



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL METING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SPETEMBER 2011 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Crick, Mander, Crawford, Bartlett, Warren, Firkins, District Cllrs Hull, Brandon, Chesterton, Evans, County Cllr Radford, PCSO Jonathan Sims, 2 Parish Council Volunteers, 1 member of the public

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Baker

**2. Welcome District Cllr Brenda Hull:** Cllr Ursell welcomed Cllr Hull who spoke of the workings of the council and events that she has undertaken on behalf of Mid Devon District Council. District Cllr Hull confirmed a tenant's meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October and that Mid Devon District Council is hoping to locate some solar panels on some of the council housing stock. A new microphone system for Council meetings is being purchased.

A Member of public asked District Cllr Hull why council housing rent arrears remain with the property rather than remaining with the tenant. District Cllr Brandon offered to make enquiries and report back to the Parish Council. **Action District Cllr Brandon**

**3. Public questions:** A member of the public commented that she did not think that the Law and Order meeting was advertised on the notice boards, Cllr Ursell confirmed it had been advertised on the notice boards and the website and that the Parish Council will look at how things are advertised in future. A member of the public asked if the proposed council houses in Fir Close can be offered only to local people requiring housing. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that every second property must go to local preference and the likelihood is that local people will get them. Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council will request that the proposed houses to go to local people. Cllr Crick stressed the importance of getting as many people as possible to complete and return the Affordable Housing Survey, and confirmed that the Cllrs and Clerk will be happy to assist with the completion of the forms. When asked of the Willand Surgery opening hours a Parish Council Volunteer confirmed that one Doctor is currently off sick and that the Cullompton surgery is having to operate with one less Doctor at present. A member of the public asked if there will be a bird box survey this year, the Clerk will make enquiries. **Action Clerk**

#### 4. Minutes of the meetings held:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Full Council Meeting  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Planning Committee  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July Environment Committee  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July Planning Committee  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August Planning Committee  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Public Law and Order Meeting – not minuted  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August Planning Committee

A member of the public commented that the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> planning meeting were confusing in the decision related to the Land near Verbeer Manor – retention of existing barn. An alternative paragraph was proposed and the committee unanimously agreed that this would replace the original comments. The updated paragraph will be submitted to Mid Devon District Council.

All of the other minutes were signed as a true and correct record, unanimous.

#### 5. Matters arising: None

#### 6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police: PCSO Sims had been dealing with an incident all afternoon and not had an opportunity to write a report, one will be written and forwarded to the Clerk. PCSO Sims confirmed that anti social behaviour in the village has reduced, the small number of parishioners causing problems had been visited and dealt with. PCSO Sims confirmed that their parents are taking more control and they are also back in the ‘school routine’. PCSO Sims confirmed that he and PC Custance thought the Law and Order meeting very positive and that they will both attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting when it takes place. **Action PCSO Sims**

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans: District Cllr Brandon stated that the waste collection trial is nearing its completion. The committee will be putting its recommendation to the Mid Devon District Council Executive during October. Cllr Crick asked if the public will be aware of having to pay for the removal of their garden waste. District Cllr Brandon confirmed that Mid Devon District Council had been testing the recycling of plastic bottles and cardboard. When the trial period ends the selected area will continue with its previous waste disposal system until a decision is made. Cllr Warren asked if fly tipping was costing the Council major expenditure. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that a report will be produced regarding fly tipping in the near future. The Parish Council unanimously decided to discuss the pilot at the next Environment Committee meeting. District Cllr Evans confirmed that he has recently attended the planning training meeting and recommended it to the new Cllrs. Cllr Warren asked how much it costs to print Mid Devon Talk, District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that there was a proven saving at the time it was first brought in, and that the year long trial period will end soon. District Cllr Brandon offered to make enquiries about the costs. **Action District Cllr Brandon**

County Councillor Radford:

Lighting problems update – the problem has been rectified and County Cllr Radford will be looking for answers for the time taken to resolve the problem. Cllr Ursell confirmed he had sent District Cllr Radford an email detailing the questions to which answers are required. District Cllr Radford confirmed that the proposed Traffic Orders at Muxbeare Lane and Willand Moor Road cannot be combined. He stated that he and Des Hannon will each donate £250.00 towards the costs of the Muxbeare Lane Traffic Order.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – A member of the public reported that the Footpath from Gables Road to the Esso Garage needs clearing again and that the hedges on this stretch are overhanging the pavement. A Volunteer suggested the person to speak to at Devon County Council is Steve Leigh. The Clerk will contact him. Brian Holmes asked if the drains outside the Esso garage could be cleared as it adds to the problem. The hedge of the field by the Esso garage has been cut badly. Cllr Mander said that the hedge in Silver Street from Fir Close to the traffic lights is overhanging. Concern was also raised about a wall in South View Close near the crossing needing repairs. Ownership of the wall needs to be investigated. Cllr Warren asked who is responsible for Street sweeping. Cllr Ursell confirmed that it should be carried out every six weeks, although this needs confirming. The Parish Council needs to confirm the next sweep as it can then arrange the next weed clearing session just before. **Action Clerk**

## 7. Finance

### PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses and Internet – 2 months	£46.00
T Leaman	Postage/telephone	£63 .09
Astra Printing Group	Magazine	£885.00
Masstock Arable UK	Weed killer and knapsack	£245.88
DCC	School contact book (donation)	£73.15
Willand School	Donation (in addition to above)	£26.85
Ken Broom	Churchyard grass 5 and 6 of 12	£375.00
Astra Printing Group	Magazine	£885.00
Brian Bussell	Grass and hedge cutting 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	£430.00
Nigel Crawford	Weed treatment	£200.00
Mastock Arable UK	Weed killer	£47.94

### RECEIPTS

Cemetery	Memorial/Burial	£1330.00
Magazine	Advertising (Aug)	£345.00
Magazine	Advertising (Sept)	£129.00

Cost allocation for weight limit sign – Cllr Ursell confirmed that one sign will close the village off to heavy vehicles. Devon County Council has confirmed that it does not have the finances for the order. As a sign is a priority to the Parish Council Cllr Ursell suggested the Parish Council approve the expense. The Cllrs unanimously agreed to spend up to £1000 plus vat. Cllr Crick asked who would

be expected to pay for any extra it might cost. Cllr Radford confirmed that Devon District Council would absorb any overrun.

Parish play surface repair - earlier this year this expenditure was to be jointly funded by the Parish Council and Mid Devon District Council, each paying for the repair of its equipment, Mid Devon District Council has subsequently withdrawn its offer. Cllrs Brandon and Chesterton both thought that both areas should be repaired at the same time if possible and will ask Adrian Cook if this will be possible. **Action District Cllr Brandon, Chesterton**

### **8. September Quartile Walk**

Cllr Mander confirmed that Mike Wright would assist with the walk and suggested Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, meeting at 2pm in the village hall car park.

### **9. Planning Issues**

Escalation of unresolved planning issues (Park Street S106 affordable houses and mobile toilets applications) – Cllr Ursell met with Eddie Dennis, Cllr Chesterton and Kevin Finan Acting Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Ursell confirmed that both parties are hoping to forge a better relationship and that things will be managed differently in future. He felt that those who misled the Parish Council should apologise. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that he will be meeting with Kevin Finan next week to follow the meeting up.

Cllr Ursell suggested that the situation regarding escalation be reviewed at the next meeting to review any responses from MDDC, following a discussion this was agreed.

As part of the MDDC meeting, Cllr Ursell outlined the vision for the Gables site and after the meeting met with Alison Fish from planning to seek support on this project. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that Alison will provide the Parish Council with suggestions that will help to add strength the case.

Cllr Warren expressed concern at “secret meetings at which no notes are taken” Cllr Ursell confirmed that he always confers with the other chairmen as a minimum before any exploratory meeting. Any formal meeting on behalf of the Parish Council would need full council approval before it could take place. Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council is trying to influence future actions rather than try to change history.

**10. 2012 Jubilee:** There are currently 3 volunteers on board, a public meeting and an article in the Village Magazine are needed raise interest. Cllr Crick suggested a working party. Cllr Crick offered to start the proceedings. Cllr Ursell offered to support. **Action Cllrs Crick, Ursell**

### **11. Reel History of Britain**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, BBC 2, 6.30pm

### **12. Meeting dates:**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Administration and Finance Committee and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Full Council and Planning Committee Meetings

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Environment Committee and Planning Committee Meetings

### **13. Communications received:**

Hospiscare letter – tabled at meeting

Village Green – tabled at meeting

July Intouch – emailed to Cllrs 11<sup>th</sup> July

Glasdon Direct – tabled at meeting

Locality of Bradfield, Willand – emailed to Cllrs 20<sup>th</sup> July – discussed by Planning Committee 11<sup>th</sup> August

July – Parish Matters – emailed to Cllrs 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Torrige, North Devon, Mid Devon and Bude Citizens Advice Bureau – grant/donations – emailed to Cllrs 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Lester Willmington letter, re weeds – tabled at meeting

Willand Youth Club – letter of thanks – tabled at meeting

Voluntary Support Scheme letter of thanks – tabled at meeting

August Intouch – emailed to Cllrs 15<sup>th</sup> August

MDDC Planning Agenda – emailed to Cllrs 16<sup>th</sup> August

RHS Britain in Bloom letter – tabled at meeting

Email from parishioner re -Footpath from Gables Road to the Esso Garage – see item 6

Mid Devon Talk – emailed to Cllrs – 17<sup>th</sup> August

August Parish Matters – emailed to Cllrs 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Free advice surgery to be held in West Hill Parish Hall – emailed to Cllrs 25<sup>th</sup> August

Clerks and Councils Direct – tabled at meeting

Letter from a parishioner re – Fir Close – tabled at Planning Committee meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August

2 emails from parishioners re – Fir Close –emailed to Chair, Vice Chair and Planning Chair

**Meeting closed: 20:42**

**Cllr Ray Ursell**

**Willand Parish Council**