



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 July 2018.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May, 7.00pm at Willington Hall. Mr Andrew Hull, Chair of Sandstone Ridge Trust, has agreed to come along to talk about their work. The meeting will also include a report on the Parish Council's work for the year to 31st March 2018 and an update on the book being produced on the History of Willington. This is a meeting for all members of the Parish. Please join us on that evening if you are available and wish to do so. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.45pm.

## **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

A very rough first draft of the Village Design Statement is now available to view on the website at [www.willington.org.uk](http://www.willington.org.uk). Once on the website move to the Documents page and it is the top item in the left-hand column. Any comments would be welcomed by Simon Walker, Ian Dingwall or Jane Lowthion. If you would like a hard copy, please let Jane Lowthion know either by e mail to [Jane.lowthion@btinternet.com](mailto:Jane.lowthion@btinternet.com) or Tel: 751454 or 07525061360.

It is intended to add more photographs to the document, information about wild life sites within the Parish, and of course any additional information or suggestions that parishioners bring up. The layout and fonts will also be improved.

**KADRAS** (Kelsall & District Rural Amenities Society) publish a magazine 6 times a year. This gives details about all activities, and events, in and around Kelsall and includes some interesting articles about the area. The magazine is delivered in both Kelsall and Willington at an annual cost of £4. Recently deliveries in Willington have been somewhat spasmodic, however, this has now been addressed and the organisers are looking for more Willington residents to subscribe. If you would like to receive the magazine please contact Ray Evans, Chairman of KADRAS, on Tel: 01829 752494, email: [ray.evans21@btinternet.com](mailto:ray.evans21@btinternet.com) or Anne O'Donnell, Magazine Editor, on Tel: 01829 751836, email: [longputt@hotmail.com](mailto:longputt@hotmail.com)

## **PICNIC BENCH**

The Parish Council has ordered a picnic bench which will be delivered in May and housed on the Green.

## **WORKING PARTY**

**Saturday 26th May 09.30am - 1.00pm**

Yes, it's that time of year again when we need to tidy things up a little. Tasks to complete are:  
- removal of dead branches and leaves from The Green. Install the new Picnic Bench. Trim back the hedge to the rear.  
Wheel barrows, rakes and spades required.  
Please come along - many hands etc.

## **DOG BINS**

The Parish Council have been looking into the problem of dog bins for the last year. The bins are being emptied regularly now so at least there is some improvement but unfortunately, we have come to a dead halt on the provision of an additional bin.

There appears to be nowhere which is satisfactory to residents, so if anyone has any other ideas we would be happy to hear from them.

## **PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

From an initial 'suggestion' that our Ward should be re-named Eddisbury Ward, the consensus has prevailed, and we will remain in the Tarvin and Kelsall Ward.

## HEDGES

Many people walk between Willington Corner and Kelsall and generally hedges are kept in good order and do not obstruct. We have one exception though, and land owned by an absentee landowner between Pebble Cottage and The Hob, Willington Rd is bordered by a hedge which is obstructing the safe passage along this section of the footpath. We have requested on two separate occasions that Cheshire West and Chester Highways cut the hedge and write to the land owner, but their considered response to date has been that the hedge is not an obstruction. The Parish Council disagree.

Please complain to Cheshire West and Chester Council if you are being inconvenienced by this overgrown hedge. The easiest way to report it is probably online via the CWaC website.

## STORAGE SHED

### Willington Road - Planning Application 15/01783/FUL

This long running saga with what the Parish Council believe to be a lack of compliance with planning conditions continues. However, there has been a change of Enforcement Officer, the previous one having left the Council (CWaC). The Parish Council will continue to press for this site to comply with planning approval conditions i.e. no storage outside the shed.

## PARISH CLERK

The Council continues to seek someone to take on the role of Parish Clerk. This is a paid position for four hours per week. The position of the Clerk is home based providing legal (statutory requirement for parish councils), administrative, financial and managerial support to the Parish Council. The Clerk is required to attend council meetings, take minutes and be the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council and deal with daily communications from members of the public. If you are interested in this role please either e-mail or phone our present Clerk or one of our Councillors.

## FACEBOOK

A reminder for those who use social media or maybe are happy to use it occasionally, the Parish Council has a facebook page. It can

be found by searching for **Willington Parish Cheshire** whilst on facebook.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS



All Council meetings are open meetings

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 Council has decided to reduce the number of normal Council meetings from 10 to 6 per year. The next meetings are at Willington Hall on 22nd May, 24th July, and 25th September. All meeting commence at 7.30pm apart from the one later this month which will begin immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

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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