



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Crick, Warren, Firkins, Wilcox, Metherell, Dennis, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, Evans, Chesterton, volunteer – Brian Holmes, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), Dave Thompson

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mander, PCSO Sims
2. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chair thanked Cllrs Phare, Dennis and Warren, and Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council for their support and help with the project to tidy up the village,
3. **Co option – Dave Thompson:** Following their meeting with Dave Thompson earlier in the week, Cllrs Crick and Warren recommended co-option. Cllr Firkins proposed co-opting Dave Thompson, Cllr Warren seconded, unanimously agreed.
4. **Public questions:** Brian Holmes asked if the John Clerke Mid Devon District Council letter response would be discussed during the evening.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012,** Cllr Phare proposed signing the minutes as a true and correct record, Cllr Warren seconded, unanimously agreed.
6. **Matters arising - None**

#### 7. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – The Clerk read the report PCSO Sims submitted. Brian Holmes confirmed that 10 people have recently been stopped and fined for speeding in the village.

District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans – Cllr Brandon confirmed that the District Cllrs have had a briefing about Council Tax benefits being replaced and charges for empty properties being considered. Cllr Chesterton explained in some detail the saving that Mid Devon District Council will be making next year. Cllr Dennis asked Cllr Chesterton about subsidised Council Tax benefits, and whether the proposed savings next year would affect the Parish Precept.

Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council had asked for confirmation regarding the status of the proposed houses in Fir Close. Ray Stanley confirmed that the houses will be council houses. The Parish Council has also requested the housing needs figures for the parish.

19.30 District Cllr Evans joined the meeting.

District Cllr Evans confirmed that the Mid Devon District Council accounts have been signed off and all but the refurbished refuse fleet came in under budget.

County Councillor Radford – Cllr Radford joined the meeting later.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – item being covered by Cllrs Warren and Dennis. Cllr Ursell suggested that the Cenotaph needs cleaning. Cllr Dennis offered to talk to the person who unusually undertakes the task. **Action Cllr Dennis**

- 8. Round table update:** Cllr Dennis wrote to PC Rich regarding the number of heavy lorries passing through the village. The numbers continue to increase, although it is not local contractors but companies from away. Brian Holmes offered to include an article in the magazine. The Parish Council will respond quickly to John Clarkes letter, enclosing photographs. **Action Cllrs Ursell, Dennis**

19:37 County Cllr Radford joined the meeting and asked that the Parish Council let him know of any outstanding matters regarding the tidying up of the village.

Cllr Ursell asked if District Cllr Radford could look at the bridge schedule to see when work will commence. Cllr Crick confirmed that a flood warning had been issued today and asked if there is anything Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council can do? Cllr Dennis asked where sandbags would be available, Cllr Warren confirmed that the Environment Agency would action the distribution of sandbags. Cllr Dennis said a drain had collapsed next to Sommerville House and asked County Cllr Radford to pass on the information to the Parish Lengthsman. **Action County Cllr Radford**

- 9. Regulations regarding the sale of motor vehicles from home or the highway –** Cllr Dennis confirmed that up to four vehicles were being sold outside of Willand Rovers, the Enforcement Officer visited and took photographs. Since then only one car has been parked there. Cllr Dennis will try to confirm ownership of the land. Brian Holmes confirmed that the Police have been involved in removing a car that was for sale of the public highway.

## **10. Finance**

### **PAYMENTS**

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	£55.16
South West Water	Cemetery (estimate)	£8.72

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HMRC	NI and PAYE	£215.40
MDDC	Play equipment checks 1/4/11-31/03/13	£600.00
K Broom	Churchyard grass 9 of 12	£130.00
K Broom	Churchyard hedge	£80.00
British Legion	Wreath	£50.00

### **RECEIPTS**

MDDC	Precept	15467.00
Cemetery	Grave levelling	£100.00
Allotment	Rent	£601.75
Magazine	Advertising	£354.00

Cllr Warren proposed accepting the income and expenditure, Cllr Dennis seconded, unanimously agreed.

Project funding -  
 Jubilee Parish field enhancements - entrance  
 Skateboarding facilities  
 South View play area

Cllr Ursell asked if it would be best to group all of the projects together for funding requests. Cllr Dennis conformed that he would like to see the South view Play area completed as it is well used. Cllr Crick asked about the funding of the South View Play area, Cllr Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council have not made any decisions yet. Cllr Firkins confirmed that there is no drop kerb where the proposed enhanced entrance to the Jubilee field would be and which council should be asked. District Cllr Chesterton suggested asking Steve Densham of Mid Devon District Council in the first instance. Cllr Firkins requested a decision be made as to hosting an event such as the Jubilee again next year. Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllrs should bring a brief description of each project idea to be considered at the next full council meeting. A meeting can then be arranged with Steve Densham, the Ward Cllrs and the Parish Council.

### **11. Meeting dates:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October Planning and Environment committee meetings  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November Full Council and Planning committee meetings  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November Community Sub committee meeting  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Planning and Environment committee meetings

**12. Parish Walk:** The Clerk will ensure that the repairs needed following the last walk have been completed and liaise with Mike Wright to arrange the date of the next walk. **Action Clerk**

### **13. Communications received:**

10<sup>th</sup> September -Allotment holder's pond requested passed to Environment committee – Sept meeting

Local Plan - Consultation with Town and Parish Councils – emailed to Cllrs 17<sup>th</sup> September

Village tidy up report – forwarded to all Cllrs

**Meeting closed: 20:13**

**Cllr Ray Ursell**

**Chair Willand Parish Council**