



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 08 OCTOBER 2015 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 19.00

Present: Cllrs Grantham, Ursell, Warren, Wilcox, MDDC Cllrs Chesterton, Doe,

1. Apologies: Cllr Mander, DCC Cllr R Radford, MDDC Cllr Evans, PCSO Sims, Clerk Kate Taylor, Cllr Phare.

2. Chairman's announcements: Meeting recorded

3. Public questions No members of the public present

4. Minutes of the meeting held: Thursday 10 September 2015 Proposed Cllr Wilcox seconded Cllr Grantham, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Matters arising

All actions have been completed or arise later.

6. Reports

a) Devon and Cornwall Police

A report had been received and circulated to members and was noted.

b) District Councillors Chesterton, Doe

Cllr Chesterton advised on the potential implications of the announcements at the Conservative Party Conference with regard to starter homes, a potential alteration to the definition of affordable homes and the possible removal of the right of Local Authorities to stipulate affordable housing requirement to a developer.

The retention of business rates and the possible effects on grants was also highlighted but more detail was needed.

He advised that the Chief Executive was retiring and the position was being advertised with a view to also looking at potential candidates from outside of current local authority officers.

Cllr Doe had nothing to report but advised on a recent visit to the village with officers which led her to note the good appearance of the village in the main.

c) Devon County Councillor Radford

Cllr Radford had sent the Chair an email outlining information from a recent group meeting where many figures had been revealed as to potential expenditure, savings and future commitments and grant reductions were itemised. He had also been reminded of outstanding issues within the village.

7. Annual Parish Meeting

At the suggestion of the Chair a revised format for the Annual Parish Meeting had been agreed by the Finance & Administration Committee. The agreed date was set for Friday 4th March 2016. Ratification of the decision was proposed by the Chair and Seconded by Cllr Wilcox.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

8. Round table update

a) Willand Health & Community Centre - Cllr Ursell advised that the event held on the 3rd October had raised £1,758.00 after expenses with a small amount still to be paid in. All agreed it was an excellent result. Cllr Grantham advised that a lady had expressed an interest in buying the old windows from the building when they were replaced. **ACTION:** To be noted by Trustees.

b) Play Area Closures – Cllr Wilcox had been approached with an offer to organise an updated petition to MDDC. After discussion it was AGREED to thank her and advise no action until we knew the latest stance by MDDC in response to our offer. It was suggested that members of the public may like to come to the MDDC Policy Group meeting on 4th November 2015 at 1400 hours. **ACTION:** Cllr Wilcox.

Councillor Chesterton left the meeting.

9. Play area response to MDDC

District Councillors had advised that we put our proposals to Officers before our planned date at the end of the month. A response had been agreed via email exchanges between councillors and the Clerk. Proposed from the Chair that the action and response be ratified. Seconded Cllr Ursell. **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

10. Finance

- a) Cheque signing
- b) Income this month

PAYMENTS

SWW (paid 17 Sept)	Allotments water	£44.08
SWW (paid 17 Sept)	Cemetery water	£10.02
Countrywide	Jubilee field ground maintenance	£139.00
Ken Broom	Churchyard grass cutting	£135.00
K Taylor	Office	£18.00
K Taylor (Wasteology)	Skip for Gables	£198.00
Glasdon	Waste bin and Dog bin for Jubilee field	£267.04
MDDC	Safety checks – Play Area 1/10/2015 – 31/03/2016	£150.00

DIRECT DEBITS

Vodafone	Clerk Telephone	£14.72
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RECEIPTS

Cemetery	Internments	£1357.00
Magazine	Magazine	£680.00

Cllr Warren proposed that the monthly accounts be accepted. Seconded Cllr Wilcox and unanimously agreed.

11. Meeting dates

- Thursday 08 Oct Full Council & Planning Committee
- Thursday 22 Oct Planning Committee & Environment Committee
- Thursday 05 November Community Sub Committee
- Thursday 12 November Full Council & Planning Committee

12. Communications received since 9 September 2105

Forwarded to Parish Councillors by email
Opportunities for Volunteers to work in the Police Victim Support Unit
Invitation to Councillors to attend the Devon Highways Conference in October
Halberton Parish Council email regarding Parish boundaries and road safety
Email from DCC regarding changes to grass cutting in the next financial year
Response from MDDC to queries raised regarding grass cutting by MDDC
DCC enquiry regarding snow warden for Willand
DCC Community news round up
Stakeholder briefing from NHS Northern, Eastern, Western Health Care Trust
Electoral Review notification of delay in publishing recommendations until Jan 2016

The items were all examined to ensure that appropriate action had been taken.

Meeting closed 19.25

Cllr Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council