



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2015 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Grantham, Mander, Phare, Ursell, Warren, Wilcox, PCSO Jonathan Sims. Clerk K Taylor

1. **Apologies:** MDDC Cllr Evans, Brandon, DCC Cllr Radford
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded
3. **Public questions** - no members of the public were present
4. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 12 March 2015 Proposed Cllr Warren, seconded Cllr Phare, unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.
5. **Matters arising**
 - a) Play areas – A letter had been sent to Adrian Cook so far not responded and copied to MDDC Cllrs but again they had not formally responded. Members of the public are still showing concern and support. The green space and play area report has been finished. Too large to send out by email but is available on Disk. Will be put on the website when agreed. Cllr Chesterton had raised concerns with the Leader of the Council and had been informed that the report had been pulled from Cabinet but he was not sure why.
6. **Reports**
 - a) Devon and Cornwall Police
PCSO Simms apologised for not attending the Parish Council more often will come when he is able but the Police are very restricted with staffing at the moment. Crime within Willand quite low. On 22 March there were theft of ornaments from Campion Court, dog crime near Verbeer Manor basically dog biting, and 3 thefts of fuel from the lorry park near Hitchcocks Farm. Had another break in Hitchcocks Farm this week – very vulnerable close to M5 & A38 but have given advice to companies there. Racially aggravated graffiti in park as reported by the Parish Council, not sure if it is linked to the bench episode but similar wording. There is not an investigation at the moment but have the photo evidence if there are more occurrences. Five crimes in March, last year there were three so it is showing a slight increase. Must question if it is quiet because crimes are not being reported. Very little underage drinking going

on at the moment, but illegal highs are on the increase. So far this year the police have attended 24 incidents 6 transport related the rest related to public safety. The force in general spends a large amount of time dealing with domestic violence. More illegal highs than underage drinking at the moment.

Sgt Dave Mcfadden is looking to roll out a similar system he operates in Crediton & Tiverton. He holds a Police meeting for local Parish Cllrs every six months where they can discuss with local towns and parishes issues that affect the area. The Parish Council will still get a monthly report and he would attend meetings when possible.

In response to a question about the spate of crimes along the B3181 PCSO Sims was able to confirm that four individuals were going through the court system at the present time, arrested for other offences these crimes were being taken into consideration. Since they had been in custody there had not been any similar rural crime. Probably 150 crimes over Devon & Somerset are being put to them by Avon & Somerset Police and they will inform of any positive results.

In response to a question about the speed limits for vehicles over 7.5t being raised to 50mph and whether this would apply to the B3181 PCSO Sims said he would clarify the position and let the Parish Council know but that he understood that it would be so. He also confirmed that DCC would be the authority to go to get a Speed Data Recorder on the B3181 in order to have the road limits reassessed. It was advised that DCC Cllr Radford should be approached to do this. ACTION: Clerk

19:18 PCSO Sims left the meeting

b) District Councillors Brandon, Chesterton and Evans

No reports available

After discussion it was agreed to minute the following:

- i) At the last meeting Cllr Chesterton said that notes of the meetings they had had about the 97 houses at Four Cross Way would be put on website this had not been done. The Parish Council had requested that if officers were minded to approve the 97 houses or the solar panels he would call it in. He has not acknowledged that email.
- ii) There has been no movement on the three outstanding enforcement issues and Cllr Chesterton has not made contact.
- iii) Electronic planning had started – in spite of assurances there has been no indication as to the scaling software & have had no correction about printed plans for large developments. The links that have been sent out had been faulty. A document attached to the 97 houses file actually refers to the solar farm and private objectors to the solar farm had an email today saying it had been withdrawn but that was for the previous application so the system is not working correctly.
- iv) A phone call followed up in writing regarding the two delegated decisions that the Parish Council had raised concerns about had not been responded to by Cllr Chesterton. Also raised concerns at the planning meeting and gave them the opportunity to respond in writing – again had not had a response to date.

c) County Councillor Radford

- i) Cllr Radford still no progress on the weight limits or if it is going to be put right.
- ii) Barrier to stop children running out of Cherry Close into bus layby has been broken for some time.

iii) The broken village sign had been reported & not actioned

7. Round table update

Cllr Mander reported that the Compost Group are expecting that the fence will be erected during April.

Following discussion it was agreed that an article should be written in the Willand magazine to explain the developments with regard to the play areas.

ACTION: Cllr Warren

8. Finance

Following discussion it was agreed that the Architects should be approached to provide a schedule of payments in order to assist with Financial Planning

ACTION: Cllr Ursell

Expenditure		
MGA Consultancy Ltd	Notional & Proposed SBEM Calculation	£600.00
Cllr Ray Ursell	Mobile Phone for Parish Clerk	£73.98
K Taylor	March Salary	£244.80
K Taylor	Office, internet	£18.00
K Taylor	Paper & stamps	£12.58
GJR Architects	Willand Community Centre	£3,240.00
P A Squibbs	Willand Community Centre	£1,200.00
HMRC	PAYE	£290.00
MDDC		£150.00
Countryside		
Income this month		
Cemetery	Fees	£168.00
Cemetery	Fees	£589.00
MDDC	Parish Precept	£20,850.00
Magazine	Advertising	£84.00

Expenditure approval proposed Cllr Phare, seconded Cllr Wilcox. Unanimously agreed

9. Willand Health and Community Centre

The question had been raised as to whether the Parish Council or Trustees should be doing various aspects of the work. There was to be a meeting following the Planning Committee to clarify the situation.

10. Meeting dates

Thursday 23 April – Planning and Environment committee meetings

Thursday 07 May – Community Sub Committee meeting

Thursday 14 May – AGM Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 28 May – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

11. Communications received:

Letter from parishioner re Worcester Crescent play area – forwarded to Cllrs 10th March

MDDC – Electronic Planning Consultation reminder – forwarded to Cllrs 11th March – Planning committee meeting 26th March

Email Clare Elsdon – Build stronger local communities on Streetlife – forwarded to Cllrs

The Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust perception and reputation survey 2015 – forwarded to Cllrs 22/03/15

Email 24/03/15 from parishioner regarding damage to the village sign on approach to Four Ways roundabout – Cllr Ursell responded had also asked DCC to organise repair.

Email 28/03/15 from parishioner about the Village Hall clock – Cllr Ursell responded. Cllr Phare informed that he would rectify the problem. Cllr Wilcox would enable him to access the building.

12. AOB

Cllr Warren raised the issue of the bench that had been cleaned of graffiti in Jaycroft as it appears that the end of the left hand arm had been damaged. Cllr Wilcox would inspect this. **ACTION:** Cllr Wilcox

Meeting Closed 19:40

Ray Ursell

Chair of Willand Parish Council