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# Willaston Newsletter



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This gives details of Willaston news, Parish Council minutes and other information affecting Willaston.

## Long-standing Councillors stand down



After serving as a Willaston Parish Councillor for 43 years, Maurice Jones stood down from the Parish Council at the election in May. Maurice had served as Chairman since 2011 and had held the position on several previous occasions. He also served for many years on Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council.

Willaston is very grateful for so many years of hard work from Maurice, supported by his wife Ann, who in recent years also served on the Parish Council.

At the Parish Civic Service earlier this year, Maurice was presented with a Parish Council plaque, a certificate of

long service and an engraved tankard.

John Flackett also stood down after 15 years on the Parish Council. We are grateful for his dedication which included the organisation of the Rose Queen event and involvement in Willaston in Bloom.



## Anti-social behaviour on the playing field

There have been multiple incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour reported over the summer on the Lettie Spencer Playing Field on Wybunbury Road. These have included graffiti, litter including broken glass on the children's play area, breaking off branches and removing bark to damage trees. As a result the playing field is now locked at night and has also been closed for short periods. The playing fields are owned by Willaston Parish Council who have been working with local Police to try to stop this behaviour.



At the end of July the Police brought their panna football game to the playing field for those aged 10-16.

Please report any incidents to the Police by dialling their non-emergency number 101.

## Willaston hopes for Gold again!

Willaston has won a fabulous **Gold Award** three years running so far in the North West in Bloom Awards. The judging for this year took place in July. The Willaston in Bloom team led by Cllrs Craig Bailey and Wayne Salisbury have their fingers crossed for this year. Thanks to the residents who have taken on responsibility for a number of planters around the village and also to the sponsors for their support.

If you want to get involved, please contact Friends of Willaston in Bloom on Facebook or Cllrs Bailey or Salisbury directly.

## Book box to be refurbished soon....

....More details to follow in next edition!

## Upcoming Events

### Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm start

**Remembrance Service**  
*War Memorial at junction of Colleys Lane & Crewe Road*  
Please arrive by 1.15pm

**Send details of Willaston events to editor@willastonweb.co.uk**

**Willaston Neighbourhood Plan** made in December 2017 is being used by planning officers and inspectors in relation to planning applications in Willaston.

It can be seen on the Cheshire East website:  
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-n-z/willaston-neighbourhood-plan.aspx>

## Moorfields Development Update

Residents local to this development (also known as Bayley Croft) are still having to cope with extreme noise and disruption, including what feels like a mini earthquake at times.

We have been promised that noisy generators, which have been running throughout the night for many weeks, are to be switched off once essential drainage work is completed.

Cheshire East is keeping a close eye on the development with officers from planning and environmental health departments making frequent site visits.

Work is scheduled for completion in October 2021.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish Council so that your local Moorfields councillors can take appropriate action.

## New Parish Council Chairman



Cllr Craig Bailey was elected Willaston Parish Council Chairman following the elections in May. Following his election Craig said "I am honoured to take on the role of Chairman and would like to pay tribute to my predecessor Maurice Jones, who has been an excellent ambassador for Willaston. I am really looking forward to the year ahead in meeting more residents, and doing what I can to strengthen and enhance our Community".

Cllr Colin Todd was elected as the Council's Vice Chairman.

## The Maze refurbishment

The Parish Council is liaising with Cheshire East to refurbish the Maze off Victoria Mill Drive. The Maze was created as a play area for young children when this development was built over 20 years ago but is now showing its age.

## Willaston Pre-school (Registered Charity 1035488)

Having fun and soaring high at your outstanding community pre-school!



As we wish our recent leavers well as they continue their learning journey at "big school", we give a hearty welcome to all our new children who have settled in very quickly, some just 2 years old.

This half-term we are looking at the themes of colour and food, also incorporating some great books and art work.

Many children attend our sessions for free, depending on age and family circumstances. Please see [www.willastonpre-school.org.uk/admissions/](http://www.willastonpre-school.org.uk/admissions/) for further details. We accept all levels of bookings from a 3-hour session to 5 full days. Due to popularity we only have a few sessions remaining for 2019/20 and we have started a priority list for children due to attend from September 2020.

Parents, carers and potential volunteers are welcome to visit during term time to speak to our very friendly staff and see the Pre-school in action. Please call 07944 208909 (also available out of pre-school hours).



## Your biggest issues – Speeding, Parking & Dog Fouling

The most common issues brought to the Parish Council continue to be:

**Speeding** – A small minority continue to speed through the village. Please slow down so avoidable accidents don't happen.

**Parking** – Our village pavements are very narrow in places, so parking on both pavements and grass verges sometimes means that wheelchairs and pushchairs or pedestrians cannot pass without moving into the road. Please park considerately.

**Dog Fouling** – Most owners clean up after their pets but a few still don't.

Dogs let loose on the playing field and other green spaces, such as the Maze, not only make an unpleasant mess but provide a health risk to our children.

## New hosts at The Lamb.

Dragan and his wife Belma look forward to welcoming all residents.



Tasty food is served Tues 5-9pm, Wed-Sun 12-3pm & 5-9pm (No food served on Mondays)

Check out their Weeknight Specials.

For more details see  The Lamb Willaston or phone 01270 381730

## New Parish Councillors

Willaston now has a full complement of 12 Parish Councillors following the recent co-option of Julie Webb, Nicola Cooper and Emma Angier, their contact details are included below.

## Parish Council

The Parish Council is your local council and the first tier of local government.

The Council meets monthly. Meetings start at 7.15pm.

**All Willaston residents are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to raise issues or ask questions during the Open Forum.**

### 2019 Meeting Dates:

24<sup>th</sup> September, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 26<sup>th</sup> November at St Luke's Church Hall, Coppice Road  
NB: No meeting in December.

Minutes can be read on the website [www.willastonweb.co.uk](http://www.willastonweb.co.uk)

If you wish to get in touch with the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, Martin Langhorn via [willastonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:willastonpc@btinternet.com)

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