



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL METING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Crick, Mander, Firkins, Warren, District Cllr Evans, , 3 x volunteers - Mr. Dennis, Mr Holmes, Mr Wilcox, 4 x member of the public, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Ursell confirmed that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Baker due to health and family reasons. The Parish Council thanked Jenny for all of her valuable work during her time spent serving as a Parish Councillor and would warmly welcome her back in the future should her circumstances change.

Cllr Ursell welcomed the new Pharmacists to the village, Penny and Adis who said that they have been overwhelmed with welcome they have received.

1. Apologies: Cllr Baker, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Chesterton, Brandon, PCSO Sims,

2. Public questions: A member of the public asked about changing the design of the Christmas lights. The positioning of lights at the roundabout was also queried. Cllrs Phare and Crick explained why the lights are positioned where they are. Cllr Ursell confirmed that there will be a full discussion of the Christmas lights at the Environment Committee meeting on 26th January 2012.

A member of the public also observed that there was no Police presence at the meeting and expressed his annoyance at their lack of attendance. Cllr Ursell confirmed that the agreement with the police is - if they are available or if the Parish Council has specific needs the Police attend the meeting. The noisy motorcyclist was also mentioned again. This will be added as an item to the next Planning Committee agenda. Cllr Ursell offered to liaise with PCSO Sims. Mr. Dennis suggested that the Parish Council contact the Inspector as the Parish is not getting value for money for the council taxes paid, Cllr Firkins suggested that the problems are outside of PCSO Sims scope. Cllr Ursell confirmed that he will take the points raised further. **Action Cllr Ursell**

3. Minutes of the meetings held

Thursday 8th December Full Council

Thursday 8th December Planning Committee

Thursday 22nd December Finance and Administration Committee
 Thursday 22nd December Planning Committee

The Full Council minutes of 8th December had been amended and were signed as a true and correct record with all of the other minutes.

4. Matters arising:

The Planning Committee minutes of 22nd December asked the District Cllrs if an application had been before Mid Devon District Council before, due to confusion the question will be asked again.

5. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – The Clerk read PCSO Sims report in his absence. Cllr Warren also confirmed that a cement mixer was stolen from 2 Orchard Way and reiterated the need to report all crimes and get a crime number. Cllr Warren also confirmed antisocial behaviour in the same area, (ringing door bells late at night). Alex Wilcox suggested that he is free on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and could attend the Community Action Day if required. PCSO Sims had confirmed that grants are available to aid cutting antisocial behaviour. Cllr Ursell confirmed that he had put together a proposal for a CCTV system to provide security for the Village Hall, Tennis Club and Youth Club complex in the village.

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans – District Cllr Evans confirmed that District Cllr Chesterton has sent an email regarding street cleaning; Cllr Ursell read a copy of District Cllr Chesterton's email. Cllr Warren confirmed that the street cleaning machine operator had been very good and wanted that praise passed on. District Cllr Evans updated the Parish Council regarding Mid Devon District Councils audits, the Standards Committees being abolished from 1st April and a constitution change regarding dismissed employees. He also updated the Parish Council on member's allowances. District Cllr Evans confirmed that he will continue talking to both 2 Sisters and Environmental Health regarding the smell. Mr. Holmes confirmed that someone had mentioned that the skin factory seemed to be causing more of a problem.

County Councillor Radford –in County Cllr Radford's absence Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council is still working to conclude grit bins and the street lighting. Cllr Warren confirmed that he is still waiting for Dave Fergie or Willy Pike to contact him regarding the trees around lamp posts 29 and 30 that have not been cut back sufficiently.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – Cllr Warren confirmed that at the Woodland Trust main entrance, leaves have been moved to one side but the drains have not been cut in. Cllr Crick mentioned the large puddle near the school. Mr. Dennis offered to discuss this with County Cllr Radford. **Action Cllr Ursell, Mr Dennis**

6. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Hospitality	£16.10
T Leaman	Stationary	£14.16
Festive Lighting	Hire charges	£3350.40
MDDC	Returning Officers fees and charges	£107.35
HMRC	NI and PAYE	£216.62
B Warren	Stationary	£15.00
SWWA	Allotment – actual	.04
SWWA	Cemetery – actual	£9.19
Astra Printing	Magazine	£885.00
Willowbrook Garden	Beech hedging – cemetery	£15.99
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Burial fees	Cemetery	£1590.00
Magazine	Advertising	£548.00

Precept proposal – Cllr Ursell explained to those present the considerations discussed at the Finance and Administration meeting in December. The final precept proposal was proposed by Cllr Warren, seconded by Cllr Mander and agreed unanimously. District Cllr Evans confirmed that Mid Devon District Council has a network business forum.

Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – donation request – Cllr Crick proposed, Cllr Phare seconded and the Council unanimously agreed to a £100 donation as in previous years. A letter will be sent with the donation stating that at all charitable donations will be on hold during the next financial year. **Action Clerk**

7. Willand Surgery: A letter was sent on 11th January regarding surgery opening hours and requesting a meeting with Practice Manager

8. Jubilee Celebrations

Trees – The Jubilee committee is very active but more volunteers are needed. The Jubilee committee will make the decision regarding the planting of the Jubilee tree, Devon County Council has revoked the need for licences to plant trees to commemorate the Jubilee. The Clerk confirmed that the Tree Warden has expressed a need for the tree to be planted in April.

9. Meeting dates

Thursday 26th January Environment and Planning meetings
Thursday 9th February Full Council and Planning meetings
Thursday 23rd February Environment and Planning meetings

10. Communications received:

NHS – Foundations Trust Application – Consultation - Councillor Warren was asked to deal with this.

Meeting closed: 20:10

Cllr Ray Ursell
Chair Willand Parish Council