



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 09 JUNE 2016 AT 19:00 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

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

Present: Councillor Grantham, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, MDDC Councillor Chesterton, MDDC Councillor Evans, DCC Councillor Radford, Clerk K Taylor. 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Councillor Mander, PCSO Jonathan Sims, MDDC Councillor Doe

2. Chairman's announcements: The Chairman welcomed the Chair and Clerk of Uffculme Parish Council and the other members of the public to the meeting, and announced that it would be recorded.

3. Public questions.

Mrs Statham wished to thank the Parish Council for arranging for the MDDC grass to be cut prior to the open garden weekend and asked when the next cut would be made.

Councillor Chesterton explained that the areas that are MDDC responsibility would now be on the normal rolling cut programme, but he could not say when the next one was due, it should be the same frequency as in previous years.

Mrs Skidmore wished to enquire who was responsible for the trees in front of Fir Close which had grown very tall and were affecting the light in the properties. The Chair agreed to take this under item 7.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Wilcox seconded by Councillor Phare, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Matters arising

5 8(i) Planters – Councillor Grantham reported that all of the planters except the one in front of the One Stop had now been adopted by volunteers. It was agreed that this one would now be removed. It was noted that one of the volunteers had purchased new plants and that this would be discussed at the next Environment Committee. John Holmes was still the volunteer who would be acquiring the plants and needed to be consulted to coordinate this and the work of the volunteers in any planting. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

7. Housing needs survey had been returned for further amendment and it was agreed that the Chair of Council and the Clerk would check the final copy and agree it for publication without the need to return to a full meeting. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren/Clerk

11 The Trustees of Willand Health & Community Centre had acknowledged receipt of the lease.

13. - Councillor Warren had received specification for the light for the helicopter pad, and will continue to progress this and report back on any developments.

6. Reports

- a) Devon and Cornwall Police Report had been received and would be circulated.
- b) MDDC District Councillors

Councillor Chesterton announced that the provisional dates for report on the Local Plan being taken to Cabinet was the 15 September. It would then be presented at MDDC Full Council the following week. This was dependant on the work on Junction 28 being finished by then. He mentioned that there is some concern that the Government is going to make changes to the current wind policy if this does happen then there would need to be an amendment. If there are to be any major amendments, then there would be a need for further public consultation so would cause further delays. He also informed that the SPD on solar panels has been agreed so will now be brought into planning policy. The Planning Group had agreed the report on planning as had come out of the Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair thanked MDDC Councillor Evans for his persistence in getting the grass cut in the Churchyard. Councillor Evans acknowledged that further work needed to be done as he had not been satisfied with the way it had been left. He reported that there may be difficulties with the financial backing for the local solar array. The Chief Executive of MDDC had accompanied the three District Councillors around the Lower Culm Ward that day, including both Willand and Uffculme Parishes. He gave a brief update on the Devon Minerals plan as the final decisions from Inspector would be known in October. There had been a number of minor modifications and one major modification which would require it being sent out for further consultation. Councillor Evans also confirmed that the pre application discussions on Junction 27 development were ongoing.

Councillor Warren asked that the District Councillors be aware of the excellent service commitment provided by Andrew Busby over the grass cutting issues.

It was agreed that Councillor Grantham would send the information regarding the paint used in play areas that he had been trying to obtain from MDDC to Councillor Chesterton who would try to move this forward. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham/MDDC Councillor Chesterton.

- c) County Councillor Radford – gave a brief update on the current situation in DCC and outlined the items which would be on the Environment Group agenda on 14 June. This included mobile phone reception in Devon and he was made aware of issues within Willand and Uffculme. The Highways Maintenance contract is due for renewal and so far six applications for the work have been received. The decision should be made by October with the new contract being effective from March 2017.

7. Grass Cutting

The Chair gave a brief outline of the current situation and showed a number of maps which illustrated the areas of grass within the Parish that belonged to MDDC and DCC. There was a lengthy debate during which Councillor Chesterton confirmed that MDDC would be cutting the grass that was their responsibility on a regular basis. It was noted that DCC would only cut the visibility splays on the highway and that it was not known how frequently this would be done. The standard of workmanship of the areas which had been cut by DCC were criticised and Chairman advised that he had been advised by the Neighbourhood Highways Officer that he was not satisfied with the standard and was meeting with the works supervisor to try and achieve another visit. Devon County Councillor Radford suggested that someone establish how much it would cost to cut the DCC area of land in Willand and find a contractor to do this. It was noted that the estimate provided by MDDC had this as over £11,000 and as this money would not be provided by DCC then it would require an increase in the precept for the Parish Council to take on this responsibility. The Parish Council were not prepared to do this unless supported by a considerable number of households. Councillor Radford offered £1000 from the locality budget towards grass cutting but concerns were expressed that this would then be putting the onus back onto the Parish Council which was not acceptable. It

was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Environment Committee meeting on 23 June. **ACTION:** Clerk

The ownership/responsibility for the tress which were becoming a nuisance within Fir Close was further discussed. It was felt that it was an MDDC matter as they had planted them and they appeared to be on their portion of this strip of land. Councillor Wilcox offered to forward Councillor Chesterton details which he would follow up. **ACTION:** Councillor Wilcox/MDDC Councillor Chesterton.

8. Village Hall Roof

It was agreed that this would be referred to the Finance and Administration meeting and Councillor Wilcox agreed to provide up to date figures for the shortfall.

9. Audit Report

a) Approval of the annual governance statement.

Councillor Grantham proposed that the annual governance statement be approved, Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

b) Approval of the accounting statements for 2015/16

Councillor Grantham proposed that the accounting statements for 2015/16 be agreed, Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

10. Finance

a) Payment authorisation

Income

PAYMENTS IN MAY

BACS

Information Flow	Acronis back up license	£36.00
K Taylor	Office	£18.00
	Photocopying	£26.10

DIRECT DEBITS

Vodafone	Clerk Telephone	£8.55
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RECEIPTS IN MAY

Magazine		£896.00
Cemetery		£1,541.00
HMRC	VAT reclaim	£6,209.76

Councillor Wilcox proposed that the monthly accounts be accepted, seconded Councillor Phare and unanimously agreed.

11. Changes to TAP funding announced by MDDC

The details were noted.

12. Meeting dates

- Thursday 09 June – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings
- Thursday 16 June – Finance & Administration meeting
- Thursday 23 June – Planning and Environment Committee meetings
- Thursday 14 July – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings
- Thursday 28 July – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

13. Councillors Round Table

Councillor Warren gave an update on the Tesco application for play equipment which had been submitted. It was noted that volunteers had come forward and offered to cut the grass in Mallow Court and Worcester Crescent play areas when the leases were obtained.

14. External Communications received since 8 May 2016 & circulated to Councillors by email

9 messages from MDDC Communications with links to press releases
Message from the National Plant Monitoring Scheme.
Lloyds Bank highlighting possible scams

Communications not circulated to all Councillors

2 messages regarding AON insurance
Play equipment brochures
TNMWD Citizens Advice
Recruitment company offering services
Various sales brochures
5 Charity Bulletins sent to WHCC Trustees
Request to advertise a reunion for Uffculme School
Offer of papers from an ex Parish Clerk
Training Course offers
Vehicle leasing offers

Meeting closed 20:29

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council