



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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, Firkins, Thompson, Grantham, District Cllr Brandon, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Wilcox, Mander, PCSO Sims, County Cllr Radford, District Cllrs Chesterton, Evans
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded.
3. **Public questions:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Grantham, that they be signed as a true and correct record, unanimously agreed.
5. **Matters arising**  
Police Liaison Meeting attendance, it was a Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators meeting.

#### 6. Reports

Devon and Cornwall Police – report forwarded to Cllrs 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

District Cllr Chesterton confirmed to Cllr Ursell that MDDC have been having favourable discussions regarding Willand Parish Council becoming responsible for the Jubilee Parish Field. MDDC are currently considering whether their land from the tennis courts to the building has value for development.

District Councillor Brandon – Confirmed the CIL levy would be £100.00 per dwelling if a Neighbourhood Plan has not been drafted. A meeting will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10am Mayoralty room, Town Hall, Tiverton to discuss the Durban Works application. The new refuse collection timetable is now being implemented. Cllr Warren confirmed that the Officer's Report for the Durban

Works application is very weak as the site is being used and new leases are being offered.

19:15 Cllr Firkins joined the meeting

County Councillor Radford – apologies sent.

- 7. Round table update:** Cllr Thompson confirmed that one of the gates in the Victoria Park play area has been fixed.

## **8. Finance**

### **PAYMENTS**

T Leaman	Office expenses, telephone and internet	£21.00
T Leaman	Stationary	£26.06
Countrywide	Jubilee Parish Field grass	£122.86
Astra Printing Group	MDDC Local Plan event leaflets	£174.00
Ken Broom	Clearing churchyard and cut 12 of 12	£180.00
HMRC	NI/PAYE	£223.40
MDDC	Play equipment checks	£150.00

### **RECEIPTS**

Cemetery	Fees	£265.00
Magazine	Advertising	£218.00
MDDC	Precept	£16976.50

Expenditure Proposed Cllr Phare, Seconded Cllr Thompson, unanimously agreed. Audit paperwork received, and will have been approved by the internal auditor by the end of April. HMRC end of year submitted. Cllr Ursell will apply for the full amount available from the TAPS fund for the Gables.

## **9. MDDC complaint**

Notice of motion, Proposed Cllr Warren on behalf of Willand Planning, Lighting and Transportation committee, Seconded Cllr Phare, unanimously agreed.

That Willand Parish Council has lost confidence in Mr K Finan, the Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council [MDDC] to effectively deal with issues raised with him by the Parish Council in a correct and professional manner, one befitting his position. He has failed to deal with a complaint in accord with MDDC's own policy and persisted with an explanation shown to be incorrect; that he has failed to deal with an enquiry concerning censorship of a public document in a helpful manner and when challenged responded with erroneous information which when shown to be completely wrong he has failed to correct or apologise for and furthermore has told the Leader of MDDC and a District Councillor/Cabinet Member that he will not respond to the Parish Council further. That he has failed

through these acts, and others, to show respect to Willand Parish Council as representatives of the local community.

Furthermore Willand Parish Council is beginning to have concerns in Councillor Hare-Scott, Leader of MDDC, in that he is either unable or indeed unwilling to ensure that the Chief Executive acts in a professional and respectful manner in accord with MDDC policies.

Full documentary evidence is available to support the motion and has been available to all concerned throughout the process. The Parish Council registered concern that none of the District Cllrs that are members of the Lead Group were present. A letter will be sent to Amy Tregellas MDDC Monitoring Officer. **Action Clerk, Cllr Warren**

**10. The Gables:** The figures for the costs of refurbishing/rebuilding the site will be available at the Community Sub Committee on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, a decision can then be made at that meeting. Cllr Ursell is continuing to check the setup of different charities.

**11. Health and Safety:** Cllr Thompson updated the committee. The Employers Liability Certificate will be photo copied and sent to John Holmes with a Health and Safety poster. The Clerk is aware of the recommendations and the Parish Council will support any requirements necessary to meet the recommendations if so required. A generic Health and Safety assessment will meet the needs of the Clerk and Cllr Thompson will draft a minimum Health and Safety assessment for the Litter Picker. The PC and projector will need PAT testing next year. **Action Cllr Thompson, Clerk**

**12. Meeting dates:**

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

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Walk, 2.30pm – Village Hall car park

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Community Sub Committee meeting

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Meeting, Full Council and Planning committee meetings

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Planning and Environment committee meetings

**13. Communications received:**

2 x Emails from parishioners re: MDCC Local Plan Review – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Cllr Grantham received a complaint from a parishioner re the smell emanating from Hook 2 Sisters

Copy of letter to MDDC from parishioner re: MDCC Local Plan Review – 13<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of letter to MDDC from parishioners re MDCC Local Plan Review – 14<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of letter to MDDC from parishioner re: MDCC Local Plan Review – 17<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of letter to MDDC from Uffculme resident re: Hitchcock's Farm planning application – 17<sup>th</sup> March

Email from Parishioner re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 18<sup>th</sup> March

6 x Copies of letters to MDDC from parishioners re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 19<sup>th</sup> March

MDDC Open Space and Play Area Study – forwarded to Cllrs 19<sup>th</sup> March – to be completed by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Copy of letter to MDDC from parishioner re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of Uffculme Parish Council's letter: re MDDC Local Plan Review – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of letter to MDDC from parishioner re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 20<sup>th</sup> March

2 x Copies of letters to MDDC from parishioners re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 21<sup>st</sup> March

10 x Copies of letter to MDDC from parishioner re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 24<sup>th</sup> March

1 x Email from parishioner re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of Cullompton Town Council's letter re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 28<sup>th</sup> March

Copy of letter to MDDC from Uffculme parishioner re: MDDC Local Plan Review – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Email from parishioner re: Church Holly tree – confirming the Parish Council have not contacted them – Cllr Firkins to contact this week

DCC - Devon County Council's Library Service Review/ Children's Centres Review – forwarded to Cllrs 2<sup>nd</sup> April

The Parish Council is very grateful for all of the letters received regarding the Junction 27 consultation. They have provided a clear picture of the Parish's view.

**Meeting closed: 19:55**

**Cllr Ray Ursell**

**Chair Willand Parish Council**