

This newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish and is also on our website (<http://www.willington.org.uk>) Contributions to future newsletters are welcomed and for the next issue should reach the Clerk (contact details overleaf) by 31st October 2018.

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The award scheme is run by the National Association of Local Councils. Willington Parish councillors thought that being a newly formed council it was important to be certain that they had everything in place to run efficiently and effectively. The council has recently obtained the Foundation Award demonstrating that they are operating lawfully and according to standard practice. They also demonstrate good practice in governance and community engagement.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A big thank you to those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting in May – it was very much appreciated.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

An updated draft of the Village Design Statement is now available to view on the website at www.willington.org.uk. Once on the website move to the Documents page and it is the top item in the left-hand column. The general recommendations are also listed below.

We would appreciate feedback so if you would like to comment on them, or the document generally, please cut off the bottom of this sheet, add your comments, and place the paper in the new Council post box near the notice board on the Green. If you wish to include your name and contact details on the paper please do so but it is not necessary.

- Existing field boundaries should be maintained and wherever possible traditional tree and high hedgerow boundaries enhanced.
- Any development should conform to the density in the part of the village in which these are taking place and also to the building scale of the immediate area. Where extensions or alterations to existing properties are proposed these should be sympathetic to the properties around them, to the density of the area and to the plot size.
- The views over the Cheshire plain and beyond should be protected to maintain the character of the village
- Recent funding from the EU has allowed for street lighting to be replaced with 'down lights' and any future development should protect the 'dark skies' with sympathetic lighting.
- New three storey development would be out of character and should be avoided.
- Converted agricultural buildings should retain their general appearance when converted to other uses.
- Original features of interest should be retained or enhanced, while additions should

complement or match the character and features of the existing building, particularly in relation to materials and the design of windows and doors.

- Roof materials, pitches of roofs, dormers, gable ends, porches and chimneys should blend, not jar, with the setting and character of existing neighbouring buildings. Care should be taken in the use of dormer windows generally and to the avoidance of flat or shallow pitches in particular.
- Boundary treatments should be appropriate to the location and to existing building styles. A varied rural approach utilising local materials should be supported and high solid timber fencing should be avoided. Where this is not possible there should be sympathetic planting to distract the impact.
- Adequate off-road parking facilities should be provided that are set back from the highway frontage, so that parked vehicles are less visually intrusive. Development that is likely to encourage on road parking should be avoided.
- Materials for private driveways, preferably permeable, should support the context of the rural environment. Loose gravel and laid natural stone work well for this purpose, unlike regular concrete paving and tarmacadam, which are more appropriate in suburban and urban contexts.
- Landscaping should harmonise with the rural village character, materials and planting procedures should be sympathetically chosen and mature plants used.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council has six normal Council meetings per year. The next meetings are at Willington Hall on 25th September and 27th November. All meetings commence at 7.30pm at Willington Hall.

The first 15 minutes of each meeting is allocated to the public forum where anyone can have his or her say on any local matter. An agenda for each meeting is placed on the noticeboard by Willington Green and also on our website.

ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL

Willington Parish Council is comprised of the following 5 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829, are in brackets: Cllr John Grimshaw (752177), Cllr Jane Lowthion (751454), Cllr Andrew Nicholas (752029), Cllr Roy Penk (751866), Cllr Pat Tyson-Jones (751757)

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