



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Ursell, Warren, Mander, Dennis, Wilcox, Thompson, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, PCSO Sims, volunteer Brian Holmes, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Metherell, Phare, Firkins, District Cllr Chesterton
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Cllr Metherell has indicated that with current circumstances she is unable to carry out all the functions of a Parish Councillor. Rather than stand down she has agreed to take a leave of absence for three months before considering her position. Brian Holmes asked if an article seeking a Cllr should be submitted in the village magazine and the Star newspaper. This was agreed. A Part II meeting will follow this meeting to update Cllrs about the Gables.
3. **Public questions:** A member of the public stated that attendance by Doctors at the surgery getting worse. Cllr Warren confirmed that the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and pursue if necessary via the PCT. A member of the public asked about the hedge cutting in the village. Cllr Warren confirmed that some notices have been served by Devon County Council but the work has not yet been carried out. The Parish Council will continue to monitor.

PCSO Sims joined the meeting

A member of the public asked if any more could be done to try and ease the parking in Somerville Road. PCSO Sims reiterated the need for parishioners to report incidents using the non emergency telephone number to enable complaints to be logged on the Police system. PCSO Sims will consider a leaflet drop – on the windscreens of badly parked cars.

#### 4. **Minutes of the meeting held**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Cllr Warren proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr Dennis seconded, unanimously agreed.

## 5. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – PCSO Sims confirmed a burglary in Beech Close on 5<sup>th</sup> February. PCSO Sims urged parishioners to be wary if someone offers to work on their property and they are not from the area.

District Councillor Brandon – Mid Devon District Council is considering bringing back a standards committee. Housing Benefit reforms will mean a loss of 14% allowance for a spare bedroom, 2 spare bedrooms would mean a loss of 25%. This could help families wanting to move to a larger property. Cllr Brandon fed back information to the Parish Council following the 2 letters she had recently received. Cllr Dennis thanked District Cllr Brandon for the answers she supplied. County Councillor Radford – the Parish Council thanked County Cllr Radford for his speed in responding to the Parish Council letters. Cllr Radford confirmed that the Mid Devon Business Park has not been adopted despite being previously advised that it had been. Work will commence on the pedestrian bridge in February. The cost of the Gables site has not yet been confirmed. Cllr Dennis asked who manages the Mid Devon District Council Planning Committee meetings as the meetings are very muddled.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and safety – areas for attention – Cllr Warren suggested this be removed from agenda as another system is being used.

## 6. Round table update: None

## 7. Finance

### PAYMENTS

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	£27.23
Astra Printing Group	Magazine	£885.00
MDDC	Churchyard Wall planning application	£97.50
William Browne	Hedge planting Cemetery	£1171.80
Knighton Tool Supplies	Litter pick equipment	£36.90

### RECEIPTS

Jubilee	Donation	£100.00
Allotment	Rent	£78.75
Cemetery	Memorial	£310.00
Magazine	Advertising	£133.50

## 8. Parish Walk – date to be confirmed – The Clerk will ask Mike Wright for suitable dates in March.

## 9. Meeting dates

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February Planning and Environment committee meetings

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Full Council and Planning committee meetings

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Finance and Administration committee meeting  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Planning and Environment committee meeting

**10. Communications received:**

MDDC Local Plan Part 3 Minor Modifications – Planning Committee  
London & Devonshire Trust - reply forwarded to Cllr Dennis 10<sup>th</sup> January  
SWW 25 Year Future Handbook – tabled at meeting  
MDDC – Supplementary Planning Document – Parking Provision – Cllr Warren  
MDDC Local Plan Part 3 Examination Hearing – Cllr Warren  
Clerks and Councils Direct – tabled at meeting  
Alder King – Land at Great Curham Farm, Ash Thomas revised plan – Cllr Warren  
MDDC – play equipment check – emailed to Cllrs – Environment committee

**Meeting closed: 19:50**

**Cllr Ray Ursell**

**Chair Willand Planning Council**