



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2012 FOLLOWING THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Crick, Ursell, Phare, Warren, Firkins, Dennis, 1 x volunteer, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: None

2. Applications

a. 12/00177/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an extension
Location: 9 Harebell Drive Willand

No objection, unanimous.

b. 12/00223/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an extension
Location: Little Gables Gables Road Willand

Cllr Dennis declared that he knew the applicants.
No objections, unanimous.

3. Decisions

none

4. Four Crossways Roundabout – Some repair work has been carried out since this item was raised at the last planning meeting.

5. Junction street lighting – The Police have provided some information, comparing the number of incidents before the new lighting policy and following, over a period of time which showed a small decrease. The Police were also consulted by the Parish Council before it submitted its initial request letter to Devon County Council. Cllr Warren stated that he believes Devon County Council has continually delayed in responding to the Parish Council's concerns, Cllr Crick agreed. Cllr Warren is drafting a response to the latest email from Devon County Council which will be circulated to Cllr Ursell for approval. Cllrs Firkins confirmed that parishioners have been asking him about the part-night lighting and seemed disillusioned with the perceived lack of progress. Cllr Dennis

suggested asking for the lights on the B3181 towards the garage to be turned off, so enabling the lights in more high risk areas of the village to remain lit. Cllr Ursell stated that he is currently discussing the issue with County Cllr Radford and that Parish councillors need to manage expectations of parishioners regarding expected timescales of resolving issues. **Action Cllr Ursell, Warren**

- 6. TPO Woodland Trust** – Cllr Warren questioned why Tree Preservation Orders are needed now that the Woodland Trust is managing the area, and considered that Mid Devon District Council may ask the Parish Council for its views at a later date. Brian Holmes asked if the Parish Council should enquire about the removal of Tree Preservation Orders, Cllr Crick suggested that it would be better to keep the trees protected with the orders but does not consider that the Woodland Trust should have to submit a planning application each time it needs to manage the trees. Cllr Warren confirmed that when the Woodland Trust took over the area all of the trees were the same age/size and now the trees are of varying heights and ages and that all of the external fence has been repaired promptly. Cllr Warren stated that it should not be a pristine area but a natural area.
- 7. Pavement/Footpath B3181 Silver Street to Esso Garage** – Cllrs Warren and Ursell have proved that a significant improvement can be made to the width of the footpath, and would like Devon County Council to make the improvements. **Action Cllr Ursell, Warren**
- 8. The revised bus timetable** – Cllr Dennis suggested that the County Cllr should be in a position to update the Parish Council on matters such as this before it is in the local press. Cllr Dennis is concerned that now the bus times have been altered to every 20 minutes this could affect the road gritting criteria along the bus route in the village. Cllr Dennis was also confirmed that a housing developer in Cullompton is reducing funding towards the bus service. Cllr Warren confirmed that the bus service from Exeter to Taunton has ceased.

Meeting closed: 21:06

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council