



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

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

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**Present:** Cllrs Phare, Warren, Wilcox, Firkins, Mander, Grantham, Myers, County Cllr Radford, District Cllr Chesterton, Volunteer Brian Holmes, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman, 1 x members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Ursell, District Cllr Brandon. In the absence of Councillor Ursell Counsellor Phare took the Chair.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded. Cllrs Warren and Ursell were thanked for last week's excellent Local Development Plan village consultation which was very well attended.
3. **Public questions:** The member of the public confirmed that she was the only one who attended last night's Police liaison meeting. The Clerk will ask PCSO Sims how the meetings are publicised and the schedule. **Action Clerk**

19:05 Cllr Firkins and District Cllr Chesterton joined the meeting

4. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Mander, 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 prior to the meeting. PCSO Sims offered to speak with any Cllrs regarding the new report, Brian Holmes offered to liaise with PCSO Sims.

District Councillor Chesterton – MDDC has frozen its share of the council tax. Cllr Warren asked District Cllr Chesterton's advice regarding MDDCs Chief Executive's lack of correct reply or apology in relation to a 'redaction' enquiry.

District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that he has requested the Chief Executive send an apology to Willand Parish Council and is unsure that he can achieve further action from the Chief Executive. Dissatisfaction was expressed to Councillor Chesterton as to the apparent lack of management of the Chief Executive by the Leader or Cabinet Member/Ward Councillor. Alternatively it was asked if the MDDC Leader condoned the actions of the Chief Executive. Councillor Chesterton declined an answer to that point. Cllr Warren asked District Cllr Chesterton about the current planning application for Hitchcock's Farm. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that meetings have taken place on site with the land owner, Head of Planning, Area Planning Officer and District Cllrs Chesterton and Brandon. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that the applicant is keen to replace redundant farm buildings with industrial units under farm regeneration rules and that the Planning Officers met with the applicant to discuss his intentions for the site as a whole. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that nothing has been agreed at this stage although the building is almost complete. Operations are currently going on in buildings that have not had planning permission granted, this issue was raised with John Clerk last year, Thea Billeter is now liaising with the applicant about this. The applicant is contacting the Clerks of Willand, Halberton and Uffculme to arrange meetings with the Parish Councils. Cllr Warren advised that the developers of the Portway site are continuing to fail to comply with the planning conditions imposed. House 3 has been built in the wrong place, a ditch has been dug in a tree root protection area and a fence has been erected in the wrong place by 2 metres. District Cllr Chesterton will continue to ask Thea Billeter. Cllr Grantham sought confirmation of the Junction 27 procedure, District Cllr Chesterton confirmed.

**Action District Cllr Chesterton**

County Cllr Radford confirmed that Halberton Parish Council rejected the Junctions 27 proposal and supported Cullompton's proposals. DCC has increased its council tax portion by 1.99%. County Cllr Radford explained how the DCC budget has shrunk over the last few years, the cost of DCC Care Home places V private Care Home, increased potholes repair work and the cost of bus passes. The Parish Council questioned the cost of bus journeys to DCC, County Cllr Radford offered to make enquiries and confirm his findings. **Action County Cllr Radford**

- 7. Round table update:** Cllr Grantham confirmed that Halberton is hosting a meeting on fracking, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Cllr Mander and Grantham to attend. The Blue Cross will be holding a Summer Fair in Willand. As the Parish Council have not received a response from MDDC following its Jubilee Parish Field proposal District Cllr Chesterton offered to make enquiries before the next Environment committee meeting. **Action District Cllr Chesterton**

## **8. Finance:**

### **PAYMENTS**

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	£40.20
T Leaman	Hospitality	£31.37

Astra Printing Group	Magazine	£937.95
Countrywide	Jubilee Parish Field grass	£122.86
SWW	Allotment (Estimate)	£98.13
SWW	Cemetery (Estimate)	£10.01

### **RECEIPTS**

Cemetery	Fees	£1686.00
Magazine	Advertising	£196.00

Expenditure Proposed Cllr Firkins, Seconded Cllr Myers, unanimously agreed.

**9. The Gables:** Cllr Ursell emailed confirmation that the agreement for the Parish Council to acquire the Gables site is in two parts – the S106 agreement and the conveyancing document. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed MDDC Solicitor considered that MDDC should also be a signatory to the conveyance document between Westhaven Homes and Willand Parish Council.

**10. Health and Safety** – postponed to next meeting

### **11. Meeting dates:**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March Finance and Administration and Community Sub Committee meetings

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

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April Full Council and Planning committee meetings

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

### **12. Communications received:**

MDDC – Peter Hare-Scott response – forwarded to Cllrs 7<sup>th</sup> February

DCC – Adult Residential Care Services Review – Consultation ends 26<sup>th</sup> March

DCC - Adult Social Care Day Services – Consultation ends 19<sup>th</sup> March

Letter from parishioner re: Junction 27 Development – 20<sup>th</sup> February

Copy of letter to MDDC from parishioner re: Junction 27 Development - 4<sup>th</sup> March

Email from parishioner re: Junction 27 development – 6<sup>th</sup> March

Cathy Lynch MDDC Tree Officer - 5 day notification for the felling of a mature Walnut tree in Gables Lea due to serious concerns regarding the safety of the tree

2 x Emails from Clive Billenness re: Church wall - 28<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Meeting closed: 19:55**

**Cllr Richard Phare**

**Chair Willand Parish Council**