



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 2011 FOLLOWING THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Crick, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Bartlett, 4 members of the public, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Baker, Cllr Mander

Item 9 was discussed first to avoid the members of the public present have to wait whilst planning applications were discussed.

2. Applications

a. 11/00846/FULL

Proposal: change of use of dwelling into 2 dwellings
Location: 22 Chestnut Drive Willand

A member of the public updated the committee with the planning history of this site.

This application was turned down by the inspectorate in 2007. Willand Planning Committee is of opinion there is no difference between the application then and now and do not understand why this application has been submitted again.

The committee is of the opinion that the enforcement action started by Mid Devon District Council has not reached yet reached its conclusion.

The committee unanimously voted to object to this application.

b. 11/00727/FULL

Proposal: Construction of lake
Location: Land at NGR 303222 109222 (Diggerland) Willand

No objections unanimous.

3. Decisions**a. 11/00226/FULL**

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to B8 storage (storage of mobile toilet trailers) (Revised scheme)

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 303181 109825 (Adjacent to Verbeer Manor) Willand Devon

Permission granted

4. Certificate of lawful use for a proposed use or development

14 Elderberry Way Willand

5. Refusal of certificate of lawful use for a proposed use or development

31 Oak Crescent Willand

6. Pursuant Discharged On Application - 08/01312/MFUL

Proposal: Erection of 13 dwellings and 2 flats with associated access and parking (Revised Scheme)

Location: Council Depot Park Street Willand

Cllr Ursell confirmed that he and Eddie Dennis had noticed that the properties scheduled for rent are currently for sale as shared equity housing. This will be added to the agenda for discussion when the Chief Executive of Mid Devon District joins the meeting in July.

7. Willand Housing Needs Survey

Notification of the survey will be included in the next edition of the Village Magazine. The committee discussed how to receive the optimum number responses from parishioners. Cllr Crick offered to ask the school to include an article in the school newsletter. Cllr Crawford suggested door to door knocking focusing in the areas where such housing is needed most. Some parishioners in different areas of the village will be asked to assist with this process. All of the village organisations will also be contacted for assistance in publicising the survey. Local employers will also be asked to display posters. The committee unanimously agreed to these proposals.

A member of the public drew to the committee attention the fact that there are some family sized social houses in village currently occupied by one person.

8. HGV weight limit

A number of questions have been sent to Cllr Radford. Answers will be sought when Cllr Ursell and Eddie Dennis meet with him on Monday 4th July. A member of the public confirmed that the bridge at Stags Corner, was damaged by a large lorry last week. The member of the public pointed out that if signs had been erected warning no lorries the extensive damage might not have occurred. The damage has been reported to County Cllr Radford.

9. DALC – Consultation – Planning for Travellers Sites – The Parish Council is of the

opinion that as there are currently only seven Parish Councillors there are not enough members available for the Parish Council to do justice to the consultation, there are over 80 pages to be examined. The local MP confirmed to a member of the public that he has not seen the consultation information. Eddie Dennis and Cllr Crick offered to obtain a copy of the document and go through it with a member of the public present, any relevant information will be brought back to a future meeting.

A member of the public present offered their land to be used as a cycle path along the railway line. **Action Cllr Crick**

10. DALC – Consultation - Relaxation of planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential – responses by 30th June – A member of the public suggested that as Willand does not have much available building space within its boundaries its infrastructure may well expand as neighbouring towns and villages expand towards Willand. Cllrs Crick and Ursell offered to meet with Eddie Dennis during the week commencing 27th June. Other Councillors available are welcome to join the meeting.

11. DALC – Consultation - Land and Society Commission Report - responses by Friday 15th July to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk . Deferred to next meeting.

Meeting closed:

Closed 20:35