



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2010 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

- 1. Present:** Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Crick, Cllr Mander, Cllr Wright, District Cllr Chesterton, District Cllr Hull, Cllr Rosamond (Chair MDDC), 1 member of the public, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)
- 2. Apologies:** District Cllr Brandon, County Cllr Radford, Cllr Baker, PC Rich

Welcome Cllr Rosamond – Chairman Mid Devon District Council

Questions to Cllr Rosamond, information sharing

Cllr Rosamond reported that the audit commission has given a green bill of health to Mid Devon District Council and the council is no longer in voluntary engagement. Mid Devon District Council currently has a budget surplus of £1m which will hopefully provide a cushion against the looming financial cuts. Cllr Rosamond explained that in the Blackdown Hills area parishes are working together, so enabling them to do more things for themselves, e.g. they are considering employing their own lengthsmen. Cllr Crick confirmed that Willand works as an isolated parish and working with other Parish Councils could be beneficial to all. Cllr Rosamond confirmed that Parish Councils will be consulted on the structure of Mid Devon District Council by 31st December 2010 and views will be welcomed. Mid Devon District Council is currently looking at youth unemployment and anti social behaviour. Cllr Ursell referred to a website he helped set up as part of the “helping in a recession” project and offered his assistance if needed.

Cllr Mander asked if protection would apply to middle and senior management. Cllr Rosamond confirmed that Mid Devon district Council is currently not replacing staff that leave, rather than making redundancies. Mid Devon District Council is also joining forces with North Devon District Council enabling both councils to make financial savings when possible.

Cllr Crick also raised concern as how much more things can cost when people realise that public money is being spent. Cllr Chesterton confirmed that under the new ‘Spotlight on spend’ initiative all contracts over £500 could be publicly viewed.

3. Public questions:

A member of the public told the committee that street light no.1 is out of action in the parish field, parallel to school. A member of the public also asked the boundary for litter picker. Cllr Wright showed the member of the public the boundary on a map. **Action Clerk**

4. Minutes of the meetings held

Full Council – Thursday 9th September – signed as a true and correct record

Planning Committee – Thursday 9th September – signed as a true and correct record

Finance and Administration Committee – Thursday 23rd September – signed as a true and correct record

5. Matters arising

Double parking – Cllr Mander reported that since the last meeting the parking has not been a problem, Cllr Mander and the member of the public will however to keep an eye on the situation. Cllr Ursell suggested an option to improve the situation, encouraging the staff working at the nearby care home to park at the rear of the home. Care would have to be taken so as not to disturb the local residents. Cllr Mander asked District Cllr Chesterton if Mid Devon District Council Traffic Wardens could be used to patrol at certain times – Cllr Mander is to speak to County Cllr Radford.

Overgrown hedge - Cllr Mander has taken photographs of the hedge and will forward them to County Cllr Radford.

Christmas light contingency fund - approved at the recent Finance and Administration committee meeting. **Action Cllr Mander, County Cllr Radford**

6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police - The Clerk read the report received from PC Rich in her absence. The report will be posted on the Parish Council notice boards and the Parish Council website.

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Hull

Cllr Brandon – reported that she had heard that Cullompton Police station was closing; she will confirm this for next meeting.

District Cllr Chesterton – confirmed that the planning application at Portway has been recommended for approval, he has therefore called it in to committee.

District Cllr Chesterton recommended the Parish Council attend the planning meeting in November.

County Councillor Radford – in County Cllr Radford's absence Cllr Ursell reported that the Highway Engineer has recommended that the bus shelter opposite Fir Close - B3181, Silver St. Willand is removed. Ownership of the bus shelter is currently being investigated. Cllr Wright reminded the parish council that Adrian Cooke of Mid Devon District Council has offered to look at the updated asset register to confirm ownership of all the items listed. Cllr Ursell is to contact Adrian Cooke.

The Gables - County Cllr Radford reported that the Gables may be considered as a heritage asset and that this might need to be considered in any planning application.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – Willand Old Village the hedge is overgrown along Harpitt Close and filling the ditch. **Action Clerk, Cllr Ursell**

7. Finance

OCTOBER 2010 ACCOUNTS

PAYMENTS

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| T Leaman | Office expenses and Internet | £23.00 |
| T Leaman | Stationary | £24.01 |
| B Bussell | Cemetery grass cutting | £392.00 |
| K Woodley | Village Clock adjustment/review | £150.00 |
| South West Water | Allotments | £39.84 |
| South West Water | Cemetery | £7.40 |
| HMRC | NI and PAYE contributions | £238.19 |
| K Broom | Churchyard grass cutting 8 of 12 | £125.00 |
| R Ursell | Hospitality expenses | £22.00 |
| Astra Printing | Magazine | £939.00 |

RECEIPTS

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| Cemetery | Memorial/burial fees | £127.50 |
| Allotments | Rent | £342.00 |
| Magazine | Advertising | £402.00 |

Cllr Ursell proposed that the Parish Council increase the current funding for the children's play area on the parish field from £5000 to £7500. The initial £5000 is a grant from Devon County Council and Cllr Ursell proposed that the extra £2500 comes from the s106 pot held in Mid Devon District Council. The Parish Council currently have £8500 with another £8000 due from the Park Street development, some of this money expires in November. By spending the money in this way, the Parish Council can take away the risk of losing the money whilst enhancing the facilities available for the children. Cllr Crick seconded, unanimously agreed.

8. Membership and Courses

ICCM Membership – Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management - £85.00 per annum, this amount is reduced depending on when your membership commences – unanimous decision to join.

Pre-election training course for the Clerk - £25.00 + VAT – unanimous decision for Clerk to attend

Action Clerk

9. Birdscape

Nest box project Meadow Park – The Clerk received a quote of £160 for survey which includes: recording the nesting results, cleaning out the nest boxes, minor repairs, and the checking of fixings. A written report is then forwarded for the Parish Council records. Last year this was forwarded to the school. Unanimously approved. The report should also be published in the village magazine. **Action Clerk**

10. Standing orders: Section 1 and 2 were unanimously agreed and formally adopted.

11. Meeting dates

Thursday 28th October - Environment and Planning meetings
Thursday 11th November - Full Council and Planning meetings
Thursday 25th November – Environment and Planning meetings
Thursday 9th December – Full Council and Planning meetings
Thursday 16th December – Environment and Planning meeting
Tuesday 21st December - Finance and Administration – Precept

12. Communications received

August Parish matters – emailed to Cllrs 3rd September
Village Green – tabled at meeting
Winter service letter – emailed to Cllrs 3rd September
Emergency planning newsletter – emailed to Cllrs 6th Sept
MDDC – Allocations and Infrastructure Development Plan letter – tabled at meeting
DCC – winter service on Devon’s highways letter – tabled at meeting
Letter from Diocese of Exeter – re Churchyard wall – emailed to Cllr 13th September
Mid Devon Talk magazine – tabled at meeting
Keep Cornwall (and Devon) whole – emailed to Cllrs 14th September
Culm Valley Railway letter – Kim Goonesekera invited to Environment meeting
DCC Intouch Newsletter – emailed to Cllrs 14th September
DCC Public Meeting notice – emailed to Cllrs 14th September
DALC Newsletter – tabled at meeting
Willand Village Hall Committee – letter of thanks – tables at meeting
Parish Lenghsmans programme – tabled at meeting
Society of Local Council Clerks – Data Information course – tabled at meeting
MDDC Planning Committee meeting details – emailed to Cllrs 27th September
NALS Bulletin – emailed to Cllrs – 27th Sept
Neil Parish MP – Decentralisation and Localism Bill letter
Alan Hooper – Parish Online – insufficient interest email
Transforming Community Services – emailed to Cllr 5th October
MDDC – notification of wasps nest near village hall – Village hall committee member checked and confirmed not a wasps nest

Meeting closed: 20:30

Ray Ursell
Chair Willand Parish Council