

**NESTON, PARKGATE, LEDSHAM & WILLASTON
COMMUNITY FORUM.
WILLASTON MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL, WILLASTON
27 June 2009
(2:00pm – 4:00pm)**

Community Forum Members

Councillor Gareth Anderson (Chair)
Councillor Brenda Dowding
Councillor Myles Hogg
Councillor Kay Loch
Councillor Scott Mealor
Councillor Graham Smith

Officers:

Rob Callow – Area Manager, Rural West
Kevin Carrol – Highway Network Manager
Helen Davies – Area Working Team
Lynne Georgeson – Housing Team
Gillian Haynes – Housing Team
Erwin Neudorfer – Community Safety Wardens
Patrick Sebastian – Democratic Services
Alan Slater – Head of Strategic Housing & Spatial Planning
Jackie Speakman – Public Transport Manager

Other Attendees:

35 Recorded Public Attendees – who formally signed in and left contact details and/or filled out a feedback questionnaire.

(n.b. due to the drop-in format of the meeting, public attendees were not formally required to have personal attendance recorded).

Cheshire Police.
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Question / Answer Summary (and suggestions)

1. What is working well in your community / area?

- Bin Collection.
- Street Cleaning.
- Refuse & Recycling.
- Community Forum – good way of ‘hearing’ from residents.
- Refuse Collection (x2).
- Access to local Councillor.
- Ness Refuse collection good – how about waste food bags.
- Local free papers good source of news & good quality – compared with other parts of the County.
- Overall great area to live! When had issues re. the community – good communications & action taken excellent pavements!!
- Not treating Hooton as a dumping ground.
- Bin emptying service.

2. What is not working well in your community / area?

- Cyber Centre for Willaston.
- Rural Footpaths.
- Pavement in very poor state, especially Meadow Lane (31 – 1 Bad) and Neston Road.
- Car Parking, especially on ‘The Green’.
- Grass cutting on a regular basis.
- Flagship area – Cheshire Oaks – road between strawberry roundabout & C.Oaks an absolute disgrace – also Chester High Road.
- We cut 90% of our own grass verges – thus saving the Council money!
- Too many lorries coming through the village (misuse of GPS)
- Are we going to have the Christmas lights shining on the Village Green this year – last year was pathetic.
- When will we get the pedestrian crossing at the top of Hadlow Road?
- Grass cutting is not done often enough.
- Paving flags / weeds very bad indeed.
- Overhanging branches of trees (Meadow Lane) Willaston.

- Parking on Pavements & Grass Verges
- Dog Warden needs to be out very early.
- Do we have a local 'on foot' Policeman.
- Upgrading of Hooton Station – lift and toilet accommodation.
- Houses and Flats in Willaston for downsizing.
- Pavements in Vernon Avenue, Rebrers Avenue, Hooton Way – broken / dangerous. No improvements despite numerous requests.
- Pavements in Hooton – Oak Road are direly in need of repair.
- Overhanging branches – Vernon Avenue.
- Village Centre Parking
- What happened to the Neston Health Check?
- Free Newspapers – no longer delivered in Willaston Village
- Shop Staff and 'Blue Sky' residents park too long on village green spaces – preventing 'quick shoppers' parking.
- Cars parked for hours on Neston Road, despite 1hr restriction – never policed.
- Road surface A550 – Heath Lane Willaston
- Speed restrictions – Wetherby Way L/S
- Free Newspapers no longer delivered in Hooton
- Car Parking generally
- Advertise the next Forum in good time for everyone to get dates in their diaries.
- Footpath Rubbish needs cleaning up – Ledsham
- Post Box – Ledsham Park

3. In your view, what are the priorities for improving your area?

- Putting pavements in good order (x3)
- Grass cutting on a regular basis (x2)
- Better Policing of parking and behaviour (x3)
- Better Transport for Willaston (x2)
- What's happening in Neston? Lack of Information!! (nb another attendee added ('See www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/CH64!'))
- Car Park in Neston - spaces far too small.
- Speed Restrictions - Wetherby Way
- CWAC Website only updates once a week on Planning.
- Speed Restrictions – Hooton Road.

- Dog Fouling on Footpaths and Lanes
- Fly Tipping
- All residents don't have access to Web/Internet.

Action Points arising from issues raised by residents
A number of residents reported about the emotive issue of the Johnston Recreation Ground, Willaston. ASBO and Policing and Planning Permission for the Ground are the two major concerns
A number of residents reported back their concerns over parking in the village of Willaston.
Resident Wants a full explanation as to what the charge was for re: precept for Ellesmere Port Mayor
Resident complained about the road traffic relating to cars at Willaston Primary School
1 complaint was Streetscene related, 5 complaints were Highways related
Resident (details not known) reported they would like better crossing facilities at the busy junction of the Hooton Crossroads- A41, Can lights be reorganised to let pedestrians cross safely?
Resident is struggling with the issue of his overgrown hedge (284 Chester Road) The Council assisted 3 years ago with the same issue. Can CWAC help?
1 complaint relating to Flooding outside the front of the residents property (17 Chester Road, Thornton, CH66 1QE).
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Resident would like double yellow lines extending on Hanns Hall Road
2 Residents would like to know what is the situation regarding the Christmas Tree lights this year for Willaston
2 reports of grass cutting Verges around Cheshire Oaks & Chester High Road & Birkenhead Road to Lydiate on Hooton Road from the Station to Willaston
Resident requested: Double Yellow Lines extended to stop parking in a narrow part of the Lane.

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