



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JUNE 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Ursell, Phare, Crick, Mander, Dennis, Firkins, Warren, Metherell, Wilcox, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, Chesterton, Evans, PCSO Sims, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: Volunteers Brian Holmes, Alex Wilcox

2. Chairman's announcements: Cllr Ursell stated that he would like the Full Council meeting to finish by 8pm, thus enabling the planning meeting to start at 8pm. Cllr Warren stated on a point of order that by restricting the length of the meeting we would be abandoning Standing Orders as they state that the meeting is allowed to run for up to 2 hours.

The Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 2nd June had a good attendance throughout the day although the weather may have put people off of attending the evening event. The Parish Council will consider holding a similar event again. Cllr Ursell thanked all those who helped to make the weekend such a success. Cllr Crick thanked the Jubilee committee. Individual letters of thanks will be sent to the committee members. Cllr Ursell proposed the Parish Council pay for refreshments at the Jubilee committee wrap meeting. Cllr Crick seconded, agreed unanimously.

District Cllr Evans joined the meeting: 19:08

Cllr Ursell confirmed that The Gables is now for sale and that he will be putting together a proposal for the June Finance and Administration meeting to purchase some of the land as a future community centre. **Action Clerk, Cllr Ursell**

3. Public questions: Cllr Dennis confirmed that a member of the public has written to the College Partnership regarding the opening hours and not yet received a reply. Cllr Metherell asked if another Practice could operate in the village. Cllr Ursell confirmed that it would be possible if premises were available. Cllr Firkins confirmed that patients now have to travel to the Cullompton site for blood tests. Cllr Crick asked District Cllr Brandon what happens in Uffculme. Cllr Dennis confirmed that Willand is in a difficult position as villagers could use Uffculme or Cullompton sites and proposed the Parish Council arrange a meeting with the 3 senior partners and Practice Manager. Cllr Firkins seconded, unanimously agreed.

Cllrs Warren and Dennis offered to attend the meeting. **Action Cllrs Warren, Dennis**

County Cllr Radford joined the meeting at 19:23

4. Minutes of the meeting held

Thursday 10th May – Cllr Warren asked if the Parish Council would be making a formal complaint to both the Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council and the Ombudsman at the same time. Cllr Ursell stated that the Parish Council would be making a formal complaint to Mid Devon District Council in the first instance and if a satisfactory result was not achieved the Parish Council would then contact the Ombudsman. Cllr Warren stated that he had offered to provide a rope to fly a flag for Nation Forces Day not to arrange the flying of the flag with Cllr Dennis. Following these confirmations Cllr Ursell proposed accepting the minutes as a true and correct record, Cllr Phare seconded, unanimously agreed.

5. Matters arising

Bush removal – Jubilee Parish Field –complete

Mid Devon District Council – formal complaint – the paperwork to be submitted has been printed and will be posted 1st Class, Recorded Delivery on Friday 15th June. The Parish Council will clarify who to contact if a satisfactory response is not received within two weeks. Cllr Crick thanked Cllr Brandon for submitting a letter of support.

Community Initiative Funding Scheme – Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council could spend a lot of time submitting a bid and not receive any funding, although the initiative was not presented in this way originally. The Parish Council could apply for funding towards purchasing the land at the Gables, and Cllr Ursell asked County Cllr Radford to forward the email regarding the Gables to the relevant person. Cllr Firkins offered to attend the forthcoming Devon County Council meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mid Devon District Council Enforcement Officer – Cllr Dennis confirmed that the responses received from Mid Devon District Council state that everything is legal. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that he will ensure the Parish Council receives an answer from Jenny Clifford.

Bank signatories – the forms have been signed and will be submitted to the bank
CCTV - complete

Meadow Park sign –Cllr Dennis confirmed that only one sign is provided for each road now and that a sign will be placed at the other end of the road

6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – PCSO Sims confirmed that 7 vehicles were damaged during the Jubilee weekend, and that there is no evidence as to who is responsible. PCSO Sims confirmed that at each evening briefing the Police are being tasked with paying attention to that area of the village. A car was also damaged in village hall car park. A person has been charged following the theft of a vehicle from Willand car sales. PCSO Sims confirmed that whilst attending

the Jubilee event several people spoke with him regarding traffic speeding along Uffculme Road. He later carried out a speed watch survey with volunteers which confirmed a problem. More speed surveys will be conducted, PCSO Sims will then get the area authorised as an approved safety site. The long term solution would be to change the road layout. Cllr Dennis confirmed that houses will be built near there in future which might have a positive effect. Following a discussion regarding the badly parked vehicle in Gables Road PCSO Sims stated that he would not be issuing a fixed penalty ticket but would speak with the gentleman again. He also confirmed that the long term solution would be to change the road layout. It was suggested by Cllr Ursell that a letter to the local Inspector might be appropriate. Cllr Dennis seconded, unanimously agreed.

Action Clerk

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans – District Cllr Chesterton stated that the Parish Council should have received a consultation email concerning Dog Control Orders. Cllr Crick proposed adding this to the Environment Agenda.

District Cllr Evans confirmed that he has been working on the Mineral Plan Consultation and updated the Parish Council regarding the Standards Board. District Cllr Evans also confirmed that there has been some success regarding the 2 Sisters problem, and that he will be undertaking a visit to the premises. District Cllr Evans confirmed that Parish Councils will receive notification if Mid Devon District Council is selling off any land in its parish.

Cllr Crick asked if the Parish Council could have the District Cllrs support in ensuring that none of the play areas in Willand will close. Cllr Chesterton confirmed that it is play areas that are not being used that will be closed and that the ones in Willand looked like they were being used. Cllr Dennis stated that the swing had been replaced in the Orchard Way play area and confirmed that the tree trunks have not been removed from the Maple Close play area. Cllr Dennis also confirmed that the soft surface in that play area needs repairing.

County Cllr Radford confirmed that the TAP funding can be applied for by a single parish if necessary, if another parish can benefit. The footbridge installation has been confirmed for next year. County Cllr Radford stated that he is prepared to talk with the Parish Council regarding the Gables. Cllr Ursell stated that he is formulating a plan and that County Cllr Radford will be included. Cllr Warren stated that he has heard nothing about the footpath and that some areas are now unusable due to overgrown nettles. District Cllr Radford confirmed that the Parish Council could ask the Parish Lengthsman to tend the footpath when he is in the village. Cllr Warren confirmed that Lester Wilmington had stated in a letter that Dave Fergie would arrange for landowners to be contacted to clear the footpath. County Cllr Radford confirmed that Devon County Council will write to landowners asking them to clear the footpath. If the footpath is not cleared the Council will clear it and charge the landowners. Cllr Ursell asked County Cllr Radford to email Lester Wilmington and ask why the footpath action has not been carried out. County Cllr Radford requested the Parish Council send him an email detailing request. **Action Parish Council, County Cllr Radford**

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – the B3181 footpath road between the Esso garage and Meadow Park. The path along South View Road near the ambulance station is restricted by overgrown branches. The gully along Jaycroft is still blocked. The trees along the top of Jaycroft are too low to walk under.

PCSO Sims returned to the meeting and confirmed that he had spoken with the owner of vehicle owner who will now park in Meadow Road.

7. Finance

PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	£17.19
Whitehall Direct	Notice boards	£1474.00
EDF	Christmas lights	£55.97
SC Electrical and Alarm	CCTV wiring	£1641.19
Brian Bussell	Cemetery grass 1 st payment + extras	£541.00
Ken Broom	Churchyard grass 3 and 4 of 12	£260.00
Ray Ursell	Voice recorder	£52.47
AS Signs & Graphics	Provision of signs	£372.00
A S Signs & Graphics	Fitting of signs	72.00

RECEIPTS

HMRC	2011/12 VAT	£3358.82
Cemetery	Plot fee	£320.00
Magazine	Advertising	£620.00

Presentation of accounts for approval – details emailed to all Cllrs. The accounts \are currently being internally audited. There are a couple of queries and once these are confirmed the accounts can be signed off. The information will then be sent to the Audit Commission. Cllr Ursell sought approval of the accounts and associated governance statement subject to the internal auditor confirming they are correct. Cllr Phare proposed, Cllr Crick seconded, unanimously agreed.

The Jubilee committee used the Parish Council account to process deposits and payments, Cllr Ursell confirmed that once complete the Jubilee accounts will be show as one credit and one debit in the Parish Council accounts. One donation is currently outstanding. Once it has been received any profit will be forwarded to Willand United Charities.

8. Christmas lights

Update – Cllr Dennis proposed transferring this item to the Finance and Administration agenda. This was seconded by Cllr Cllr Firkins – unanimously agreed.

9. Parish Walk

The Parish Walk will be held on Sunday 1st July, meeting at 2pm in the village hall car park. **Action Clerk**

10. Meeting dates

Thursday 28th June Finance and Administration and Planning meetings

Thursday 12th July Full Council and Planning meetings

Thursday 26th July Environment and Planning meetings

11. Communications received:

Waste Plan Consultation – 11th May – 3rd August

East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Rural Crime Update letter – tabled at meeting

MDDC Planning Consultation note – Planning Agenda 14th June

Steve Shaw - new Bill to give more power to Local Councils- email – forwarded to Cllrs 23rd May - Actioned

Email from a parishioner regarding the provision of a litter bin near the bus stop in Meadow Park - forwarded to Cllrs 23rd May – transferred to the Environment Committee

Email to Cllr Ursell from a parishioner regarding the skate boarding facilities – transferred to the Environment committee

Letter from MDDC re Play Areas – forward to Cllr Crick 28th May

Meeting closed: 20:25

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council