



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Crick, Mander, Warren, Firkins, Dennis, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, Chesterton, Evans, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public

Chairman's Announcement: Cllr Ursell confirmed total support regarding the role of Cllr Dennis in the Parish Council. Decisions will be made regarding the forwarding of information to Cllrs at the next Finance and Administration meeting. Cllr Ursell also updated the committee with the findings of the recent Community Partnership meeting. The representatives attending spoke to 102 people, of whom the vast majority had no issues. The issues that were raised were speeding around the whole of the village and not one particular area, litter, noisy motorcycles, dog fouling and parking issues. Some parishioners reflected that the amount of anti social behaviour in the village has decreased. Cllr Ursell confirmed that in future the Chair's of sub committees will sign the minutes of those meetings at the next sub committee meeting. This will be formally agreed at the next Finance and Administration meeting.

1. Apologies: Brian Holmes (volunteer), PCSO Sims, Cllr Crawford

2. Public questions: None

3. Minutes of the meetings held:

Thursday 9th February Full Council
 Thursday 9th February Planning Committee
 Thursday 23rd February Environment Committee
 Thursday 23rd February Planning Committee

Thursday 23rd February Planning Committee - item 8 - the minutes were corrected as follows: - the bus service mentioned ran from Exeter to Taunton not Willand to Taunton as stated. All the minutes were signed as true and correct records.

4. Matters arising: None

5. Reports

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

Cllr Firkins believed that some of the skateboarding youths are from Uffculme. It was acknowledged that it is the noise of the wheels of the skateboards that cause the problem, not those skateboarding. Youths are also using the best pavements for their skateboarding, rather than outside their own homes.

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans: District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that Mid Devon District Council's share of the council tax will not be increasing this year, although the Police are raising their share by 2% and the Fire Authority are raising their share by 3%. Cllr Chesterton also confirmed that the £3500.00 raised by Mid Devon District Council from the sale of land to the home owner of 8 Greenwood would be deposited into the 'Open Space' pot which is not the same as S106 money, as it does not have an area attachment. Cllr Crick asked if the purchase of the land depends on the planning application being successful. The Cllrs present agreed that it would have been polite to have been consulted before the sale. The District Cllrs confirmed that the District Cllrs were consulted and that District Cllr Evans objected. Unfortunately, the objection was too late because of the short period of time given. Cllr Chesterton confirmed that the householder had asked for a larger piece of land originally, but Mid Devon District Council refused. Cllr Dennis confirmed that that land was originally left to take away some of the density of Willand Moor, and asked if the householder would be able to build the purchased land. Cllr Warren suggested that taking the land as private garden encroached on the Culm Valley Way and would spoil the walk. Cllr Warren also confirmed that he knew of other parishioners who would have liked to have bought similar land but had been turned down by Mid Devon District Council. District Cllr Chesterton offered to inform the Parish Council if any similar sales are submitted, and to confirm the time restraints for objections. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that Jonathan Guscott has approved most of the Parish Council Jubilee suggestions from S106 money. The Parish Council will now arrange for a quotation for new swings and extending the fencing around the play area.

District Cllr Brandon confirmed that she is part of a new working group looking at the future funding of play areas and scoring the current play areas from 1 - 4 to find out which play areas are in need of attention.

District Cllr Evans confirmed that he was unable to attend the recent Have Your Say meeting due to work commitments, and that he has suggested Mid Devon District Council hosts future events until 7.30pm, so allowing more parishioners to attend. District Cllr Evans also confirmed that the smell from 2 Sisters was particularly bad tonight and he would be visiting those living nearby for their views. Cllr Firkins confirmed that the surrounding area was very smelly last Thursday.

It was confirmed that Cllr Warren should phone Adrian Cook regarding Mid Devon District Council completing the pavement clearing.

County Councillor Radford –The Clerk circulated the outstanding issues and the response received from Rhys Davis to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. County Cllr Radford offered to arrange a meeting of the Parish Council with Lester Willmington and himself. Lester Willmington can then address the Parish Councils concerns. Cllr Dennis suggested that all Cllrs available should attend

the meeting. County Cllr Radford confirmed that the footpath to the Esso garage is currently being widened.

Action District Cllr Chesterton, County Cllr Radford

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention - none

6. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stamps	£8.64
T Leaman	Computer cartridges and paper	£41.37
Brian Vincent	Allotment hedge	£450.00
Birdscape	Nesting box survey	£190.00
WillandUnited Charities	Allotment rent	£300.00
Astra Printing Group	Magazine	£885.00
MNR Projects Ltd	Parish field surface repairs	£1080.00
Astra Printing Group	Diamond Jubilee leaflet	£55.00
DCC	Christmas lighting (checking supplies)	£138.65
Ray Ursell	Stationary and stamps	£35.90

RECEIPTS

Magazine	Advertising	£180.00
Cemetery	Burial fees	£540.00
WillandUnited Charities	Jubilee celebration donation	£350.00

The Parish Council thanks Cllr Mander for the Community Composting groups Jubilee donation.

7. Annual Parish Meeting

Preparation – Cllr Ursell asked Cllrs for reminders of what the Parish Council has achieved in the last year. Cllr Firkins asked if this years Parish Council presentation could be a Power point presentation.

8. Meeting dates:

Thursday 15th March Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm
 Thursday 22nd March Finance and Administration and Planning meetings
 Thursday 12th April Full Council and Planning meetings
 Thursday 26th April Environment and Planning meetings

9. Communications received:

Jubilee tree planting consent
 Birdscape – Bird nesting box survey – tabled at meeting
 Voluntary Support Scheme donation letter – to be discussed at the Finance and Administration Meeting

Meeting closed: 20:00

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council