

The Newsletter of Willington Parish Council



June 2022 Newsletter No. 28

Welcome

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2022!

In this edition, you will find the minutes from our annual village meeting, our Chairman's annual report and other information including updates on village projects and recent celebrations!

Annual Village Meeting held on 17th May 2022

The 2022 Annual Village meeting was held at Willington Hall on Tuesday 17th May 2022. It was the first meeting we have been able to hold since May 2019 due to the Covid restrictions. The meeting was chaired by Andrew Nicholas (Chairman of Willington Parish Council) and was attended by the other Parish Councillors, the Clerk to the Council, Borough Councillor John Leather and twenty-three residents of Willington. The meeting was well supported; thank you to everyone who attended or sent your apologies. A number of topics were discussed and views expressed in a disciplined and respectful manner. The Parish Council are keen for all parishioners to express their views on the work we carry out on your behalf. To this end we will shortly be consulting you via a questionnaire and will shortly have installed a new parish post box on the notice board where you will be able to post your replies to the questionnaire.

The minutes of the annual village meeting on 17th May 2022 (taken by the Clerk) follow:

1. WELCOME

Councillor Nicholas welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Parish Council described the work carried out by the Parish Council during the year to 31st March 2022 all of which is covered in his written report available below.

3. FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk had prepared the Annual Accounts of the Council covering the year to 31st March 2022 with background notes. Copies of the report were available at the meeting and a copy is available below.

4. WILLINGTON'S ENERGY CHALLENGES

Councillor Merrick delivered a short talk on the power challenges faced by Willington and other rural communities. There is limited network capacity in the village with little resilience compared to urban environments. In addition, rural communities are likely to be at the back of the queue for investment in power infrastructure. The opportunities provided by vehicle to grid (V2G) and similar technologies to return power to the grid, make a profit for householders and to protect against local power cuts were discussed. A meeting dedicated to this topic will be held later in the year.

5. JUBILEE CANOPY TREE PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE

Councillor Nicholas described The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC), a tree-planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". The meeting discussed how Willington might take advantage of the initiative, but a show of hands indicated that there was little support for it in the room.

The minutes of the annual village meeting on 17th May 2022 (taken by the Clerk) continued:

6. FUTURE OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN

Councillor Nicholas described the opportunity the village may have to take ownership of the Green from Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC). The risks and benefits were discussed; a show of hands supported the transfer of ownership in principle. The Parish Council will investigate the possible transfer further and put the matter to the whole community via a referendum later in the year.

7. SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS AND VEHICLE-ACTIVATED SIGNS IN THE VILLAGE

Councillor Nicholas described the challenges the Parish Council are experiencing in getting CWaC Highways to progress the speed limit reduction on Willington Road (waiting for CWaC to arrange the formal consultation period in the press) and the assessment of the speed limit on Chapel Lane (waiting for the assessment to happen). The difficulties have been escalated by our Borough Councillors and our MP. Potential implementation of a vehicle activated sign (VAS) facing up hill on Chapel Lane was discussed; a show of hands was not in favour of proceeding with such a VAS. The committed implementation costs (£5488), and potential further costs (for further traffic calming measures on Willington Road – e.g. circa £7000 for a VAS if needed) that are associated with the Willington Road speed reduction project, and a potential VAS on Chapel Lane were outlined.

8. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were various comments, suggestions, and questions. The topics covered were:

- a. Implementation of 'fibre to home' broadband in the village. A working party will be established to investigate practicalities, cost, suppliers and so on.
- b. The state of the local roads and footpaths (and lack of CWaC progress in fixing them) was discussed. For example, silted-up passing places on Willington Lane and the retaining wall on the Little Switzerland footpath. The attendees were encouraged to contact CWaC Highways about the lack of progress. The next Parish Council newsletter will provide CWaC contact details to use.
- c. The location of the benches, picnic table and bin on the Green was discussed. There are no plans to move the benches or table at the moment. It may be possible though to move the bin further away from them.
- d. Tackling the Himalayan Balsam on Little Switzerland was discussed. The need to get a professional company with chemical sprays was mentioned. Councillor Grimshaw is currently in touch with the landowner regarding a solution.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Willington Parish
Council Annual Report

Willington Parish Council Annual Report - Year to 31 March 22 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CONTINUED

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 had a fantastic time 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.

WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Year to 31 March 2022 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CONTINUED

Parish Council Meetings

Ten Council meetings were held during the 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 an 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 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 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 conduct its meetings in a respectful manner, seeking through discussion to reach a 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.



Councillor Andrew Nicholas - Chairman of Willington Parish Council.

Financial Matters

Financial Matters April 21- April 22 - How We Spend Your Money/Statement of Accounts

Year to 31st March 2021 (£)	Year to 31st March 2022 (£)
Balances brought forward - 5042 (see note 1)	Balances brought forward - 4990
Plus Annual Precept - 4690 (see note 2)	Plus Annual Precept - 5277
Plus Other Receipts - 702 (see note 3)	Plus Other Receipts - 6047
Less Staff Costs - 3126 (see note 4)	Less Staff Costs - 3105
Less Other Payments - 2318 (see note 5)	Less Other Payments - 5001
Balances carried forward - 4990 (see note 6)	Balances carried forward - 8208
Fixed Assets - 2930	Fixed Assets - 5053

Summary: the Parish Council's finances are in good health. We have sufficient funds set aside to cover the costs of the implementation of the reduced speed limit on Willington Lane (£5488) and have started to build a 'pot' to cover the costs of any related additional speed calming measures required. We have £2278 in general reserves. This is 36% of the 2022-23 precept which is within the 25-50% tolerance recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. The year April 2021-22 was a little unusual in terms of income and expenditure. We received additional income of a £2500 grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards the road safety improvements we are making, and £2730 from our insurance company for the replacement notice board. Funding of the board resulted in a significant increase in the 'Other Payments' line over 2020-21 and an increased value of the assets we hold.

Notes:

- (1) Balances brought forward means the funds held in the Council's current and business savings bank accounts at the start of this financial year (April 2021).
- (2) Precept is the money the Parish Council receives from CWaC (via the Council Tax paid by our residents) to carry out its duties.
- (3) Other Receipts covers all other income received by the Council. Last year we received a £2500 grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards the road safety improvements, and £2730 from our insurance company for the replacement notice board. £218 was received as VAT refunded covering the previous year's purchases.
- (4) Staff Costs are the total costs of employing the Clerk of the Council. These costs were broadly the same this year and in 2020-21. The Councillors are all volunteers and do not receive payment for their work.
- (5) Other Payments cover all other expenditure incurred by the Council. In 2021-22 the main items of expenditure were: Notice board - £2790, Insurance - £397, Training - £109, Microsoft and McAfee software - £180, Newsletter and other printing - £162, Website and e-mail hosting - £233, Subscriptions to Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and Information Commissioners Office - £197, Printer ink subscriptions - £42, Internal Audit fee - £185, Payroll software - £101 and Defibrillator pads - £218.
- (6) Balances carried forward means...the funds held in the Council's current and business savings bank accounts at the start of the next financial year (April 2022).

Financial Matters April 21- April 22 continued

Our reserves are reviewed at each meeting to ensure that Council does not build up an unnecessarily high bank balance or allow funds to fall below an acceptable level. The ear-marked funds held are not considered to be part of reserves. The total cash held (£8208) as of 5th April 2022 consisted of £5930 ear-marked reserves and £2278 general reserves. The general reserve is 36% of the 2022-23 precept which is within recommended tolerance; the recommended situation for a Parish Council is to hold a minimum general reserve of three months of the most recent precept plus an estimate of any known likely fluctuations.

R. Winterbourne

Rob Winterbourne
Responsible Financial Officer of Willington Parish Council.



Help to make Willington Heart Safe

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our defibrillator crowdfunding project on Spacehive. In just under 6 weeks we raised £3094.00 however because we reached our target we missed out on receiving a grant from CWaC. Thanks also to The Firs Veterinary Surgery in Kelsall who raised an additional £136 for us via a raffle. By the time we received the funds there weren't any Zoll AED Plus defibrillators (like the AED Plus in the telephone kiosk) available anywhere in the UK. Zoll stated that the supply problem was due to a global shortage of electronic chips; they had stopped quoting lead times and had no idea when the stock of any model would be available! After a telephone call to the British Heart Foundation the only option they could offer was the Zoll AED 3, each one costing another £400 and there were only four in stock nationally. A decision had to be made quickly if we were going to deliver this project; the choices being do nothing and wait possibly until late into next year, or to purchase two AED 3's and have them available initially only when The Boot and Willington Hall are open (fortunately, both are open for a good portion of the day). I'm sure you will agree that it is better to have them partly available than not at all.

There are several benefits that the AED 3 has over and above the AED Plus; you don't need to change the adult pads to use it for a child (under 8 years old or under 25 Kgs but above 1 year old) - simply press the child button on the AED. It also has an LED screen that provides video as well as spoken instructions. It is capable of connecting to Wi-Fi and emailing the manufacturer if there is a fault on the unit. So we now have three fully functional defibrillators all registered to the BPF National database (The Circuit) with their address, location and hours of availability, accessible to North West Ambulance Service. The next step is to raise a further £848.00 to purchase two protective carry cases and external cabinets, then to install them so they are available 24/7 all year round. If you haven't already supported this project or wish to do so again you can still help by making a bank transfer to the Willington Parish Council bank account Ref 'DEFIB' A/c No.70587272 Sort Code 55-61-31 or you can give a cheque to the Clerk. Thank you, Andrew Nicholas - Chairman and 'Help to Make Willington Heart Safe' Project Leader.

Notes from your Parish Council Clerk - June 2022

The new Parish Council WhatsApp Group – The Parish Council WhatsApp group was set up specifically for the dissemination of information from the Council to the residents of Willington. The information includes such things as Cheshire Police Alerts, Road Closures, Power and Water outages will be posted on the group. So please sign up for the new WhatsApp group by contacting the Clerk on 07850 057012 or e-mail to clerk.willington@willington.org.uk.

Reduction in the speed limit on Willington Road – The next step for CWaC Highways following our request in January 2022 for them to proceed with the implementation is to conduct formal second consultation in the press. Once this consultation is complete, implementation can proceed. We have recently been informed that the draft legal documents should have been completed by mid-June. Hopefully, approval to advertise should be straightforward and the formal notice in the paper (to invite formal representations/objections) will start on 30 June for a period of 21 days. We will of course let you know if anything changes. Once the revised scheme has been in place for a while, we expect CWaC Highways to assess the levels of compliance with the new 30 mph limit. If compliance levels are low, we may have to implement (and fund) further speed reduction measures for example a vehicle activated speed sign (VAS).

Silted up passing places on the narrow road between the entrances to Willington Hall – CWaC Highways have agreed that the passing places need cleaning out but another winter has passed without seeing any progress.

Potholes and so on – we have continued to report the assorted potholes, faded 'SLOW' road markings and damaged road signs in the village to CWaC with varying levels of success. To 'encourage' CWaC to proceed with the works in our village, it would be really helpful you could all contact the Chief Engineer at CWaC Highways via e-mail pointing out that these delays are unacceptable. His contact details are: Stuart.Bateman@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. Many thanks to those of you who have already contacted Stuart. Remember, you can report any road or path issue (and other things such as blocked or damaged drains and grids) directly to CWaC using 'Report It' online at... <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx>. Or you can contact the Council - General enquiries 0300 123 8123

Our splendid new noticeboard - on April 1st our new noticeboard was formally declared open by Edward Timpson our MP and local resident. We are very grateful to him for supporting his local village. It was good to see so many people turn out to witness the ceremony and admire the new oak and gold-leaf board, beautifully made by a local craft person Adam Nicholas.



Platinum Big Jubilee Lunch

The Sunday morning of the Queen's Platinum Big Jubilee Lunch dawned as most other summer days in the UK do.....pretty cold and very wet. But did that spoil our Big Lunch on the Green? Absolutely not! Following the dire forecast for Sunday, a call went out on Saturday for additional marquees, awnings, pavilions, gazebos, and so on for the lunch....and how we all responded; by one o'clock on Sunday, there were seven or eight large 'tents' on the Green, all looking splendid with tables decorated with union jack table-cloths and flowers.....ready for whatever the elements would throw at us. But by two o'clock, the rain had pretty much stopped, and the celebrations started with folks making new friends, drinking, eating, chatting and laughing both inside and outside the shelters. We had a splendid turnout with around seventy-five (old, new, 'soon to leave' and 'soon to to-be') residents and their dogs present at the peak. It was great to see so many children there, obviously having a grand time.

Considerable quantities of sarnies, pies, cakes and salads were consumed throughout the afternoon, washed down with copious amounts of (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) drink. Of course, it was great to see the Queen in attendance and we are sure she was pleased to have her picture taken with many of her loyal subjects, and hear the eloquent speech celebrating her reign (from Wendy Merrick) followed by our rousing toast.

We hope everyone who came along enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the Jubilee and meet old friends and neighbours, and some new ones. 'We must do this sort of thing more often'....was heard more than once. Many, many thanks to..... Heather Bailey, Bev Crossley and Helen Gill who organised the event, the Task Force and many others who prepared the Green (didn't it look good), put up the bunting and installed the gazebos, tables and chairs, Lynne Fattah and Rob Merrick for the flowers, Helen Ingram, Helen Dover, and Jess Hale for the cakes, and Rob and Wendy Merrick for the apple juice. And of course, anyone inadvertently missed off this list.



Village Updates

Managing Speeds in the Village

Our speedwatch volunteers continue to monitor speed through the village with the speed gun. Since the last newsletter, our volunteers have been out three times both at the bottom of Boothsdale and the bottom of Chapel Lane. The results are:

Bottom of Boothsdale April 2022 a.m. - 3 speeders at 48, 49 & 55mph reported to our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). A total of 20 out of the 187 vehicles tracked were recorded over 40mph in both directions. The vast majority being from Kelsall.

Bottom of Boothsdale April 2022 p.m. - 2 speeders at 49 & 54mph reported to our PCSO. A total of 18 out of the 133 vehicles were recorded at over 40mph in both directions. The vast majority being from Kelsall.

Bottom of Chapel Lane May 2022 a.m. - 2 speeders at 47mph reported to our PCSO. A total out of 15 of the 46 vehicles recorded were recorded at over 40mph. The vast majority being from Kelsall. If you would like to join our Speedwatch volunteers, please get in touch with the clerk on 751266 or clerk.willington@willington.org.uk. Training in the safe and accurate use of the speed gun will be provided.

Willington Task Force - update

The Task Force has been busy this Spring. Achievements include...

- Tree branches that were obscuring road signs on Willington Road were removed
- Low hanging branches on the Green were removed
- Footway cleared between Pebble Cottage and the Hob
- Trees pruned on the Green to let in more light.
- Cut grass removed from the Green
- Bare patches on the Green re-seeded.
- Grass cut on the small Green by the phone/AED box (now informally adopted by the Taskforce)
- Weeds were removed from the Green parking areas
- Grass trimmed either side of the Little Switzerland footpath.
- All road signs checked for cleanliness.

The next major task is to clean and paint the metal finger post by the bus stop at Willington Corner; this will require it to be dismantled and probably needs some scaffolding. Your Task Force is also discussing the possibility of relocating the waste bin by the bus-stop to a position a little further away from the benches and table. Our thanks to all members of the Task Force for their time, effort and expertise. The task force is always looking for more volunteers. If you are able to spare a few hours three or four times a year, please contact Councillor John Grimshaw on 752177 or the Clerk.

Tarporley & District u3a - the next general meetings are at Tarporley Community Centre from 10am on Thursday 23rd June 2022 and Thursday 28th July 2022. You can find out more from our website at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/tarporley/home>

Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone. Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control. Calls are free and confidential. Call us on 0808 801 0688 - we have time to talk Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.

A Message from Edward Timpson - Your MP

Jubilee Jubilation - Having dedicated her life to public service and as Britain's longest-serving monarch, I warmly welcome that so many happy events were held to mark Her Majesty's 70th anniversary as sovereign of our great nation, and, indeed, of Willington!

Over the four-day Bank Holiday weekend in June 2022, which featured an additional Bank Holiday, an extensive programme took place, including the Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour), a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, a Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace, the lighting of the beacons—including in Winsford and Ashton Eyes—and, of course, the Big Jubilee Lunch in Willington, which my wife, Julia, tells me was a great occasion!

As you can imagine, I was out and about at all sorts of similar dos, full of goodwill and a real sense of Cheshire community spirit across the constituency—and I won't be able to eat another cake for some time! These spectacular moments were, of course, complemented by events nationwide and around the globe in Commonwealth countries, which allowed people of so many cultures to join together in respectful celebration.

I was delighted by how many people turned out to give thanks for Her Majesty The Queen and show their gratitude for her lifetime's service, which continues apace, despite the sensible adaptations made by the Household on account of her seniority. Her mentorship of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge is becoming ever-clearer as they take on more senior duties. That demonstration of continuity, commitment and ability is reassuring for the whole country.

Sadly—though some constituents are asking very nicely—I'm unaware of any plans to make this a permanent bank holiday. Still, I am passing on these hopeful comments to my colleagues at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy!



A Message from Edward Timpson - Your MP

Plug it in, Plug it in! - No, this isn't a commercial break to advertise a slightly iffy air freshener.

One of the great qualities of the Willington community is an active willingness to help tackle climate change, and I understand from the Parish Council that residents are keen to learn more about how they will be able to charge their electric vehicles (EVs) as we transition away from petrol and diesel cars by 2030.

By 2035, all new cars and vans must be zero-emission at the exhaust pipe, and the Government has revealed its intention to install 300,000 public EV charge points by that 2030 target date. This is almost 5 times the number of fuel pumps on our roads today.

That is why I welcome the plug-in car grant, which has thus far supported the purchase of nearly half a million vehicles. Now, ministers are focusing the grant on the cleanest and most affordable zero-emission models, providing grants of up to £1,500 for electric cars priced under £32,000.

Of course, infrastructure and production capacity must keep pace with EV sales, which is why I welcome Government investment of £3.5 billion to support the automotive sector and consumers in the transition to zero-emissions vehicles. This includes £1 billion of Government investment to support the electrification of UK vehicles and their supply chains; £620 million for targeted electric vehicle grants and infrastructure; and £275 million to extend support for charge point installation at homes, workplaces and on-street locations.

So far, Government funding, alongside private sector investment, has supported the installation of more than 27,600 public electric vehicle charging devices, including over 5,000 rapid devices—one of the largest networks in Europe.

But there is much more to do.

Gaps in the availability of charging infrastructure in different parts of the country must be addressed, and I welcome Government financial support for local authorities—like Cheshire West & Chester—to build up their electric car charging infrastructure and increase local access in rural areas like ours.

By 2023, I know ministers aim to have six rapid charge points at every motorway service area in England. To support this goal, I am told that the Government will invest £950 million in the Rapid Charging Fund, which will future-proof electrical capacity at motorway and major A road service areas, dashing any anxiety around long journeys and making charging as easy as refuelling a petrol or diesel car.

And furthermore, I am pleased that new homes and buildings such as supermarkets and workplaces, as well as those undergoing a major renovation, will be required to install electric vehicle charge points from next year under new legislation, to make sure we're tackling climate change at home, at work, and at leisure.

A Message from Edward Timpson - Your MP

Ambulance Chasing - As I wrote in my last Willington column, the North West Ambulance Service does a sterling job, and their paramedics frequently go above and beyond the call of duty—no more so than during the pandemic.

But the issue of ambulance response times in Cheshire's rural and semi-rural remains, and I wanted to give you an update for comparison.

I reported to you that in January 2022, the North West Ambulance Service answered Category 1 emergency calls in an average of 8 minutes 31 seconds: its stated aim is an average of 7 minutes. They aim to answer Category 2 emergency calls in 18 minutes, but averaged 43 minutes 47 seconds.

In April, that Category 1 average was still 8 minutes 31 seconds. In February, it was slightly less at 8 minutes 23 seconds; but in March, it was longer: 9 minutes 4 seconds. Category 2 times—despite a reduction in February—showed sizeable increases in March and April.

I've already updated you on Government efforts to bolster ambulance services, so I will leave you with this assurance: I'm not happy; this affects my family, too; I will have to start breathing down the neck of North West Ambulance Service management again

I've been dealing with this issue on and off for 14 years, and that's not OK—particularly in more remote communities. I promise to keep you updated.

In the meantime—and as we slip into the summer—I wish you good weather, and hope you get a chance to get away, so that you can appreciate Willington even more when you get back!

And remember, the Jubilee lasts all year, so keep that excuse up your sleeve, and have a super time!

Keep in Touch - Members of Parliament can help their constituents by advising on problems (particularly those that arise from the work of Government departments), and representing the concerns of their constituents in Parliament.

So if you need to get in touch about these issues or any other matter, please visit edwardtimpson.com/contact to email me. You can sign up for my Eddisbury Report e-newsletter there too!

Alternatively, you can call my constituency office on 01829 733 385, or write to me at 58A High Street, Tarporley CW6 0AG.

Your Council



Your new Parish Councillors

Following the resignations of Donna Okell and Bev Crossley from the Parish Council earlier in the year, residents were invited to express their interest in joining the Parish Council by the simple process of co-option. We are pleased to report that Councillor John Lindsay and Councillor Jane Lowthion were co-opted at an extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 8th March 2022. We welcome both to the Council and look forward to the wealth of knowledge and experience that they will bring. Their contact details can be found in the 'About Your Council' section above.

We are sure that you would all like to thank both Donna and Bev for their contributions to the Council during their time as councillors and look forward to their future support to our community. Your parish councillors are 'elected' on a four-year basis. The current four-year cycle ends in May 2023, when we will need to 'select' our councillors for the next four years. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor next year please contact the Clerk or any of the councillors for an informal chat. It is a great way to contribute to Willington.

About Your Council

Local residents can contact Willington Parish Council by e-mail, phone, post or by coming along to a council meeting. To make contact by post, please write to the Clerk at the address below. To make contact via e-mail or phone please use the details for the Councillors and the Clerk below:

Cllr John Grimshaw (01829 752177) - email: john.grimshaw@willington.org.uk

Cllr John Lindsay (01829 751057) - email: john.lindsay@willington.org.uk

Cllr Jane Lowthion (01829 751454) - email: jane.lowthion@willington.org.uk

Cllr Rob Merrick (01829 458387) - Vice Chairman - email: rob.merrick@willington.org.uk

Cllr Andrew Nicholas (01829 752029) – Chairman - email: andrew.nicholaswillington.org.uk

Rob Winterbourne (01829 751266) - Clerk - email: clerk.willington@willington.org.uk

Write to the Clerk: Rob Winterbourne, 1 Lilac Close, Willington, CW6 0PL, Tel: 01 829 751 266

Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at Willington Hall. All meetings start at 7.30 pm. The meetings are open meetings; you are welcome to attend and listen to the discussions.

Your CWaC Borough Councillors

Cllr John Leather (01829 752558) or email at: john.leather@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Cllr Harry Tonge email at: harry.tonge@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk