

Willington Parish Council

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**Parish Council Minutes of Willington Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at The Old School, Castleway, Willington**

Present: Cllrs P. Allsopp (Chair), J. Houghton, T. Bartram, M. Bartram, A. Davenport, R. Titley and C. Harrison.
Members of the public.
Rachel Male (Clerk).

010325/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Parish Councillor C. Mead, Parish Councillor and District Councillor I. Hudson and County Councillor M. Ford.

010325/2 Variation of Order of Business

Not required.

010325/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

010325/4 Public Speaking (a), and County, District and Police Representation (b)

a) No comments made by members of the public.

b) County Councillor Martyn Ford:

Cllr. M. Ford was absent from the meeting however sent the following update:

Refuge on Twyford Road - Refuge scheme is programmed for installation on the 12-16th May 2025.

District Councillor (SDDC) Ian Hudson:

Cllr. I. Hudson was absent from the meeting however sent the following update:

Local Government Re-organisation - as you know SDDC and DCC will cease to exist in the near future, likely 2028, and new Unitary Council(s) created to replace them. Parish Councils are not directly affected, but they will need to forge a new relationship with a new Council. The remaining question is what borders these new Unitary Councils will have. DCC want a unitary council of all Derbyshire excluding Derby City. SDDC are discussing our interim proposal next week at an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting, tonight it is likely that SDDC will go for a North and South approach, we would be in the Southern unitary Council with Derby City, Erewash and perhaps Amber Valley. All proposals will be evaluated and decided by Central Government in 2026. DCC have a live online consultation open to all right now, SDDC are committed to engage with residents and parish Councils soon, after our full council meeting.

010325/5 To confirm and agree as a true record the non-confidential Minutes of the Willington Parish Council Meeting held on 18th February 2025

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

010325/6 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required.

010325/7 Councillor Resignation

Ian Walters has resigned from his position as Councillor. Cllr. Allsopp expressed appreciation for Ian's contributions and dedication to the Parish Council, thanking him for his time and efforts.

The Clerk will advertise with South Derbyshire a casual vacancy which takes 14 days. The Clerk will then advertise for co-option.

010325/8 Clerks Report

Noted and attached.

a. Speed Indicator Device

The Clerk informed the Council of potential funding from Toyota that could assist with the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device. The Clerk has written to Toyota and will provide an update once a response has been received.

010325/9 Twyford Road Community Building – Progress Update

A meeting was recently held with the Football Association, and discussions regarding funding were positive, with potential grants available. However, the project specification has since been updated. Cllrs. P. Allsopp and J. Houghton have met with the architect to explore how the new specification can be incorporated within the existing building footprint. It is anticipated that all required changes will be internal. Once the revised plans are finalised, a consultation with South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) will take place to ensure no further planning is required.

a. Twyford Road playing fields Deed of Surrender

RESOLVED to sign the Deed of Surrender relating to the Sports Pavilion at Twyford Road Playing Fields.

010325/10 Planning Applications

DMPA/2025/0102 - Proposed single storey rear extension and external alterations new windows/doors and changes to drive at 7 Churchside, Willington, Derby, DE65 6TB – **Noted**.

010325/11 South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 Review 2022-2041

Cllrs. P. Allsopp, C. Harrison, and R. Titley will review the South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 Review 2022-2041 and related documents and will bring their comments to the April meeting for discussion and approval.

The consultation runs from 10th March to 5pm on 25th April 2025.

010325/12 Request from The Dragon for Canal-Side Event

The Council have been asked by the Dragon if they can use the marina for an event 3rd-4th May featuring a free bouncy castle and live bands in their car park.

RESOLVED to allow this so long as they have appropriate insurance is in place and a risk assessment is carried out.

010325/13 Nation Grid – Non-intrusive survey request

RESOLVED to grant National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) permission to access Twyford Road Playing Field for a one-day soil resistivity survey related to works at Willington Substation. The Council also agreed to the 12-month survey access license, with the compensation offer of £500 plus an additional £250. The work is expected to take place on 26th March 2025.

010225/14 Tree Works

a. The removal of a dead tree on Ferry Green

RESOLVED to accept a quote of £295 + VAT to remove the dead tree.

b. Pruning of a tree on Oaks Green (Princess Diana Memorial Tree)

RESOLVED to accept a quote of £150 + VAT to reduce and shape by 30% and crown lift.

c. Pruning of trees and hedges between Derwent Court/Allotments

RESOLVED to accept a quote of £350 + VAT to remove over hanging branches from allotments back to fence line of the property behind.

010325/15 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The analysis of the public participation element has now been completed. Comments from all statutory consultees have been reviewed and incorporated into the updated Neighbourhood Development Plan. The list of heritage assets within the village has also been revised, with some properties added and others removed. Letters have been hand-delivered to affected property owners, inviting them to confirm whether they wish their property to be included in the plan. The consultation period closes at the end of this week. Once the exclusion list has been submitted to Helen, the final draft of the plan will be ready for submission to South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) for their final review.

010325/16 Findern Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs. A. Davenport and C. Harrison will review the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan and bring their responses to the April meeting for discussion and approval.

010325/17 Play area inspections

Recent report was noted.

RESOLVED to replace the timber railings next to the basket swing at Trent Avenue Play Area due to signs of rot.

a. Trent Avenue Swing Replacement

RESOLVED to accept a quote to replace the swing set at a cost of £3150 + VAT.

010325/18 Celebrations for VE Day

RESOLVED to allocate a maximum of £150 from the Events budget to the purchase of bunting and lighting for around the village and Station Garden.

RESOLVED to purchase lamppost signs at a cost of approx. £110.

010325/19 DALC Membership 2025/2026

RESOLVED to renew membership at a cost of £925.51

010325/20 Finance – Income and payments to 18th March 2025

To approve the income and payments to 18th March 2025. (attached). All invoices were available for inspection prior to the Meeting.

RESOLVED that all income and payments as submitted be agreed.

a. Football Club Rent

RESOLVED to request a total of £550 with the annual rent from this year being £200 per year.

010325/21 To confirm and agree the accounts to month ending 28th February 2025

RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation to month ending 28th February 2025, as submitted, be agreed.

010325/22 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting and any potential committee meetings

The next Willington Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 15th April 2025, with the May meeting set for Tuesday, 20th May 2025. Both meetings are one week later than originally planned. Additionally, an RAC meeting will be arranged prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

010325/23 Meeting close

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The meeting closed at 20.09

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Clerks Report March 2025

FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11TH JANUARY 2022		
	110122/15 Village Green Application – Twyford Road Playing Fields	RESOLVED for the Clerk to investigate how we can protect the playing field if the Village Green application is unsuccessful. Clerk is in discussions with Field in Trust.
	110122/19 Young Tree on Beech Avenue and Oaks Road	The tree has a TPO attached to it, planning permission to prune has been requested. RESOLVED to accept a quote of £100, Clerk to check with Contractor the exact work he plans to undertake. Asking for a re-quote and an agenda item for February.
Full Council Meeting – 11th October 2022		
	111022/29 Correspondence a) Canal Marina out of date map (email from resident)	The map at the marina is out of date (pharmacy at its old location) RESOLVED that the Clerk will investigate replacing. Being investigated.
Other outstanding matter for Council’s information:		
<u>Graffiti</u> - please report any graffiti to the Clerk. Findern side of the railway bridge – reported to SDDC.		
<u>160724/14 Village Maintenance</u> The Clerk informed the Council of the number of concerns raised recently around the condition/maintenance of some areas of the village and these have been reported to either our grounds contractor or the relevant authority. The Clerk informed the Council she aims to publish a map of the village with who is responsible for which verges/open spaces/hedges and publish on the website within the next 2-3 months. Clerk to action.		
010225/11 Replacement of village litter bins RESOLVED to replace litter bins on Station Garden, Trent Avenue play area, Twyford Road (adjacent to the school) and the bin on the corner Trent Avenue and Twyford Road by the notice board. At a cost of £314.99 plus VAT plus the fitting (approx. £100 per bin) and fixtures per bin (total of 4 bins). RESOLVED to remove the Trent Avenue play area dog bin completely. Bins to be ordered as soon as the contractor can fit. Estimated end of March 2025.		
To note: March 25 - Twyford Road Playing Field stile (close to the takeaway) has been damaged. Groundsman has removed the debris and will repair at a cost of £35.		

Payments to approve				
Date	Name	Description	VAT	
	John Houghton	Xero invoice (March)	£ 6.60	£ 39.60
	Clerk	Reimburse for payment of Bowls Club water invoice 25/26		£ 95.08
	Clerk	Mileage (Mar 25)		£ 23.40
	DALC	Councillor Training		£ 40.00
	Contractor (GM)	Grounds Maintenance (invoice 19)		£ 212.00
	SDDC	Trade waste bin collection for cemetery bin 24/25		£ 915.20
	SDDC	Play area inspections and repairs (February - Inv. 81131991)	£ 21.86	£ 131.16
	B. Davis	Newsletter costs for the Mar/Apr edition		£ 320.68
From Unity Trust Bank Statement				
25.02.25	Contractor (BP)	Grounds maintenance		£ 563.52
27.02.25	Eon	Twyford Road changing rooms electric		£ 74.11
28.02.25	Eon	Bowls Club Electric		£ 40.34
28.02.25	SDCVS	Clerk's Salary February + associated fees		£ 1,288.11
28.02.25	Unity Bank	Service Charge		£ 6.00
13.03.25	Planning Consultant	Fees for Neighbourhood Plan (grant received for this)		£ 2,613.00
		Total	£ 28.46	£ 6,362.20
Income 19.02.25 - 18.03.25				
28.02.25	Burial Income			£ 136.00
28.02 - 03.03.25	Allotment income			£ 380.00
		Total		£ 516.00