



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2012 FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENT MEETING AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Crick, Ursell, Firkins, Warren, 2 x volunteers, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: Cllr Phare

2. Applications

a. 12/00027/FULL

Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension following demolition of existing extension

Location: 28 Somerlea Willand

Willand Planning Committee objects to this application as the size of the building is excessive and it is not in keeping with other properties in the area. The size of the proposed garage is also inconsistent with normal domestic garages.

The committee also questioned if the application meets today's housing requirements as the windows in the proposed first floor bedrooms do not offer a means to escape in an emergency.

It was noted that there are a number of vehicles parked in or around the property including a lorry for transporting cars and there was a concern that this application could lead to a subsequent change of use request. The committee feel strongly that light industrial work should not be taking place in a residential area. The planning committee would also like to point out that there seems to be no bathroom in the proposed plans. There is also an inconsistency regarding the siting of windows. It is difficult to make a decision when the plans are flawed.

3. Decisions

a. 1/01914/FULL

Proposal: Minor external alterations and internal alterations to existing industrial unit

Location: Unit 1A South View Industrial Estate Willand

Permission granted

4. Appeals**a. 11/00162/FULL**

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to provide 2 permanent pitches for the use of gypsies and travellers including the construction of 1 double amenity block and formation of access
 Location: Land at NGR 304302 110191 (The Paddocks) Old Village Willand

Willand Parish Council is apposed to this application and would like to reiterate the comments it submitted in August 2011:-

1. Change of use is not consistent with the Local Development Plan
2. Site is a known flood plain.
3. Risk of pollution from waste disposal system in case of flooding.
4. Site to be powered by Generator with potential noise pollution.
5. Access for large trailers is only possible from Willand with consequential increase in traffic on very narrow roads.
6. No pavements or lighting between Willand and the site should children need to walk to school in the village.

5. Noisy motorbikes

Cllr Ursell is arranging a meeting with the Police and is continuing to discuss the problems with PCSO Sims. The speeding checks recently undertaken indicate that there is not a speeding problem in the area. Cllr Firkins confirmed that a formal complaint has been submitted to Mid District Council Environmental Health Department regarding the excessive noise generated by the motorbikes. Cllr Firkins also stated that residents do not report issues as they consider it to be not worthwhile.

Mr Dennis suggested that as Willand is more densely populated than the other villages in the area there should be more of a Police presence. Cllr Crick suggested that there seems to a cycle whereon every couple of years the same discussions take place at council meetings and that the relationship between the Police and the Parish Council needs to be made stronger.

The letter detailing the street lights the Parish Council would like to see remaining lit all night has been submitted to Devon County Council

Meeting closed: 21: 32

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council