



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

#### MINUTES

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

**1. Apologies:** District Cllr Evans

Cllr Dennis informed the committee that Tony Appleby a previous Clerk to the Parish has passed away recently.

**2. Chairman's announcements:** The committee Chairs, Cllrs Dennis, Firkins, Jonathan Guscott and District Cllr Chesterton will be meeting with the Gables developers, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. The meeting notes will be circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Ursell thanked the following for their donations towards the cost of Christmas lights:

Mike Wright  
Willand Pharmacy  
The Halfway House

**3. Public questions:** None

**4. Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Cllr Warren proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr Phare seconded, unanimously agreed.

**5. Reports:**

Devon and Cornwall Police – PCSO Sims joined the meeting later.

District Councillors Brandon and Chesterton – District Cllr Chesterton confirmed CIL contributions to local communities will be 15%, communities with a Neighbourhood Plan will received 25%. The savings Mid Devon District Council will have to make in the next financial year will not be as bad as anticipated, although more savings will have to be made the following year and the Parish Precepts for 2014-15 may be capped.

County Councillor Radford – Devon County Council is trying to maintain a 0% Council Tax increase.

The Somerville parking problems will only be resolved by the use of double yellow lines, this would not be an appropriate response. Cllr Warren will submit an article to the village magazine urging parishioners to report obstructions as they occur to the Police on the 101 telephone number.

Six recommendations will be considered following the Devon County Council PLACE Scrutiny Committee meeting, Cllr Warren circulated the meeting report to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Devon County Council is keen to increase the amount of recycling.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – Cllr Warren met with Willy Pike earlier today to discuss ongoing issues.

- 6. Round table update:** Cllr Dennis – the Mid Devon Business Park site has now been adopted by Devon County Council. Paul Ewing will ask if some of the night lighting can be reduced.

Cllr Firkins – the churchyard wall planning application has been submitted. Storage will be required for the stones that are removed and that will be used for the future repair of the other wall. Building specifications have been sent out to the companies invited to tender.

## **7. Finance**

### **PAYMENTS**

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Hospitality	£35.09
SWW	Cemetery – actual	£11.60
SWW	Allotment – actual	£7.68
HMRC	NI and PAYE	£215.60
Blachere Illuminations	Christmas lights	£3102.96

### **RECEIPTS**

Cemetery	Memorial	£155.00
Magazine	Advertising	£267.00

Precept request for approval – The proposed Precept was discussed in detail at the Finance and Admin meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December. The proposed increase of 4.5% would mean an approximate increase of 80-90p in Council Tax per house for the year. The Precept has remained the same for the last three years, although the cost of services provided has increased and the Parish Council now has to pay for more services that Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council used to provide. Cllr Warren proposed accepting the proposed Precept, Cllr Mander seconded, unanimously agreed.

Preschool request for donation –\$106 money cannot be used as it is not for open space. County Cllr Radford may be able to assist.

## **9. Meeting dates**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Planning and Environment committee meetings

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Full Council and Planning committee meetings  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Planning and Environment committee meetings

**10. Communications received:**

MDDC – Consultation on electronic planning applications – to be discussed at Planning meeting 10/01/13

Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – request for donation – The Clerk will write and explain that the Parish Council no longer allocates donations or grants and suggest they write to Willand United Charities.

19:30 PCSO Sims joined the meeting and delivered his monthly report. He confirmed that any obstructions on Somerville Road will be dealt with on an individual basis. PCSO Sims reiterated that parishioners should phone 101 when the obstruction takes place. A new member has joined the Community Speed Check team and Silver Street should be approved as a suitable site for the Safety Camera Partnership van once the data has been compiled. PCSO Sims will ask Phil Collins of Mid Devon District Council to arrange for the cars being sold from along Silver Street to be removed again as he did previously. The issue of a heavy goods vehicle parking in Orchard Way will be dealt with by VOSA .

**Meeting closed: 19:47**

**Cllr Ray Ursell**

**Chair Willand Parish Council**