

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Affordable Housing project

It is now nearly a year since we conducted a survey among village residents to try and identify if there is a need for some affordable housing in the village. The survey indicated that such a need does indeed exist, with something like 2 houses for rental and 4 for shared ownership being required. Since then the parish council has been actively trying to pursue the matter with the Community Council of Lincolnshire, who conducted the survey on our behalf. Due to changes in personnel at CCL things have slowed down and there is the added problem of West Lindsey District Council not being 100% happy with the format of the report that CCL presented. The findings still stand, however, and it is hoped that early in 2010 the parish council can get together with both CCL and WLDC to discuss the report in more detail.

Best Kept Garden

The winners of this year's Best Kept Garden (as seen from the roadside) were Mr and Mrs A Willgoose of 13 High Street. Congratulations to them!

Lay-by near Surgery

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the parish council is part-funding a lay-by near the surgery in an effort to get more cars off the road. An order for the work has now been placed, and it is expected that the work will be carried out in January or February 2010. The lay-by should accommodate about 5 cars. If you are unable to find a place in the surgery car park (or in the lay-by when it is complete), do please try to park sensibly and keep away from the junction opposite the surgery, so that you do not block the view of drivers emerging from the road on to High Street.

Parish Council Website

Don't forget that you can reach the parish council web site either by going on to the village web site at www.willinghambystow.co.uk and following the link to the parish council site or going direct to the site at <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Willingham/index.asp>

Dog Dirt

What can I say this time? It is still a problem – please be vigilant and try to put a stop to this nuisance.

Willingham & District Relief in Sickness Charity

This local charity has items available for use by the residents of Willingham and other local villages. Items include wheelchairs, electric bath lifts, commode chairs, a raised toilet seat, a shower/bath stool, a walking frame with shelves, a surgical cushion, and a car seat swivel cushion. Further details are available from Gordon Wain on 788332 Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch

Many of you will know that Helen Newsam, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, is emigrating to Australia and we wish her and Malcolm all the best for the future. This leaves a vacancy for someone to take on this role. If anyone is interested, please let the Clerk know.

Recycling

Are you recycling as much as you can? Recycling doesn't just mean using your blue bin. It can also mean passing on your unwanted items to people who can find a use for them. Your unwanted items could be just what someone else is looking for! A number of sites now exist that allow you to offer unwanted items or indeed look for things that other people are offering. One such local site is lincolnukfreecycle@yahoogroups.com and it is well worth giving it a look.

Waste Bins

Now that all households have three bins to contend with, the parish council asks that people think carefully when putting their bins out for collection. Please don't put your bins outside the edge of your property and on to the pavement, as this can cause difficulty for people with poor vision who have to negotiate the pavements. The extra hours of darkness in the winter months make this a particular problem. Position your bins where the bin men can collect them easily but where they don't cause a potential hazard for pedestrians.

History Group

You may remember that a group of local history enthusiasts produced a booklet for the Millennium celebrations which gave some fascinating insights into the history of our village. There are only a few copies of this booklet left now. Is it time to start up the history group again and look at producing a follow-on booklet for the year 2010? If you are interested in this idea, get in touch with the Clerk.

Willingham School Children's Trust

This trust is a charity created from funds obtained from the sale of Willingham Primary School building. The object of the charity is the general benefit of children and young people under the age of 18 in the parish of Willingham. It may also make donations to other groups and charities with similar objectives. Any persons or groups wishing to apply can contact the trust by phoning Simon Brader on 787115 or e-mailing s.brader@btinternet.com.