



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2012 19:00 WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Ursell, Dennis, Phare, Firkins, District Cllr Brandon, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Ursell welcomed those present to the committee.

1. Election of Chair: Cllr Phare proposed Cllr Ursell, Cllr Ursell accepted, Cllr Dennis Seconded, unanimously agreed. It was agreed that as committee members District Cllr Brandon and County Cllr Radford will be entitled to vote.

2. Apologies: Cllr Metherell, County Cllr Radford

3. Gables update The committee members undertook a site visit of the stables in the Gables grounds. Cllr Firkins and Ursell explained the three options available:-

1. Demolish the building and erect a new purpose built structure.
2. Keep the stables buildings, refurbish it and extend.
3. Keep a nominal amount of the heritage building and build a new structure.

This raised the question which option would the parishioners and planning officers prefer? Cllr Firkins confirmed that it would be more cost effective to rebuild but it was thought that the parishioners may prefer that the existing building was used. Cllr Firkins confirmed that the roofs of the property would not need replacing and that the roof of an extension could be new but in keeping with the existing roof. Cllr Dennis confirmed that he had previously attempted to get the Gables registered as a listed building as it is of the same style as the Methodist Church, Dental Practice and Somerville House.

Cllr Dennis offered to invite Sue Warren – MDDC Conservationist and Jonathan Guscott – Planning Officer to view the property. Cllrs Ursell and Dennis offered to prepare a tender document to Devon County Council stating what the Parish Council would like to do to the building and how the building will be a valuable asset to the village. Cllrs Ursell and Dennis will also explore the funding options available. Cllr Ursell suggested the committee communicate by email, discussing all of the things that need to be considered to start off the project.

- 4. Community Sub Committee – the way forward:** - Cllr Ursell asked if the committee should consider hosting an event similar to this year's Jubilee celebrations next year. It was agreed that members should consider this, take the views of others in the village and respond to the group by email. It was agreed that committee meetings will be held quarterly and that a report of each meeting will be given to the Full Council. Most of the work of the committee will be outside of the meeting using email or other methods. Notes will be kept of discussions and decisions which will be presented for approval at each meeting and published with the meeting minutes.

Cllr Ursell will send out the discussion framework for the subjects which need to be explored initially:

- The Gables – provision of community services
- Possible 2013 village event
- How to understand what a strong community is and therefore how to provide appropriate support.

Cllr Firkins suggested that as there is no formal access to the Jubilee Parish Field an enhanced entrance and dropped kerb could be constructed at the Gable Lea entrance to the field. This would make entering the field at such an event much easier. Cllr Firkins showed the committee a sketch he had drawn showing how the entrance could look, It was noted that this area of the field is owned by Mid Devon District Council.

Meeting closed: 20:30

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Community Sub Committee