



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD PLACE ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HAL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Crick, Firkins, Warren, Volunteers, Mr Dennis, Mr Holmes, Mr Firkins, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, Chesterton, Evans, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), 2 x members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllrs Mander, Crawford, PCSO Sims

2. Co-option

Cllr Ursell proposed co-opting Mr Dennis, Cllr Firkins seconded the proposal and this was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Ursell updated the Parish Council following his meeting with the Police.

The Police confirmed that currently 1 Sergeant, 4 warranted and 4 non warranted officers cover the Halberton, Canonsleigh and Willand area. Their priorities are 1) enforcing the law, 2) prevention of crime and 3) where time and resource allows, liaising with the public. The Police station in Cullompton is now fully operational. Cllr Warren confirmed that it is now a Response Hub with a lot of officers working from the station. The Police have confirmed that they will attend Parish Council meetings if there is a problem, if the Parish Council asks them to attend or if they wish to attend. They will continue to submit a monthly report. Therefore the public should not expect much Police/Policing to be discussed at Parish Council meetings unless it is warranted. Cllr Warren reiterated that the onus is on individual members of the public to report incidents and crimes. Cllr Ursell confirmed that following the recent speeding check in Orchard Way one vehicle used the road every minute on average, with a very low percentage being just over the speed limit.

3. Public questions: A Member of public stated that there are potholes at the top of Gables Road, despite it being resurfaced recently. A member of the public also commented that the notice board situated at the village hall has not been updated recently. Cllr Ursell confirmed that the notice board are being renewed and the notice board at the village hall cannot be opened at present.

A member of public stated that 10% of council tax is taken to cover Police expenses, District Cllr Chesterton explained the situation to the member of the public.

4. Minutes of the meetings held

Thursday 12th January Full Council

Thursday 12th January Planning Committee

Thursday 26th January Environment Committee

Thursday 26th January Planning Committee

All the minutes were signed as true and correct records. Cllr Ursell suggested that minutes from sub committee meeting could be signed at their own meetings - this will be proposed in future in the Finance meeting.

5. Matters arising

Willand Surgery's response – it was decided to wait a see how frequently the surgery is manned in the future before taking further action.

6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – Clerk read PCSO Sim's report.

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans.

District Cllr Brandon confirmed the date of the planning meeting at which the Verbeer application will be discussed.

District Cllr Evans reminded the Parish Council that the Cosy Devon Scheme will be ending soon. District Cllr Evans also confirmed that he is asking Mid Devon District Council to see if there is any history regarding the smells from the skin factory.

District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that he has spoken with Jonathan Guscott about the S106 request and Jonathan Guscott thinks that he will be able to come to an arrangement on most of the items requested. Jonathan Guscott has invited Cllr Ursell to meet him to discuss the requests. District Cllr Chesterton also confirmed that at the Mid Devon District Council Cabinet meeting today they recommended not increasing the Mid Devon District Council share of the council tax, this recommendation will going to the full council at the end of the month. The Community Infrastructure levy will ensure that 10% of any development contribution collected by Mid Devon District Council will go directly to the Parish Council for use on infrastructure. Cllr Dennis asked where the other 90% will go, District Cllr Chesterton confirmed will go into a 'pot' for the schedule of works to be done by Mid Devon District Council. Cllr Ursell thanked all of the District Cllrs for their support regarding the S106 request.

County Councillor Radford confirmed that the footbridge will be included in the County Councils 3 year programme. The grit bins policy still needs to be confirmed as does the job description of a snow warden. County Cllr Radford will follow up a response regarding the Parish Council's request for lights to be left on at junctions. County Cllr Radford is also asking Devon County Council if it can provide funding towards road signs directing the public to the Pharmacy from either end of Gables Road and possibly from the roundabout. Cllr Warren

confirmed that he has not has a response from Dave Fergie regarding streetlight 21 and it needs follow up. County Cllr Radford confirmed that Devon County Council will not be increasing its share of the Council Tax either. Cllr Warren asked if councils taking grants instead of tax increases this year could double their increase next year, District Cllr Brandon explained that Councils will not be able to be increase taxes by more then 3.5% next year. County Cllr Radford confirmed that he is still trying to ensure that the entire bus route is gritted.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – Cllr Firkins confirmed that at Jaycroft (north) the drainage ditch is blocked, opposite the park entrance. Cllr Crick confirmed that there is a lot of moss on the pavements which will get very slippery. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Warren - MDDC - Town and Parish Council Corporate Plan Workshop – Cllr Warren confirmed that this presentation was much better than the previous one he attended. The items discussed included the Junction 27 development, which District Cllr Chesterton confirmed has to be a development that cannot be built in the nearby towns.

7. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
Culm Voluntary Car	Donation	£100.00
Willand Rovers	Parish field grass cutting	£810.00

RECEIPTS

Cemetery	Burial and Memorial fees	£470.00
Magazine	Advertising	£108.00

8. Jubilee Celebrations

Tree/bench – The committee is planning for 2 or 3 trees be planted to celebrate the Jubilee, the licence application has been submitted. The Parish Council will be funding the trees and benches from S106 monies. Cllr Crick asked if one tree could be planted in the school. Cllr Ursell will ask the Jubilee committee about placing a tree there.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - Devon's Celebratory Evensong and Garden Parties – Cllr Ursell suggested a final round of ideas is shared before the next meeting. Cllr Crick believed the suggestions should be discussed via email. Cllr Firkins offered to manage the submissions and requested that any new names are forwarded to him by 16th February.

9. Meeting dates

- Thursday 23rd February Environment and Planning meetings
- Thursday 8th March Full Council and Planning meetings
- Thursday 15th March Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday 22nd March Finance and Administration and Planning meetings

10. Communications received:

Corporate Plan Workshop – emailed to Cllrs 5th Jan

Mid Devon District Council's Economic Development Strategy – emailed to Cllrs 24th Jan -response required by 20th February – Cllr Warren to develop a response.

Consultation – Allocation of accommodation – emailed to Cllr 27th Jan -decision
NHS Foundations Trust's response

Meeting closed: 20: 44

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council