



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL METING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2011 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Ursell, Phare, Mander, Crawford, Firkins, Warren, District Cllrs Brandon, Chesterton, Evans 1 x volunteer, 3 members of the public, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Baker, Crick, County Cllr Radford, Mr Eddie Dennis
2. **Support Volunteer** – Cllr Ursell introduced Alex Wilcox who has offered to assist the committee as a Youth Support Volunteer, the acceptance of the offer was proposed by Cllr Firkins and seconded by Cllr Phare, the committee unanimously agreed.
 Cllr Ursell proposed a new title ‘Parish Council Team’ this will included all Councillors and volunteers. This was accepted unanimously.
3. **Public questions:** A member of the public asked for an update regarding the Law and Order section of the Parish Plan. Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council is having trouble collected replies from parishioners. Cllr Firkins confirmed that the forms now being distributed ask for them to be returned to certain address rather than being collected. Cllr Ursell suggested that a volunteer is needed in each road to distribute and collect the forms as people are more likely to respond to someone they know. Cllr Ursell and Mr Dennis are currently trying to find a suitable contact in each area with the aim of building a network.
 A member of the public asked about a Police presence at meetings, Cllr Ursell confirmed that PCSO Sims had sent apologies and a report. **Action Cllr Ursell, Mr Dennis**
4. **Minutes of the meetings held:**
 - Thursday 10th November – Full Council
 - Thursday 10th November – Planning Committee
 - Thursday 24th November – Environment Committee
 - Thursday 24th November – Planning Committee – Traffic Order is Willand Moor Road added.

The Planning Committee minutes of 24th November were amended as above, all of the minutes were then signed as a true and correct record.

5. **Matters arising** – None

Cllr Warren and District Cllr Evans joined the meeting

6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – The Clerk read PCSO Sims report in his absence.

Cllr Firkins asked if there had been any feed back regarding the motorcyclist. Cllr Ursell confirmed that he has spoken with PCSO Sims and he has confirmed that the Police have little evidence. Cllr Firkins confirmed that the motorcyclist was about at 3:45 this morning. Cllr Ursell suggested that next time Cllr Firkins phones 999 and in the meantime he will discuss this problem with PCSO Sims. A member of the public said that residents have been informing him of problems and he has been liaising with PCSO Sims. Cllr Ursell offered to manage the system, Cllr Firkins stated that not enough is being done by the Police a volunteers suggested asking for a log number each time anyone phones to report a problem. Cllr Warren reiterated the need to keep a diary of events, this could then be used by the Mid Devon District Council noise abatement officer. A member of the public spoke of the speeding traffic in Orchard Way Cllr Ursell confirmed that he will assess the situation over a period of time and ask possibly Devon County Council to provide a traffic count in the area. Cllr Ursell offered to communicate with PCSO Sims and Sgt Andy Stutridge. **Action Cllr Ursell**

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans – District Cllr Brandon confirmed that Mid Devon District Council is cutting budgets for next year. District Cllr Evans gave the feedback from the recent councillor training to the Standards Committee meeting. He confirmed that all training has ceased until the Localism Bill is complete. District Cllr Evans also confirmed that he will be checking the problems parishioners report regarding 2 Sisters and the action that 2 Sisters are taking.

District Cllr Chesterton reminded the committee of the forthcoming Economic Consultation Strategy.

County Councillor Radford – Cllr Ursell confirmed that there are a number of issues with Devon County Council, these were discussed with Cllrs Ursell, Warren, Mr Dennis and District Cllr Radford. The minutes of this meeting were forwarded to all Councillors. Cllr Warren mentioned the email he sent regarding road sweeping. District Cllr Chesterton suggested that Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council need to coordinate this service. District Cllr Chesterton offered to make enquiries and report back to the Parish Council. A member of public confirmed that he had asked for a road sweeping schedule but not yet received it.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – A bush has blocked the pavement half way down Willand Moor Road. The lights in the underpass have not yet been repaired. A Volunteer confirmed that the foot path at the back of the industrial estate is the responsibility of Halberton Parish Council. The volunteer to write to them and ask them to move dog bin situated further down Muxbears Lane to the end of the footpath. **Action volunteer, Clerk**

7. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, internet and phone	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	.75
T Leaman	Phone forwarding	£28.83
Ron Tucker	Plants for planters	£380.00
Brian Bussell	3 rd Payment and soil removal	£470.00
Ken Broom	Churchyard grass 10 of 12	£125.00
N Crawford	Weed killing	£200.00

RECEIPTS

Cemetery	Memorial	£680.00
Allotment	Rent	£56.01
Magazine	Advertising	£1126.00

- 8. Willand Surgery** - Non opening Cllr Ursell reported that Mr Dennis had made Enquiries when he visited the practice. The Senior Partners confirmed that they are fully committed to the Willand Surgery and have recently taken on another Partner to help fulfil that commitment.

9. Jubilee Tree

Suggested species recommendations emailed to Cllrs 1st December – Cllr Ursell suggested the Parish Council should continue to move forward with the proposal. If planted on the land adjacent to the phone box near Cherry Close, visibility could be a problem in the future and needs consideration. The Clerk will ask the Tree Warden about the root structure of the suggested tree. Cllr Warren also raised concern of possible damage to tree in this location Cllr Mander suggested alternative planting positions at both entrances to the village. It was decided that the current suggested sites suitability should be reviewed along with Cllr Mander's suggestions. The Clerk will also ask Devon County Council about the proposed charge for planting a tree on the site. District Cllr Chesterton offered make enquiries about Mid Devon District Councils tree planting requirements.

Action District Cllr Chesterton, Clerk

10. Meeting dates:

Thursday 22nd December – Administration and Finance (Precept) and Planning meetings
 Thursday 12th January – Full Council and Planning meetings
 Thursday 26th January – Environment and Planning meetings

11. Communications received:

MDDC Mid Devon District Council - Control of Advertisements
 DCC - reply from Lester Willmington
 Willand School – letter of thanks for donation – tabled at meeting

Meeting closed: 19:57

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council