



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ursell, Crick, Phare, Mander, Warren, Firkins, Dennis, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, Chesterton, Lester Willmington (DCC) 1 x volunteer – Brian Holmes, Frances Wilcox, Virginia Metherell Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), 3 x members of the public

1. **Apologies:** PCSO Sims, District Cllr Evans, Cllr Crawford
2. **Welcome Lester Willmington – Devon County Council** - Cllr Ursell welcomed Lester Willmington, Virginia Metherell and Frances Wilcox to the meeting.

County Cllr Radford invited Mr. Willmington to the meeting to discuss some outstanding issues the Parish Council have with Devon County Council.

Grit bins – The Parish Council agreed to purchase 2 grit bins and County Cllr Radford offered to provide a third. Mr. Willmington confirmed that grit bins purchased by the Parish Council have to be maintained by the Parish Council. As Devon County Council needs to replenish the grit in the bins a criteria has to be met as to where the bins are positioned. The Parish Council is aware that the criteria cannot be met for the selected area but have been unable to define the criteria. Mr. Willmington confirmed that he will forward a copy of the criteria to the Parish Council. Cllr Ursell stated that the storage and distribution of the salt provided by Devon County Council would be a major issue due to the size of the village. District Cllr Radford confirmed that bins cost £300.00 each and that no bins are currently on order. Cllr Dennis asked if it might be cheaper for the Parish Council to purchase its grit bins directly from the supplier rather than through Devon County Council. Cllr Warren stated that the Parish Council was aware of bus routes being gritted, if a bus passed through every 15 minutes, although it was unaware until recently that the bus had to pass through the area every 15 minutes in one direction. Frances Wilcox asked if the salt could be stored in the preschool shed. Cllr Warren asked if the village would be better served if the gritting lorry went through Willand Old Village and then rejoined the B3181, as there is no pavement in that area of the village. Mr. Willmington confirmed that a lack of pavements does not meet the criteria for road gritting. The Parish Council will discuss the placement of grit bins further and contact Mr. Willmington if necessary.

Street lights – The Parish Council would like 30 street lights at junctions in the village to remain lit. In return the Parish Council has identified lights that could be turned off. Cllr Warren explained that the Parish Council experienced a lot of frustration when dealing with the lighting team and confirmed that when the Parish Council first signed up to the Part Night Lighting Policy County Cllr Radford had assured the Parish Council that if experience showed that some lights needed to be switched back on then they would be. Mr. Willmington confirmed that the contractors employed charge each time they reset the lights. Cllr Warren stated that the Devon County Council suggested review period had now passed and the Parish Council would discuss the issue again.

Cllr Ursell confirmed that several issues have been resolved well including the proposed foot bridge. The Pharmacists are contacting Devon County Council directly to discuss the Pharmacy signage. Cllr Ursell thanked Mr. Willmington for the positive actions and confirmed that the Parish Council will continue to press to resolve issues that still cause concern. Lester Willmington was thanked for his personal intervention over clearing the footpath and his assurance that the remaining work would be carried out.

- 3. Chairman’s announcements** – The Jubilee committee is now meeting weekly, and Many villagers are supporting the events but, the committee needs more volunteers to marshal the events.

Cllrs Ursell and Dennis will be attending a Community Initiative Funding Scheme Meeting on Monday 24th at Halberton, to discuss how the Community funds within Devon could be used to best effect. County Cllr Radford confirmed that Devon County Council wants Parish Councils to join together to be most effective. County Cllr Radford suggested a community bus, although Parish Councils may have other ideas.

4. Co-option

Virginia Metherell and Frances Wilcox, Cllr Crick asked Frances Wilcox if she has the available time needed as the Parish Council would not like to see her overstretched. Frances confirmed that she is stepping down as Secretary to the Youth Club. Virginia Metherell and Frances Wilcox left the room whilst the committee made its decision.

Cllr Firkins proposed co-opting both applicants, the committee agreed unanimously.

- 5. Public questions** - None

6. Minutes of the meetings held:

Thursday 8th March Full Council

The minutes were signed as a true and correct, unanimous.

- 7. Matters arising:** None

8. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – The Clerk read PCSO Sims’ report in his absence. Cllr Warren stated that a couple of parishioners had mentioned a vehicle parked on the road in a dangerous position. It was decided to ask PCSO Sims if he could contact the householder again. **Action Clerk**

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans – District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that all 3 the District Cllrs have received a letter detailing play equipment and play areas ratings and asked for some Parish Cllrs to assist them with their response. Cllrs Crick and Wilcox offered to walk the village play areas with the District Cllrs to discuss the rating given. Cllr Dennis suggested asked some children to attend for their views. District Cllr Brandon confirmed that she had been contacted about overhanging branches in the South View play area. District Cllr Brandon also confirmed that a recent planning application for Pleasant Streams has been refused. Cllr Warren stated that along the footpath from Gables Road to the Esso garage it is the Mid Devon District Council areas that are now the areas in need attention. District Cllr Brandon offered to ask Mid Devon District Council to contact Cllr Warren directly, he will then explain what work is needed. Cllr Warren also confirmed that the roads have not been swept since January although the Parish Council received an email confirming that the road would be swept every six weeks.*{District Councillor Chesterton to persue as he had dealt with the previous lack of sweeping.}* Cllr Warren asked District Cllr Chesterton if he could attend the planning meeting to discuss application 12/00320/FULL. District Cllr Brandon confirmed that if the application is approved she will call it in.

County Councillor Radford confirmed that the Audit Commission has agreed that Devon County Council is in good financial shape and the Council is already working on next year’s budget. County Cllr Radford also confirmed that he has £20,000 that has to be spent by the end of this financial year on community projects, e.g. Culm Valley Trail.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – A speed limit sign is covered by an overgrown tree on the B3181 from Cullompton to Willand in garden of Rydon House.

9. Finance

Cheque signing
Income this month

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Hospitality	£39.80
T Leaman	Stamps	£9.39
South West Water	Cemetery	£8.63
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N Crick	Bird nesting boxes	£25.92
R Phare	Dog sign for parish field	£34.62
HMRC	NI and PAYE	£216.42

Brian Holmes	Dog bins	£150.00
Ken Broom	Churchyard grass 11,12 of 12 1 of 12	£380.00
Dulford Nurseries	Jubilee Trees	£208.86
R Ursell	CCTV equipment	£2000.00
Kestral Wildlife	Review of ecological survey/report Portway	£72.00

RECEIPTS

Magazine	Advertising	£154.00
Cemetery	Memorial/burial fees	£1954.00
Community Composting	Jubilee donation	£500.00

DALC Membership – The decision was made at an Administration and Financial meeting not to continue paying membership. Cllr Warren proposed accepting this decision, agreed unanimously.

Updating of account signatories – The Clerk has the form needed to update the signatories.

Jubilee donation – The Parish Council had planned to provide £2500.00 to aid cash flow and £2500.00 for mementoes. The mementoes have been ordered and they will cost the Parish Council £1500.00. Cllr Ursell proposed taking back the £2500.00 cash flow money and instead, donating £2000.00 to Jubilee funds. Any profit made from the events will be donated to Willand United Charities which provides support to those in need in the village. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Dennis all those present voted in favour.

S106 approvals – Cllr Ursell confirmed the following spending of S106 money with Mid Devon District Council.

2 x Jubilee trees	£116.03
1 x Notice board	£1174.00
CCTV	£2445.00
Jubilee benches	£1000.00
Total	£4735.03

Cllr Warren asked about security of cameras and Cllr Mander asked about the quality of the image, Cllr Ursell confirmed that the external cameras will provide images of a good quality. Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Crick, Phare and Ursell would work together compiling the specification for the electrician to work to. They will also liaise with the Village Hall Committee in case the need arises to add an electrical spur in the village hall. **Action Cllr Crick, Phare, Ursell**

Cllr Ursell asked for approval for a cheque for £2000.00 to enable him to order the necessary CCTV equipment on line. This was agreed unanimously.

The Insurance renewal has been received £445.27 for next year or £423.02 fixed for the next three years. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek another quote as a comparison. **Action Clerk**

10. Christmas lights – Cllr Phare confirmed that he sent a simple specification to two

suppliers. The company last used and a previous supplier. Cllr Phare sought approval to talk to just one supplier. Cllr Phare preferred choice was to use the previous supplier. Cllr Phare explained that a three year deal could make a saving of £1500.00 if the Parish Council purchased lights. The lights would then need to be stored. Cllr Firkins proposed Cllr Phare investigate the purchase of lights and report back to the Parish Council. Cllr Crick offered to assist Cllr Phare. Cllr Warren abstained from the discussion. **Action Cllr Phare, Crick**

11. Meeting dates

Thursday 26th April Environment and Planning meetings
 Thursday 10th May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council/Full Council and Planning meetings
 Thursday 24th May Environment and Planning meetings
 Thursday 14th June Full Council and Planning meetings
 Thursday 28th June Finance and Administrations and Planning meetings

12. Communications received:

Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – letter of thanks – tabled at meeting
 Devon County Council - Snow Warden Information
 4 letters from Willand Primary School – re a dog bin in the parish field
 Jubilee tree planting request replies

Meeting closed: 21:05

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council