



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL METING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2011 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Crick, Cllr Mander, Cllr Baker, County Cllr Radford, District Cllr Chesterton, District Cllr Evans, PCSO Jonathan Sims, Kevin Finan - Acting Chief Executive Mid Devon District Council, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), 3 members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Ursell welcomed Kevin Finan to the meeting. Apologies - District Cllr Brandon

2. Public questions: A member of the public offered to look at the completed Emergency Plan on behalf of the Parish Council. A member of the public asked if the Parish Council was consulted before the turning out of the street lights. Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council was consulted. A member of the public was concerned that youths are causing problems, mainly to the elderly in the village. Cllr Crick confirmed that the Parish Council let Devon County Council know that it was concerned about busy roads and footpaths, the Parish Council also consulted the Police. PCSO Sims confirmed that the street lighting hours were reduced before the incidents started happening. Cllr Crick stated that the changes are still in the trial period and that the Parish Council could contact Devon County Council to arrange changes.

3. Minutes of the meetings held

Thursday 9th June – Full Council

Thursday 9th June – Planning Committee

Thursday 23rd June – Finance and Administration Committee

Thursday 23rd June – Planning Committee

The minutes were all signed as a true and correct record.

4. Kevin Finan – Acting Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council

Kevin presented the current position of Mid Devon District Council. The operational and financial performance continues to improve and new initiatives are under way to ensure that the organisation can meet the challenges I the future. The Parish Council will continue to work closely with Mid Devon District Council to ensure that we support fully the initiatives whilst continuing to represent the requirements of the village.

Kevin also provided feedback on the two outstanding planning issues – the Park Street S106 agreement and the planning decision for relocating the mobile toilet business. The Parish Council will follow this up.

5. Matters arising

The Parish Council received a response from the College Surgery Partnership. Cllr Crick and Cllr Ursell offered to speak with the Practice Manager. Cllr Mander suggested the Parish Council could write to the PCT. An article will be included in the Willand Magazine to raise awareness of the lack of opening hours.

Action Cllrs Ursell, Crick, Magazine Editor

Letter to Devon County Council re weeds growing in the village – Devon County Council confirmed that they will not be undertaking weed removal. Cllr Ursell confirmed that during a meeting with County Cllr Radford, County Cllr Radford said he could provide £500.00 towards the costs of the village clearing the weeds itself. Cllr Mander asked if the Parish Council could precept for such expenditure in future. Cllr Baker suggested an article in the Magazine asking parishioners to weed the area outside of their own garden. **Action Parish Council to arrange weed removal, Magazine Editor**

Removal of pipe, Silver Street – Clerk notified Devon County Council
– Cllr Brandon reporting – not present

6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – PCSO Sims confirmed that there were 25 incidents of anti social behaviour in the village during the last 30 days, increasing from 12 incidents in June 2010 to 20 incidents in June 2011, some of the incidents will become crimes. There have been 7 crimes in the village during the past 30 days. PCSO Sims confirmed that there are 4 individuals in the village causing the majority of the problems, these individuals need to be caught so they can go before the courts. There are eleven problem areas in the village. There is a high presence of Police in the village at present, both in uniform and plain clothes. PCSO Sims reiterated the need for members of the public to report antisocial behaviour to the Police. Cllr Ursell suggested the Parish Council could help in raising awareness with a leaflet drop, Cllr Ursell also suggested Neighbourhood Watch could assist. A member of the public asked if hoax telephone calls are still a problem in the area. PCSO Sims confirmed that a national Police contact number will be launched during August, which should prove very helpful. The committee decided to hold a public meeting on the 2nd Thursday in August, to discuss the 1st section of the Parish Plan. Local organisation representatives will be invited. District Cllr Chesterton suggested asking Julia Ryder the Mid Devon District Council representative to the meeting. **Action Clerk**

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans:- District Cllr Chesterton informed the committee that Mid Devon District Council is planning to build 4 council houses and 4 council flats in the village at Fir Close. Mid Devon District Council is also looking to formalise a parking area there, a member of the public warned that emergency vehicles have trouble getting through the area. At present

the Planning Officers consider 8 properties on the site over development. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that four of the eight properties will go to local preference. Cllr Crick asked if it would have been more economical for the Council to purchase the properties in Park Street.

District Cllr Evans confirmed that over 90% of council tax is paid each year and that the council chases payment that are due. District Cllr Evans also confirmed that Mid Devon District Council will be received 75-80% of the money it is owned by the Icelandic Bank.

Orchard Way/Broken tree Somerlea – District Cllr Brandon not present

The Bylaw Process

County Councillor Radford

Lester Wilmington and Dave Fergie will be meeting County Cllr Radford in the village after the 8th August to discuss South View Road Bridge, Meadow Park Road, and the weight limit. County Cllr Radford will brief Mr. Wilmington before he arrives so he can provide answers at the meeting.

Weight limit signs –The post has been erected a Kingsmill ready for a weight limit sign.

Weeds in the village – see above

Street lights – The lights are set GMT time not BST.

Devon County Council is contributing £1 per head to each parish for a community project. The new library in Cullompton will be opening in September.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention - none

Cllr Baker said that a car is driving across the grass and gouging deep ruts in Somerlea as someone parks outside their house. District Cllr Chesterton requested the house number, he will then contact the housing department. Action

Cllr Baker, Clerk, District Cllr Chesterton

7. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses and Internet	£23.00
T Leaman	Wages/stamps/stationary	£57.26
Willand Youth Club	Donation towards CCTV costs	£250.00
South West Water	Allotment – Actual reading	£75.74
South West Water	Cemetery – Estimate	£11.68
HMRC	06 April – 05 July 2011	£181.00
Queensbury Shelters	Flag bracket	£39.60
K Broom	Church yard grass 4 of 12, hedge 1 of 2	£205.00
L Persey	Bus shelter removal	£411.29

RECEIPTS

Cemetery	Burial	£220.00
Magazine	Advertising	£484.00

8. Review of Polling Places and Polling Stations – Cllr Ursell will ask Carol Allen Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee to complete the plan. The form can then be returned. **Action Cllr Ursell, Clerk**

9. 2012 Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk has received an email from a parishioner offering to help. Cllr Baker stated that CAMEO would like to help, preferably the cake stall. Cllr Crick has asked the Half Way proprietors if they will arrange a licence for the event. More volunteers are required, a note will be included on the Law and Order invitations.

10. Co-option of Ian Firkins – The committee unanimously decided to check the co-option procedure. Ian Firkins can then be co-elected at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

11. Meeting dates

Thursday 28th July – Environment Committee and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 11th August – Planning – if required

Thursday 25th August – Environment Committee and Planning Committee meetings – if required

Thursday 8th September – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 22nd September – Environment Committee and Planning Committee meetings

12. Communications received:

Mid Devon Talk – June – emailed to Cllrs 6th June

Devon County Council Emergency Planning Newsletter June 2011 – emailed to Cllrs 6th June

June Intouch – emailed to Cllrs 15th June

Telephone call from Diocese of Exeter re Churchyard Wall – details passed to Cllr Ursell – 15th June

DALC Consultation – Land and Society Commission report – emailed to Cllrs 16th June

Tiverton Planning Committee agenda – emailed to Cllrs 21st June

Clerks & Councils Direct – tabled at meeting

MDDC Review of polling places and polling stations – see item 8

College Surgery Partnership – response – see matters arising

South West Water accounts

MDDC Planning Committee agenda – emailed to Cllrs 28th June

MDDC – Adrian Cook – whilst inspecting the play area Mike Watts found the swing to be unsafe, bolts had sheared off of the crossbar, he asked a welder MDDC use to rectify the problem as soon as possible – Clerk informed Chair

June Parish Matters – emailed to Cllrs 1st July

Email form Parishioner – re post box Willand Moor Road – Clerk contacted Royal Mail

Email offering assistance for Jubilee celebrations – emailed to Cllrs 4th July

Exeter & Mid Devon Connect – tabled at meeting

Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council – proposal – emailed to Cllr 5th July
Included on Planning Agenda
July Mid Devon Talk – emailed to Cllrs 8th July
Blackdown Hills News – emailed to Cllrs 8th July
Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons – emailed to Cllrs 8th July
DALC – Crimestoppers – emailed to Cllrs 7th July
Parishioner response re: The Gables – emailed to Cllrs 8th July

Meeting closed: 21:15
Cllr Ray Ursell
Willand Parish Council