



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2012 AT 19:00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Crick, Ursell, Warren, Wilcox, Dennis, Cllrs Thompson, Mander and Phare although not committee members, 1 x member of the public, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Metherell

**2. Minutes of the meetings held**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012 Planning Committee -The amended version of the minutes was forwarded to Cllr Firkins for agreement and declined. Cllr Firkin did not provide additional information as requested. Cllr Warren proposed signing the original minutes as a true and correct record, Cllr Dennis seconded, unanimously agreed.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 - Planning Committee Cllr Ursell proposed signing the minutes as a true and correct record, Cllr Dennis seconded, unanimously agreed.

**3. Applications**

**a. 12/01463/TPO**

Proposal: Application to carry out works to 1 Weeping Willow protected by Tree Preservation Order 04/00011/TPO  
Location: Woodsmoke Cottage Willand

No objections, but permission should be granted subject to the Mid Devon District Council's Arboriculturalist report and the work carried out by a qualified tree surgeon. Proposed Cllr Warren, seconded Cllr Ursell, unanimously agreed.

**b. 12/01518/MFUL (Halberton)**

Proposal: Change of use from agriculture to solar farm with agriculture to generate up to 3.08MW of energy (Site 9.41 hectares)  
Location: Land at NGR 302039 111983 (Nethermill Farm)  
Willand

Willand Planning Committee objects to this application as is against setting the precedent of using a flood plain for a development. The committee is also against agricultural land being changed to industrial land, unless all other avenues have been fully explored as set out in MDDC policy document LP3.

Should the application be successful the planning committee would like a condition that the land reverts to agricultural use after 25 years or if the business should close. Willand Planning Committee is concerned that Willand and the neighbouring areas will be surrounded by large scale solar developments such as this one which wouldn't be a desirable outcome.

**c. 12/01541/TPO**

Proposal: Application to carry out works to 1 Ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 96/00014/TPO

Location: 30 Pear Drive Willand

No objections, but permission should be granted subject to the Mid Devon District Council's Arboriculturalist report and the work carried out by a qualified tree surgeon. Proposed by Cllr Dennis, seconded by Cllr Wilcox, unanimously agreed

**d. 12/01550/FULL**

Proposal: Installation of solid wood doors to existing garage and wood store

Location: Redgates Farmhouse Old Jaycroft Willand

No objections, proposed by Cllr Ursell, seconded by Cllr Warren, unanimously agreed.

**e. 12/01282/CLU (additional information)**

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a residential dwelling as two separate dwellings

Location: 22 and 22a Chestnut Drive Willand

An emergency meeting was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, so that any observations could be submitted within the timescale. A copy of the letter submitted attached.

**4. Decisions**

**a. 12/01141/FULL**

Proposal: Installation of air conditioning condensing unit

Location: EDF Energy Plc Unit C5 Ethmar Court Four Cross Avenue Willand

Permission granted

**b. 12/01232/CLP**

Location: Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed installation of replacement windows

Location: Culm Park Willand

Permission granted

c. 12/01326/FULL

Proposal: Erection of single storey portacabin to house changing rooms, showers and wcs

Location: Willand Rovers Football Club Silver Street Willand

Permission granted

5. **Oakdale** – Cllr Dennis received an email from District Cllr Brandon confirming that the decision has yet to be made to determine if this application will go before the Mid Devon District Council Planning Committee. Cllr Dennis will continue to liaise with District Cllr Brandon and the planning committee. **Action Cllr Dennis**
6. **Speeding traffic Silver Street** – Cllr Warren confirmed that PC Rich and PCSO Sims have stated there is a speeding problem. The next step will be approving the site for mobile speed checks. A meeting with County Cllr Radford will have to be arranged. In the meantime the volunteer speed initiative will continue and PCSO Sims will submit an article for the village magazine. The parking problems on Silver Street will be addressed in conjunction with the speeding issues.
7. **Response to John Clarke's letter** – Cllrs Ursell will send a letter. **Action Cllr Ursell**
8. **Fir Close proposed houses status of** – Cllrs Dennis and Ursell waiting for the housing needs figures, to challenge the difference of figures. **Action Cllrs Ursell, Dennis**

**Meeting closed: 19:52**

**Cllr Nigel Crick**

**Chair Willand Planning**