

## Willington Parish Council

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### Parish Council Minutes of Willington Parish Council Held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at The Old School, Castleway, Willington

**Present:** Cllrs P. Allsopp (Chair), J. Houghton, I. Hudson, M. Bartram and C. Mead.  
County Cllr. M. Ford and a member of the public.  
Rachel Male (Clerk).

#### **101224/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs. I. Walters, R. Titley, T. Bartram, C. Harrison and A. Davenport

#### **101224/2 Variation of Order of Business**

Not required.

#### **101224/3 Declaration of Members' Interests**

None.

#### **101224/4 Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.**

a) A member of the public raised several concerns:

*Planter (opposite Bargate Lane):*

The planter has been knocked over or possibly vandalised. The Clerk will contact the contractor to arrange for it to be replanted and sorted.

*Silver Birch Tree (Persimmon Development):*

A silver birch tree (on the corner piece of land Kingfisher Way/Repton Road) has been snapped/split in half. The Clerk will report this to the developer for action.

*Bulb Planting:*

A suggestion was made to plant daffodils and crocuses around the village. This will be added to the agenda for the next Recreation and Amenities Committee (RAC) meeting.

*McDonald's Litter Concerns:*

Concern was raised about the potential increase in litter if the McDonald's application is approved.

b) County Councillor Martyn Ford:

*Bittern View/Street Lighting*

Cllr. Ford has contacted the street lighting division asking for them to come out and look at the issues.

*Street signs*

The most appropriate signs have been placed in the most appropriate locations.

*Twyford Road Pedestrian Refuge and Willington Bridge Repairs*

Cllr. P. Allsopp expressed concern that the Twyford Road pedestrian refuge had not yet been installed, despite assurances that it would be completed by autumn. Additionally, the repairs to Willington Bridge remain outstanding. Cllr. M. Ford acknowledged these concerns and confirmed that he would follow up with the relevant Derbyshire County Council (DCC) departments.

*Recycling Centre Registration Scheme*

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Derbyshire County Council has introduced a registration scheme for access to its nine recycling centres, including the nearest one for Etwall residents at Bretby. This initiative ensures that only Derbyshire residents can use the facilities, following a significant increase in waste collected at the sites since 2018.

Key details of the scheme include:

- Registration is free and covers up to two vehicles per resident over 17.
- Entry will be monitored using ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition).
- Residents with vans must register for each visit, with access limited to 24 hours.
- Trade waste disposal is available at Ashbourne and Stonegravels sites for a fee.

Residents are encouraged to register as soon as possible to avoid future issues. Support for registration is available online, at Derbyshire libraries, or via phone at 01629 533190. Website link below:

[Residents required to register to use household waste recycling centres - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Cllr. Ford extended warm wishes to everyone for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### District Councillor (DC) Ian Hudson:

#### *Bittern View*

Last month, it was reported that Monument Two, the developer for Bittern View, has gone into administration. As a result, the Court Injunction proceedings filed by South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) against Monument Two are currently on hold and cannot proceed. This has left residents with incomplete roads, pavements, and green spaces, causing significant frustration and distress.

An online meeting was held last month with SDDC Legal and Planning officers, during which Cllrs. M. Ford and I. Hudson requested a detailed response to address residents' concerns.

#### **Update:**

A few weeks ago, a meeting was held with the residents of Bittern View, attended by District Councillors M. Ford and I. Hudson, along with the Head of Planning, Steffan Saunders. Understandably, the residents remain very angry about the situation.

Further meetings with residents and relevant parties will be taking place to continue addressing their concerns.

#### *Local Plan Consultation*

Approximately 20 members of the public attended the consultation. Overall, it was well received, with no negative comments reported.

#### *McDonalds appeal*

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) has decided against approving the proposed McDonald's at the specified location. The final decision now rests with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

#### *E-Scooters*

Derbyshire Police have updated their approach to handling E-Scooters. Moving forward, E-Scooters used in public spaces will be seized and destroyed, replacing the previous policy of issuing a warning first.

### **101224/5 To confirm and agree as a true record the non-confidential Minutes of the Willington Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2024**

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

### **101224/6 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.**

Not required.

### 101224/7 Clerks Report

Noted and attached.

### 101224/8 Planning Applications

- a. DMPA/2023/1350: Notification of planning appeal  
Erection of a freestanding restaurant with drive-thru facility, car parking, landscaping and associated works, including Customer Order Displays (COD) Play Frame and 4 Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) (Resubmission of DMPA/2022/1321) Land at Junction of A38 and A5132, The Castle Way, Willington, Eggington, DE65 6GY  
*Note from SDDC: Any comments made at the application stage will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate and appellant and will be considered by the Inspector. If you want to make any additional comments you must do so by 16/12/2024. If you wish to withdraw any comments made at the application stage, you must also do so by this date.*  
All previous comments are sent to the PIN. **RESOLVED** the Clerk will submit a new objection/response.
- b. DMPA/2024/1390 - The conversion of integral garage into living accommodation and the erection of a single storey extension with raised patio at 48 Beech Avenue, Willington, Derby, DE65 6DB  
**Noted.**
- c. DMOT/2024/1554 - The pruning of an Quercus Robur Oak tree covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order no. TPO 237 at Oaks Road, Willington, Derby  
**Noted.**

### 101224/9 Street Signage

The Council discussed concerns raised by a resident regarding the recently installed street signs in the village (Kingfisher Way). The concerns highlighted their unusually large size (comparable to motorway signage), their placement within the village centre rather than on the outer boundaries, and the lack of prior consultation with the Parish Council. Additionally, it was noted that the signs have been erected on private land, seemingly, without permission. **RESOLVED** that the Council will write to Highways to express these concerns, emphasising the inappropriateness of the signs for a small village, the lack of consultation, and the issue of apparent, unauthorized placement on private land. The Council will also request that future consultations with the Parish Council be conducted before similar actions are taken.

### 101224/10 Street lighting on Repton Road

Residents have raised concerns about the lack of street lighting beyond the last lamp post on Repton Road, which creates safety issues for pedestrians walking to Bittern View, Repton, or the wetlands.  
**RESOLVED** the Council will write to Highways to support the residents' request for additional lighting and to inquire about possible solutions to improve safety in the area.

### 101224/11 Bittern View development

Following the news that the Bittern View developer has gone into administration, the Council discussed possible actions to support residents affected by the unfinished pavements and roads.  
**RESOLVED** the Council will write to both the District and County Councils to encourage them to work together to find a solution to complete the necessary infrastructure and address the concerns of the residents.

### 101224/12 South Derbyshire Draft Local Plan 1 Consultation

Last month, Cllrs. J. Houghton, R. Titley, and I. Hudson were appointed to review the South Derbyshire Draft Local Plan 1 and prepare a proposal for the council's response. However, this presentation was postponed allowing them to attend the South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) planners' consultation event held on 20th November. Following consideration, the council noted the consultation and **RESOLVED** to make no comment.

**101224/13 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The group has met, and 99% of the feedback has now been collated. Work will resume with the planning consultant in the New Year, once all feedback has been fully gathered and reviewed.

**101224/14 Twyford Road proposed community hall and changing rooms**

A meeting was held with South Derbyshire CVS to discuss how the constitution could look like for the Twyford Road Community Building. The guidance provided was that the Parish Council should lead the project until the building is complete. Afterward, consideration will be given to establishing a charity or trustee status to manage the building. Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) also suggested that there are many grant funding opportunities available, even without having all the required funding secured. However, it was noted that most grant funding is currently on hold due to recent changes in local government.

**101224/15 Play area inspections**

The two repairs authorised last month have been completed, and no new medium or high-risk items have been identified.

A couple of residents have written in regarding the swing set on Trent Avenue, where the swings have been removed, inquiring whether they will be replaced. The Clerk has received a rough estimate of £3,500 for removing the existing structure and installing a new one.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will request official quotes for the replacement of the swing set to be presented at the next meeting.

**101224/16 Finance – Income and payments to 10th December 2024**

To approve the income and payments to 10th December 2024. (attached). All invoices were available for inspection prior to the Meeting.

**RESOLVED that all income and payments as submitted be agreed.**

**101224/17 To confirm and agree the accounts to month ending 30th November 2024**

**RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation to month ending 30th November 2024, as submitted, be agreed.**

**101224/18 SDDC Notification of Parish Precepts and Grant Updates 2025/26**

The Council noted the information regarding the District Council’s requirements for the 2025/26 precept, updates on related grants, and the implications of proposed funding changes. This includes the removal of the Local Council Tax Reduction (LCTR) compensation grant and the planned review of concurrent function grants. These changes will have an impact on the Council's budget starting this year.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Cllr. M. Ford to request an explanation for the removal of the Local Council Tax Reduction compensation grant.

**101224/19 Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 20.18.

**Signed:**.....

**Date:**.....

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**Clerks Report December 2024**

<b>FULL COUNCIL MEETING 11TH JANUARY 2022</b>		
	110122/15 Village Green Application – Twyford Road Playing Fields	<b>RESOLVED for the Clerk to investigate how we can protect the playing field if the Village Green application is unsuccessful.</b> 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. <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept a quote of £100, Clerk to check with Contractor the exact work he plans to undertake. Clerk has a site visit with DCC on 11th May to considered. Permission now granted – to decide at the meeting when work is to be carried out. <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out the work at the end of the year (it was reported it appears to have already been done). Clerk has requested the work to be carried out by another contractor.
<b>Full Council Meeting – 11th October 2022</b>		
	<b>111022/29 Correspondence</b> <b>a) Canal Marina out of date map (email from resident)</b>	The map at the marina is out of date (pharmacy at its old location) <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk will investigate replacing. Being investigated.
<b>Other outstanding matter for Council’s information:</b>		
<b><u>Graffiti</u></b> - please report any graffiti to the Clerk. Findern side of the railway bridge – reported to SDDC.		
<b><u>Hall Lane play area</u></b> Minute ref 130623/16 -_It was discussed whether the green fencing to the left of the footpath should be removed or replaced. <b>RESOLVED</b> to replace should the cost be £300 or below and the Clerk will go ahead if this is the case. Update: Awaiting contractor site visit. Update: quote received to replace fence link and posts approx. £2080. Other options to be investigated. 141123/19 a) <u>Hall Lane play area – chain link fence replacement</u> <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept a quote received for £688.13 + VAT to replace. Contractor instructed. Work should be done by the end of May. Contractor chased. Sept 24: Cllr. Houghton to investigating another contractor. <b>The new contractor's quote was significantly higher than expected. The Clerk will consult with the Groundsman to explore the possibility of removing the green wire fencing in the mean time for safety reasons.</b>		
<b><u>160724/14 Village Maintenance</u></b> 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. <b>Clerk to action.</b>		

Payments to approve				
Date	Name	Description	VAT	
	John Houghton	Xero invoice (December)	£ 6.60	£ 39.60
	Clerk	Ink	£ 3.08	£ 18.49
		Christmas Baubles	£ 2.00	£ 11.99
	Newsletter Editor	Nov/Dec 2024 Edition		£ 283.10
	SDCVS	Top up for November invoice (inv. 12651)		£ 364.39
	Contractor	Fire extinguisher testing at the Bowls Club	£ 29.08	£ 174.48
	Contractor (GM)	Grounds Maintenance (invoice 16)		£ 272.00
	Contractor	Install temporary RCD protected socket outlet for Station Garden lights	£ 54.00	£ 324.00
	Contractor (AL)	Mowing of Twyford Road (2 cuts November - Inv. 4781)	£ 48.68	£ 292.08
	Village Hall	Room hire - Inv. 9026		£ 36.00
	SDDC	Play area inspections and repairs (November- Inv. 81125887)	£ 135.86	£ 815.16
	Funding Assistant	Twyford Road Project (Inv 2)		£ 120.00
	Contractor	Christmas Tree (Station Garden) - Inv. 1809	£ 26.67	£ 160.00
<b>From Unity Trust Bank Statement</b>				
27.11.24	Eon	Twyford Road changing rooms electric		£ 74.11
28.11.24	Eon	Bowls Club Electric		£ 40.34
28.11.24	SDCVS	Clerk's Salary November (including SDCVS charges and HMRC monies owed)		£ 1,242.75
29.11.24	Contractor (BP)	Groundsmaintenance		£ 563.52
30.11.24	Unity Bank	Service Charge		£ 6.00
02.12.24	SDDC	Business rates - Cemetery		£ 41.00
02.12.24	SDDC	Business rates - Tennis courts		£ 28.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 305.97</b>	<b>£ 4,907.01</b>
<b>Income 13.11.24 - 10.12.24.24</b>				
28.11.24	Burial Income			£ 1,259.00
04.12.24	Allotment Rent 2025			£ 40.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 1,299.00</b>

£ 30.48