



Welcome to the first of our quarterly newsletters. It is our intention to keep you up to date with our current and future plans and where possible seek your views on these local issues.

This newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish. In the not too distant future it will also be available on our website which should be up and running early next year.

Contributions to future newsletters are welcome from all individuals and organisations in the Parish. The next issue will be available during November 2015. All contributions should reach the Clerk (contact details overleaf) by 27th October 2015

## **CHAIRMAN/VICECHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

At the May Council meeting Councillor John Grimshaw was elected Chairman of the Council and Councillor Pat Tyson-Jones was appointed Vice Chairman. Both will serve until the Annual Council Meeting which will be held in May 2016.

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Councillors Hugo Deynem and John Leather are the two Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors who cover Willington and one of them normally attends our monthly Council meetings

## **MAYOR OF CHESTER**

Congratulations to Councillor Hugo Deynem who is Mayor of Chester during the coming year.

## **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

In order for Council to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Transparency Requirements) Regulations 2015 it is essential for various documents to be published on a website each month. The

June Council meeting felt that there would be benefits to Willington having its own website. There is likely to be some Government funding available to set up a website during the coming weeks so Council will be applying.

Do you have experience of establishing and running a website? If so we would appreciate your input. If you are willing and able to help please make contact either the Parish Clerk or one of the five Councillors (contact details overleaf)

## **FUTURE USE OF THE TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Earlier this year Council purchased the telephone kiosk at Willington Corner that was no longer used by BT for £1.00. Council would now like to hear your views on future usage. Again please contact either the Parish Clerk or one of the Councillors with your thoughts.

## **WORKING PARTIES FOR AREAS AROUND THE PARISH**

Over the coming months Council will be organising working parties to tidy up various spots in the Parish. If you would like to join Councillors please let us know and we will contact you as soon as dates are arranged.

## **BAG, CARRY AND BIN IT!**

The majority of dog owners appear to act responsibly with their dogs but it appears that a minority are giving dog owners a bad name. Dog fouling represents a slip hazard and worse still a serious risk to health that can result in blindness. Failure to clean up after a dog may result in an on the spot fine and a criminal conviction incurring a maximum fine of £1,000. Please spread the word and ask people to consider the offence this causes to local residents and help to keep Willington clean and tidy. It would be great if everyone took bags with them when taking their dog for a walk "bag, carry and bin it"

Filled bags can be placed in the parish litter bins / dog waste bins or taken home. Parish Councillors and Willington Fruit Farm have a supply of bags if you need some. Further advice is available on the Cheshire West and Chester Council website (search: dog fouling).

## **CAR PARKING AREA AT LOWER END OF CHAPEL LANE**

Council is looking to repair the car park which is in need of maintenance and is hoping that the work will be carried out before the coming winter.

## **PARISH PLAN**

In 2014 a Parish Plan was drawn up for the part of Willington that was within Delamere parish. Over 50% of households filled in a questionnaire concerning issues on the environment, recreation and leisure, community wellbeing, transport and traffic, housing and development and infrastructure. Your new council will be taking into consideration local people's views on these and will be updating you on any actions taken.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

All Parish 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 to a meeting 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.

Meetings are normally held on the 4th Tuesday evening each month and are held at Willington Hall. Coming meetings will be held on 25th August, 22nd September, 27th October, and 24th November. Council is not planning to meet in December.

The first 15 minutes of each meeting is a 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.

## **LOCAL POLICING**

Cheshire Police have very recently restructured. PC Trow who has covered Willington for some time now has responsibility for the beat management for three of the rural ward areas consisting of seventeen parish councils including ourselves. PC Trow is being supported by a team of three Police Constable Support Officers (PCSO'S) covering the three ward areas. PCSO Ryan Reid will be covering Willington and it is hoped that he will, on occasions, attend the open forum of Council meetings to talk about local matters.

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## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CONTACTING THE POLICE**

Emergency 999 - Non Emergency 101

To report a crime anonymously - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. A reminder that the "101" Police non-emergency number should be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response

## **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Council is trying to arrange for the mobile library to visit Willington again on a regular basis. Further details will be published on the noticeboard when available.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Until our Website is up and running you may find it convenient that we communicate with you by email, if this is the case please let our Clerk have your details.

We are a small scattered Parish with few services. Council is therefore exploring possible options to improve communication between residents who may wish to be involved for instance in a Time Bank and transport for the elderly.

Please let us have your thoughts on this. The Parish Council is here to try and achieve what a majority of residents would like to see happen.

## **SO PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS**

### **ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL**

Willington Parish Council is comprised of the following 5 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829 are in brackets:

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