



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

*PLEASE NOTE: All Council Meetings are electronically recorded in the interests of accuracy.*

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Ursell, Phare, Warren, Wilcox, Firkins, Thompson, Grantham, Myers, Mander, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Brandon, Volunteer Brian Holmes, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman, 1 x member of public

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr Chesterton
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded.
3. **Public questions:** A member of the public confirmed that the hedge clippings at the back of Fir Close garages have been removed. They confirmed that the Christmas lights were very nice. Unfortunately someone is letting their dog mess in the churchyard. – Cllr Ursell will include this in his next magazine article, the MDDC dog warden will also be informed. **Action Cllr Ursell, Clerk**
4. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013, amended
  - a) to remove the reference to MDDC leader talking to Mr Guscott – this was a misunderstanding
  - b) to correct the spelling of a District Councillors name.
 Cllr Warren Proposed, Cllr Phare Seconded that they be signed as a true and correct record, unanimously agreed
5. **Matters arising:** None
6. **Reports**

Devon and Cornwall Police – report forwarded to Cllrs 6<sup>th</sup> January.  
District Councillor Brandon confirmed that she is following up the planning issues. Cllr Brandon is attending a Waste Plan consultation next week. Cllrs Brandon and Evans met with Lucy Brailsford to discuss the proposed plans for Junction 27.

County Cllr Radford also confirmed that if, during the setup of the community centre, the project failed, there may be a requirement to repay the DCC grant. After the Community Centre is established and if it were to close, there would not be a requirement to repay the grant. Cllr Warren confirmed that the agreement states that money could be claimed back by DCC if the project does not meet conclusion. County Cllr Radford confirmed a £6.1 million overspend in the Adult and Child Protection budget, John Clatworthy is confident that he will be able to balance the budget at the end of this year.

- 7. Round table update:** Cllr Warren has received a message regarding the misuse of Jubilee bench. Cllr Firkins confirmed that the bench has not been damaged. Brian Holmes confirmed that he is waiting for William Pike DCC to sanction in writing that although funds are not available to maintain the finger post sign at The Old School House, maintenance work may be carried out by anyone approved by DCC. Cllr Warren confirmed that he is liaising with Sue Warren of MDDC about the sign.

## **8. Finance:**

### **PAYMENTS**

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	£16.00
T Leaman	Hospitality	£27.27
Brian Bussell	Cemetery grass – additional cut	£76.67
HAGS	Play equipment	£15516.00
Countrywide	Jubilee Parish field grass Dec	£122.86
SWW	Willand Allotments (actual)	£216.23
SWW	Cemetery (actual)	£15.39
HMRC	PAYE/NI	£233.40
Astra Printing Group	Magazine	£937.95
Ray Ursell	Fundraising book	£25.50

### **RECEIPTS**

MDDC	TAP Fund	£1902.00
Magazine	Advertising	£619.50

Payments Proposed Cllr Firkins, Seconded Cllr Phare, unanimously agreed. Approval of proposed precept, amended figures include an increased insurance allowance and adjusted magazine figures. Proposed Cllr Firkins, Seconded, Cllr Myers, unanimously agreed.

## **9. The Gables:**

Update – Simon Johnson, MDDC solicitor, has not been copying our Solicitor in correspondence. District Cllr Chesterton has today asked that they do so, so the situation should improve. Cllr Phare is setting up accounts with local building suppliers although there will be no obligation to use the accounts. The structural survey took place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January although the Parish Council has not yet

received the detailed report Cllr Firkins confirmed that the Surveyor stated that no further asbestos was identified. Rules concerning the management of artex have changed. Some damp areas were identified – these will be covered in the report but it is felt that these are not considered to be serious. The property is good for renovation with no woodworm or dry rot. Care will be needed if limited internal demolition in the proposed café area is carried out to prevent roof spread. The Surveyor valued the site at £185,000-£200,000.00. The rebuild costs will be included in the final report.

At the last meeting a Notice of Motion proposed that the Chair and Clerk should sign the conveyancing paperwork. The Standing Orders confirm that 2 members sign and the Clerk witnesses. Cllr Ursell Proposed that Cllr Phare become the second signatory, Cllr Mander Seconded, unanimously agreed.

#### **10. Meeting dates:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Planning and Environment committee meetings

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Parish Walk

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Community Sub Committee – if required

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Full Council and Planning committee meetings

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Planning and Environment committee meetings

#### **11. Communications received:**

Neil Parish MP reply – forwarded to Cllrs 5<sup>th</sup> December

Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension – Second Consultation – agreed to respond – repeat original observations. Submission by 1<sup>st</sup> February

Parishioner – email request for sign to Parish Church – the Parish Council have no objections if church would like to provide a sign. They should contact DCC.

DCC Laura Gadd – re Village is a mess campaign – A generic letter to send to residents has been prepared. Agreed to pass this to the Environment Committee for review and to decide whether to adopt this letter.

Memorial request – Cllr Warren proposed no charge Seconded Cllr Mander – unanimously agreed

DCC Accommodation Strategy for older people in Devon – tabled at meeting

Western Power Distribution Workshops – emailed to Cllrs 31<sup>st</sup> December – attendee required – Parish Council will not attend.

**Meeting closed: 19:40**

**Cllr Ray Ursell**

**Chair Willand Parish Council**