

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 welcome from all individuals and organisations in the Parish. The next issue will be available during November 2016. All contributions should reach the Clerk (contact details overleaf) by 31st October 2016

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that a number of residents are confused by some planning decisions; in particular why a number of planning consents were granted for new build properties on Chapel Lane but were refused on Willington Road. (Please note that all these decisions were made before Willington Parish Council came into existence so this is a retrospective explanation.)

At the time these planning applications were received by CWaC the Local Authority had no Local Plan in place. In part this was due to the Local Government Reorganisation which split the County of Cheshire into two Local Authorities. In the absence of a Local Plan Central Government took the view that, where applications for residential properties were made, permission was to be presumed unless there were overriding considerations as to why they should be refused. The old Vale Royal plan had a clear policy that villages should not coalesce, that open countryside should be maintained between them, this was stated in Strategy 8 & 9. This strategy was maintained and enforced by CWaC in the case of Willington Road, where 'infill' building would result in the coalescence of Kelsall and Willington. The decision of CWaC was later upheld on appeal by the Inspector. In the case of Chapel Lane no such policy existed so CWaC had no option but to grant permission.

Since that time Part 1 of the Local Plan has been agreed by Central Government and the whole of Willington has been, as previously, classed as open countryside and an area of special county value. As a result no new building will normally be permitted unless it replaces an existing building. Proposed extensions to existing properties will be

examined on a case by case basis and permission may be granted.

We hope this explanation clears up any confusion.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

Council continues to receive complaints about overhanging hedges and trees on private property that have been allowed to overhang pavements. This makes life difficult for pedestrians, particularly those walking with children/with a pushchair, and wheelchair users. They often are forced to walk on the verge or in the road to get past.

Please check the hedges and trees on your property to see that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have please have them cut back, it is your responsibility. Thank you.

UTKINTON/WILLINGTON GARDEN FETE

The Utkinton and Willington village fete was held on Saturday 25th June at Tirley Garth. The weather was kind and the sun shone for the majority of the afternoon. There were lots of activities taking place with football matches between local schools, music and entertainment from Tarporley High school Blues Disciples, and the South Cheshire ballet and theatre school. The Rose Queen arrived in a horse drawn carriage greeted by Professor and Mrs Redmond who opened the proceedings. There were a wide variety of stalls for people to enjoy and the WI had put on a magnificent afternoon tea in the tea rooms.

Thanks to all those from Willington who helped out on the afternoon, made cakes for the very successful cake stall or bought raffle tickets. Many householders from Willington were lucky enough to win some very nice prizes.

NEW NOTICEBOARD

A new larger (than existing) noticeboard will shortly be positioned near to the Royal Mail postbox on Willington Corner. It is intended for both Council communications and community use. It has been manufactured in Willington using locally sourced Oak by Adam Nicholas Bespoke Joinery.

AED/CPR TRAINING

A further training session for Defibrillator use and CPR will be held in the near future. If you are interest in attending a session please

contact Andrew Nicholas to let him know. There will be a further BHF 'Heart Start' training session (Covering other life saving skills; choking, serious bleeding, heart attack, recovery position) at Willington Hall on 11th October 2016. Again please contact Andrew to reserve your place ASAP. Come along for a fun and worthwhile evening! Open to everyone 10 years of age and upward.

SUPPORT FOR SEASHELL TRUST

Heather Bailey is helping the Seashell Trust to raise approximately £1,300 for one of the 12 sensory chairs needed to assist many profoundly disabled students. Some of you may be aware that Heather's daughter Lizzie attends the Royal College Manchester at Seashell Trust.

All are invited to Kelsall Community Centre between 2 and 4pm on Saturday 10th September for coffee and cake. Entry £1.

If you are able to donate cakes/raffle prizes/bottles for the tombola please contact Heather on 07903 263380. Thank you.

DAD HAS A NEW BUDDI.

My dad was diagnosed with dementia about three years ago. His memory isn't too bad however he struggles with conversation, sometimes gets confused and has lost his sense of time. One recent Friday evening while mum was preparing the tea, dad was given the job of setting the table. After he had completed his task mum went to put a TV program on for him and then called him to the lounge to sit down and watch it. However there was no reply to her call!

Unbeknown to mum dad had walked out of the house. Mum searched the house and garden, but he was nowhere to be seen. Panic set in, where had he gone? Mum phoned around the family. She and my uncle separately drove around the village but neither could find him.

I had no phone signal and dad had been missing for nearly an hour and a half by the time mum contacted me and by that time she was distraught. I suggested that she should now call the police while I and my son set off to search for him. We couldn't find him. Eventually we went to mum's, a police car was parked outside, and dad was sitting on the sofa with the police trying to interview him, to find out where he had been? Cutting a long story short, he had walked to a friends

house and gone in for a cuppa. The police were understanding and assured mum that she had taken the correct action by contacting them. Scare over, but concerned in case he disappears again, for his safety we have now purchased a 'Buddi' (a GPS tracking device with a wristband that can detect a fall). I have set-up a safe zone on a map for the device and if he strays outside of the zone I and other family members receive an alert (text, email and phone call). The device has a sim card and a call centre monitor his movement and can speak to dad through the Buddi. If he goes missing again we will know where to find him and if he has a problem when we are not with him the call centre will let us know. I'm sharing this story with you in the hope that it may be helpful to others with a vulnerable relative. (Andrew Nicholas).

Parish Council Meetings

All Council meetings are open meetings and members of the public are most welcome to attend and listen to the debates.

If you want to come along but don't want to stay until the end that is not a problem. Come and join us and then leave when you wish to do so.

All we ask is that you come and go quietly. The next meetings are at Willington Hall at 7.30pm on 27th September and 25th October.

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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