructed. Work should be done by the end of May. Contractor chased.</p>
<p>October 2023 Meeting Actions: - Look into repair on cemetery gate</p>
<p>Public toilets The Clerk reported that SDDC have informed her that the toilets were closed due to a burst water pipe and are now open. However, Council members informed the Clerk they are still closed. Clerk will investigate. Now open.</p>
<p><u>New Grounds Maintenance Contract</u> The Council are aware of the issues with the new contractor. The Clerk is keeping in close contact to ensure all issues are resolved.</p>