



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL METING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2011 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Crick, Mander, Warren, County Cllr Radford, District Cllr Chesterton, PCSO Sims, 2 volunteers, 1 members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllrs Baker, Firkins, Hall, District Cllrs Brandon, Evans

2. Public questions: A member of the public asked District Cllr Chesterton about the funding of social housing repairs, does the money come from the rent raised or the public purse? District Cllr Chesterton, explained that all rent money goes to central government and is the redistributed back to the District Council. Repairs are covered by this redistributed money. He also explained changes due next year regarding the 'right to buy'. A volunteer asked for confirmation of the Clerks dedicated home telephone number.

3. Minutes of the meetings held:

Thursday 8th September Full Council Meeting – was noted that section 3 should have been a Law and Order meeting not a Police Liaison meeting and section 7 referred to the cost of the order rather than the sign. It was also greed that the minutes should read “A discussion was held regarding private meetings.” Rather than naming individual Councillors. The Minutes were duly amended and signed as a true record of that meeting.

Thursday 8th September – Planning Committee

Thursday 22nd September – Administration and Finance Committee

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4. Matters arising

Council housing rent arrears – District Cllr Brandon confirmed by email that she has spoken with the parishioner who raised the question.

Bird housing survey – Mr Pipe has confirmed that a survey can be completed before Christmas, the Clerk has requested details of this years costs.

Mid Devon Talk – costs – email received from MDDC and forwarded to Cllrs 14th September

Road Traffic Orders – see County Cllr Radford’s report.

Footpath from Gables Road to the Esso Garage – Clerk phoned the Parish Lengthsman following the last meeting. Cllr Warren suggested that the footpath could be widened by 30cm. Mr. Dennis offered to forward the Clerk the contact

details of Steve Lee of Devon County Council and to mention the problem at a meeting with Devon County Council representatives tomorrow.

Street sweeping – Cllr Ursell confirmed that Mid Devon District Council no longer has designated driver for the position and that Mid Devon District Council works on a six weekly rota to provide the service in different areas. However if there is a shortage of drivers for refuse collection, the road sweeping is delayed.

Wall to the rear of South View Close – the wall was removed before any action could be taken. Mr Dennis suggested that the telegraph pole positioned there is in need of attention. The Clerk is to contact BT.

Play area repairs – District Cllr Brandon’s email forward to Cllrs 15th September to be added to the next Environment Committee agenda

September Quartile Walk – Cllr Firkins will be forwarding a list of items needing attention to the Clerk.

Unofficial meetings held by Parish Councillors –

Cllr Crick stated that the Parish Council needs to lessen Cllr Ursell’s Parish Council workload. It was agreed that the distributed statement should be forwarded to the Finance and Admin Committee for inclusion in the Standing Orders. It was recommended that Parish Councillors attending meetings should consider whether the discussion should be noted and distributed

The minutes of the 3 monthly meeting held between the 2 Sisters Food Group and representatives will be forwarded to all Cllrs. **Action Clerk, Mr Dennis, Cllr Firkins**

5. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – PCSO Sims reported on the incidents and crimes in Willand during the last month. – see attached sheet.

District Councillor Chesterton confirmed that Mid Devon District Council is working towards not increasing council tax next year. The recycling trial has now ended, although District Cllr Chesterton has not yet seen any of the figures to see how well the trial was received. District Cllr Chesterton also confirmed that since the Government announced reinstating and weekly refuse collection there has been no more information received to confirm the funding of this. There are currently vacancies for Parish Councillors to join the Standards Committee at Mid Devon District Council. District Cllr Chesterton also confirmed a change to the Mid Devon District Council planning policy, as from next week – policy will now be decided by the Full Executive before going to council. Mr. Dennis raised a question regarding this and District Cllr Chesterton explained. District Cllr Chesterton also reminded the committee of the importance of the completion of the Mid Devon District Council Corporate Plan. Mr. Dennis asked about the funding for weekly refuse collections, District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that this is at yet unknown.

County Councillor Radford confirmed that the lighting problems in the village have been resolved and he apologised for any inconvenience caused and stated that the Parish Lengthsman would clear the overgrowth obscuring the street lighting. Cllr Warren said that a cherry picker would be needed to clear

overgrowth on lights 30 and 31. District Cllr Radford confirmed that he would deal with this. District Cllr Radford confirmed that Gary Powell of Devon County Council has said that the weight sign will be erected as soon as possible. County Cllr Radford confirmed that he will be discussing the Gables at a Devon County Council meeting on Friday 14th October, if possible, when discussing the churchyard wall drainage problems. County Cllr Radford also explained salt distribution for the winter. Requests have to be submitted as soon as possible to Dave Fergie or Andy Cole of Devon County Council. Cllr Ursell confirmed that he would be meeting with Devon County Council on Friday 14th October to review the report about the Churchyard wall. Cllr Phare asked if Willand will be receiving the grit bins it requested earlier in the year. Cllr Crick asked for assurance that Willand Old Village will be gritted if necessary this year. County Cllr Radford offered to confirm the necessary criteria. Cllr Warren asked if the weight sign should have been erected by Devon County Council at the time the estate was built. County Cllr Radford confirmed this. Cllr Warren stated that he would like to see Lester Willmington's report regarding the lighting issues. Cllr Ursell said he sensed that Mr Willmington was still investigating at this stage.

PCSO Sims joined the meeting 19:30

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – Cllr Crick stated that the outside of the school is looking a mess with fallen leaves at the Silver Street entrance. Cllr Crick and Mr. Dennis offered to visit the head teacher to discuss the options. Mr. Holmes confirmed that he had spoken with the Lengthsman regarding the blocked drains near the Esso garage.

6. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses and internet contribution	£16.00
T Leaman	Printer cartridge	£21.97
R Ursell	Computer mouse and Internet access	£27.51
Village Hall Committee	Room hire	£300.00
Audit Commission	Audit fee 2010/11	£342.00
SWW (E)	Allotments	£55.56
SWW (E)	Cemetery	£10.24
HMRC	6 July – 5 Oct	£325.91
Litter Picker	Back pay	£270.81
Clerk	Back pay	£268.02
Astra Printing Group	Parish Plan leaflets	£55.00
Ken Broom	Grass cutting 8 of 12	£125.00
British Legion	Remembrance Wreath	£?

RECEIPTS

Allotment	Rent	£531.99
Cemetery	Burial fee	£690.00
Precept	2 nd instalment	£15467.00
Devon County Council	Weed control contribution	£500.00

Magazine

Advertising

£171.00

Audit report – The report has been returned from the Audit Commission Remembrance Wreath - £50 – proposed Crick, seconded Phare, unanimously agreed. The Memorial needs clearing before the Remembrance Service, Cllr Ursell will ask the Litter picker.

Church yard wall inspection – the invoice is for £1016.88, Devon County Council could be asked for a contribution as poor drainage has contributed to the problem. Cllr Crick asked what the Diocese have agreed to pay, Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Diocese have not agreed to help with the payment but have assisted by removing their original requirement for architects and reports. Cllr Phare asked if this invoice is included in the £12000.00 allocated for the cause. Cllr Ursell confirmed that it is extra. Three quotes will then be sought for the necessary work. The expenditure was proposed by Cllr Crick and seconded by Cllr Mander, 4 Cllrs voted in favour, 1 Cllr abstained. The adoption of the Churchyard will be reviewed in the future. Cllr Mander requested a indexing of the minutes on the website to aid Cllrs viewing earlier minutes relating to such cases.

7. Planning issues

Update- an apology has been received from Kevin Finan, Acting Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council. Cllr Warren was of the opinion that escalation to the Planning Ombudsman should happen. Cllr Crick suggested that big changes have been made by Mid Devon District Council following the incidents and that both Mid Devon District Council and the Parish Council are working well together. Cllr Ursell proposed putting the issues to one side and moving forward. 4 Cllr voted in favour and 1 Cllr abstained.

8. MDDC Corporate Plan

Responses by 21st October – Cllr Crick, Ursell and Mr. Dennis will meet and email their suggestions to all Cllrs before submitting to Mid Devon District Council. **Action Cllr Crick, Ursell, Mr. Dennis**

9. Christmas lights – Cllr Phare confirmed that the Parish Council is now in the last year of a 3 year of contract with Festive Lighting. The relevant forms have been completed for this years lights and the Clerk should receive the necessary paperwork soon. Cllr Phare has asked Devon County Council to complete a health check on the timers, this is expected to cost from £100 to £300. Next years Christmas lights will be discussed at the next Environment Committee meeting.

10. Jubilee

Update –Cllr Crick offered to draft an article for inclusion in the next edition of the village magazine. A member of the public suggested contacting each of the groups in the village to aid involvement. **Action Cllr Crick**

11. Meeting dates:

Thursday 27th October – Environment and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 10th November – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings
 Thursday 24th November – Environment and Planning Committee meetings

12. Communications received:

MDDC Planning training – emailed to Cllrs 6th September
 DCC Emergency Planning newsletter – emailed to Cllrs 6th September
 Village Green – tabled at meeting
 DALC AGM – tabled at September Full Council meeting
 DALC newsletter – tabled at meeting
 United Charities query from parishioner – Clerk emailed charities contact details to parishioner
 MDDC Planning meeting – emailed to Cllrs 14th September
 DALC training events – emailed to Cllrs 14th September
 Code of conduct training for town and parish councils – emailed to Cllrs 16th September
 Service of Remembrance – Order of Service – Cllr Ursell given copies – attendance confirmed
 Allotment tenant – shed application – confirmation required
 DCC Public engagement events – emailed to Cllrs 20th September
 DALC Community Engagement and Partnership Opportunity – emailed to Cllrs 20th September
 MDDC Corporate Plan – emailed to Cllrs 20th September
 Action for children – emailed to Cllrs 20th September
 Waste planning – emailed to Cllrs 20th September
 August Intouch – emailed to Cllrs 20th September
 Boundary commission for England – tabled at meeting
 Parish Matters – emailed to Cllrs 27th September
 Public Weather Service Community Resilience Consultation – emailed to Cllrs for their completion 28th September
 MDDC - Letters of Representation on Planning Applications – emailed to Cllrs 30th September
 Bad smell emails
 Over grown hedge rows Willand Moor Road /area around Stan Robinsons & Railway Bridge – Clerk emailed Parish Lengthsman 29th September
 Allotment shed application – agreed unanimous.

Meeting closed: 20:50

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council