

WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Year to 31 March 2022

Welcome to Willington Parish Council's Annual Report for 2021/2022. The following pages contain details of the Council's activities throughout the year, financial statements, and other Council information.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This was the 7th year of Willington Parish Council and the 70th year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's II reign and her Platinum Jubilee which we look forward to celebrating together on the Green. The Parish Council would like to express our thanks to the small team who have organised the event and to members of the Task Force who have worked hard to prepare the Green.

During the year we were saddened to receive the resignations of Beverley Crossley and Donna Okell, we thank them for their contribution to the council. However we were pleased to welcome their replacements John Lindsay and Jane Lowthion and look forward to working with them.

Parish Council Meetings

Ten Council meetings were held during year. The agendas for these meetings are posted on the village noticeboard and on the website, as are the minutes. We were pleased to welcome the members of the public who attended our meetings and spoke to the council during the Open Forum on a number of issues. Borough Councillors John Leather and Harry Tonge attended some of our meetings and kept us up to date with developments in Cheshire West and Chester.

We are delighted that the Sandstone Ridge on which Willington lies, is to be recognised as a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The process will take at least four years to complete.

Village Events

- Picnic on the Green held during September, well supported with a good turnout.
- Carols on The Green, Christmas lights and a visit from Father Christmas in December.
- Defibrillator basic training for 20 residents in in February.

Achievements

- 128 Village Calendars for 2022 were distributed to each household (generously sponsored by Roof Plus Ltd).
- We donated £289 from the Christmas carols event and the calendar sales to St Luke's Hospice in Winsford.
- S-Bend and horse riders warning signs installed on Roughlow
- Village photo competition organised with winning entries displayed on our website.
- Worked with United Utilities to find a solution to mains water outages due to burst mains
- Encouraged residents to complete their carbon footprint questionnaire.
- Noticeboard replaced, bigger and better. Formally opened by Edward Timpson MP.
- Established a Parish Council WhatsApp Group.
- Set up the 'Help to make Willington Heart Safe' crowdfunding project on Spacehive.

Your council continues to work hard and to conduct its meetings in a respectful manner, seeking through discussion to reach consensus on decisions and actions to be taken. I would like to thank all Councillors and the Clerk for their contribution to the Willington community.

I would also like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work in our community. Including

- our newsletter editor who puts together our newsletter which is the envy of other parishes, such is the high standard of presentation.
- the members of the taskforce and the team of litter pickers

- our speed watch volunteers
- our Parish Council website manager.

Planning

We had another busy year with planning applications and have commented on seven applications and several revisions to plans. We also have reported potential breaches of planning conditions to CWaC Planning Enforcement.

Chairman

J. Nicholas

Councillor Andrew Nicholas
Chairman of Willington Parish Council,