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THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2013 FOLLOWING THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Warren, Ursell, Wilcox, Dennis, Mander, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk) volunteer Brian Holmes, County Cllr Radford, District Cllr Brandon, 3 members of the public, Cllr Thompson although not a committee member

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Metherell, Firkins
2. **Welcomed Cllr Mander to the committee**
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Speeding is not on this month's agenda as the Parish Council is waiting for feedback from Devon County Council and the Police.
4. **Minutes of the meetings held:**
 Thursday 24th January 2013 Planning Committee, Cllr Dennis proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr Wilcox seconded, unanimously agreed
5. **Applications:** Chair asked members to agree to application e being considered first to accommodate the members of the public present. **Agreed**

e. 13/00111/FULL (Halberton)

Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to dwelling and use of surrounding land for residential purposes
 Location: Muxbeare Orchard, Muxbeare Lane, Willand.

Cllr Mander declared an interest and after explanation Chair advised he did not consider it prevented him from speaking or voting if he wished. Cllr Wilcox declared knowing the applicants.

Two members of the public present expressed their views objecting to the application.

Following a discussion Cllr Ursell proposed registering objection to the application, Cllr Dennis seconded. Chair asked for any amendments and there were none. On a vote 2 Cllrs voted in favour of the proposal and 2 Cllrs voted against the proposal.

Cllr Warren cast his vote against the proposal. This left Council neither supporting nor objecting to the application. Cllrs Dennis & Ursell asked that their vote for objecting to the proposal be noted in the minutes.

Following the decision Cllr Dennis resigned from the committee and left the meeting at 20:40.

a. 13/00073/TPO

Proposal: Application to carry out works to 6 Sycamore trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 74/00015/TPO

Location: Land at NGR 303250 110816 Meadow Park Willand

No objections, proposed Cllr Mander, seconded Cllr Wilcox, unanimously agreed.

b. 12/01664/MFUL (Halberton) (amended description, revised, drawings and additional information)

Proposal: Change of use of land from agriculture to the installation and operation of solar PV park to generate up to 8.46MW of power (site 20.83 hectares) to include associated infrastructure

Location: Land at NGR 300991 111214 (Great Curham Farm) Brithem Bottom

Cllr Mander proposed objecting to the revised application, seconded Cllr Ursell, unanimously agreed.

Willand Planning Committee will update and reiterate the comments it submitted previously.

c. 13/00121/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a 2 storey extension

Location: 10 Champion Court Willand

No objections, proposed Cllr Mander, seconded Cllr Ursell unanimously agreed.

d. 13/00130/FULL

Proposal: Application to replace extant planning permission 10/00167/FULL (to extend time limit). Erection of an extension between dwelling and garage

Location: 6 Harpitt Close Willand

No objections, proposed Cllr Wilcox, seconded Cllr Ursell, unanimously agreed.

6. Decisions**a. 12/01716/TPO**

Proposal: Application to reduce the height of 1 Yew tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 67/00006/TPO
 Location: 37 Townlands Willand
 Permission granted

b. 12/00675/FULL

Proposal: Erection of dwelling
 Location: Oakdale North Jaycroft Willand
 Permission granted

7. Grit Bins and Gritting: postponed until the next meeting.

8. Plum footpath link to Victoria Close: Cllr Thompson outlined the problem and possible solution. Cllr Warren had visited the site with Cllr Dennis and asked if more light would penetrate if the Conifer tree near the bend were removed? The Planning Committee decided to ask the District Cllrs and County Cllr for assistance in the hope of achieving the light heads being turned. Dist Cllr Mrs Brandon present and agreed to look into issue.

9. Pavement/footpath letter: Two letters were sent independently to the District and County Cllrs, County Cllr Radford replied promptly and District Cllr Brandon supplied answers at the earlier Full Council meeting. Cleaning of selected pavements/footpaths once every couple of months with the hand machine would ease the problem.

10. Examine the impact of the new community rights: no action

11. Performance of MDDC Planning Committee: A number of Cllrs are unhappy with the way in which the planning system and in particular meetings are managed by Mid Devon District Council. Many of these issues are well documented. Various options and actions were discussed. The Planning Committee were made aware that District Cllr Chesterton has received a number of representations and was looking into the matter. It was agreed that Chair would email Councillor Chesterton briefly reinforcing our concerns but would take no further action at this stage to give him the opportunity to action and give feedback. This will then be discussed further at the next meeting. **Action Chair**

Meeting closed: 21:20

Cllr Barry Warren

Chair Willand Planning Committee