

Chairman's report to Annual Parish Meeting

April 2008 – March 2009

1. Jim Evans co-opted following resignation of Dave Nicholls.
2. WPC Website launched (www.willingtonpc.org.uk)
3. Pavilion showers refurbished, including two new water heaters.
4. Trent Avenue and Hall Lane play areas – new play equipment installed, two-thirds of the cost paid for by SDDC.
5. Mercia Marina project – Etwall Road improved as part of the project. Lay-by for hearse created outside Cemetery. Area opposite grass-creted providing further car parking spaces. Traffic lights installed at junction of Findern Lane/Etwall Road.
6. Twyford Road playing field fencing. Additional section erected to complete the line of ball-stop fencing along the southern boundary.
7. Two additional picnic benches erected on the picnic site adjacent to the Trent/Mersey canal. One stolen a few weeks later.
8. Riverside footpath along the Bank of the River Trent. DCC Co Solicitor attended a recent PC meeting where he reported that, following advice from a Rights of Way Law expert and Counsel, they will be recommending to the Regulatory Committee at County Hall that a new application should be made for a Definitive Map Modification Order by DCC.
9. Castleway pedestrian crossing. The PC continue to press DCC for ways of improving the safety of pedestrians using the crossing by better signage etc. Anti skid surfacing has recently been carried out on the approaches to the crossing.
10. Bins – a new dog bin has been installed at the entrance to the S & S Club sports field on Twyford Road and a posted mounted litter bin installed at the Hall Lane bus stop.
11. The PC continue to urge SDDC to pay the full cost of maintaining the public toilets.
12. Following pressure from the PC the District Council have recently agreed to bear the full cost of reinstating the car parking area at the Recycling Centre.
13. The PC funded 4 x District Council Summer Holiday Schemes for the children in the summer of 2008.

Planning Matters

a) Former Power Station site. Appeal by RWE NPower against a failure by SDDC to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on application ref: 9/2005/1432/M. Appeal dismissed.

(b) 9 2007 1470 MI

Part outline application for B8 use of land with ancillary uses and part full application for a distribution building falling within Class B8 with offices, car, cycle and lorry parking and loading areas with a potential connection of the site to the national rail network at Land off A38/A50 Junction at Willington Etwall Road Willington Derby

Appeal by TNT Post UK Ltd & Burnaston Cross Ltd – Public Inquiry will open on 21.4.09 at Civic Offices, Swadlincote.