



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JULY 2016 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

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, MDDC Chief Executive Stephen Walford, Clerk K Taylor, 8 members of the public.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and in particular MDDC Chief Executive Stephen Walford.

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

2. Chairman's announcements: Meeting recorded

3. Public questions: The Chair brought forward item 11a iii) Mrs Mills had emailed the Chair of the Parish Council outlining problems she had encountered using her disability scooter on the pavements in Willand with the lack of suitable dropped curbs and the uneven surfaces. The Chair informed that this was the responsibility of Devon County Council and she would need to send her concerns to County Councillor Radford. Mrs Dennis offered to help her take this forward.

Mrs Dennis asked if Willand Parish Council would support the Junction 27 application changes as outlined in the press during the previous week. The Chair replied explaining that as no formal application had been received the Councillors had not discussed it and would not be putting it on an agenda until there was something concrete to discuss.

4. Minutes of the meeting held: 9 June 2016 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Phare seconded by Councillor Grantham, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Progress Reports for information

a) Councillor Grantham reported that he had now received confirmation that the paint used on equipment in the play areas was lead free. **Item discharged**

b) Councillor Wilcox had received a reply to say that an order had been put into the appropriate MDDC department for work on the trees and that she would inform the resident. It was agreed to put this on the environment agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Councillor Warren reported that he and Councillor Grantham had met the providers of the play equipment and James Marshall on site and agreed the equipment and price. The application to use some of S106 money to purchase the equipment would take a minimum of 4 weeks to process. Councillor Grantham proposed that Willand Parish Council place the order for the four pieces of equipment and use the money allocated for play areas in the reserve fund to pay the deposit. Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Councillor Warren/Clerk

d) The Clerk reported that she had received a good response from other Clerks in Devon regarding the grass cutting in the different parishes, which were extremely helpful. The Clerk would submit a report to the next Environment Committee for consideration.

ACTION: Clerk

6. Reports

a) Devon and Cornwall Police the report had been circulated.

bi) District Councillors Evans gave a brief report on the work he is involved in regarding quarries in the Lower Culm area. He informed the meeting that the MDDC accounts are due to be signed off on 15 July, one of the first Local Authorities in the Country to have the accounts signed off. He then asked the meeting to advise him of any noxious smells in Willand from the 2 Sisters site. Two members of the public advised that they had noticed smells when travelling from Willand to Uffculme. It was reported by Mr Wood that in Chestnut Drive which is on the wind path from the site in question the smell was bad during the night. Councillor Wilcox had noted smells on the Halberton road out of Willand which she assumed was from the Hide factory. Councillor Evans would take this up with Environmental Health. He confirmed that the promoters of Junction 27 had taken the logistic site off the table, but that they had not yet submitted an application.

bii) Councillor Chesterton gave a brief update on MDDC working with neighbouring Councils on possible devolution, which would include DCC & Somerset. MDDC is also looking to working more closely with Exeter, Teignbridge & East Devon to have a strategic plan to work collaboratively to improve the District.

The Chair asked if MDDC would defend the decision against the 5 houses in Muxbeare Lane at appeal. Councillor Chesterton would ask the Head of Planning & Regeneration as it had not yet been discussed with him.

ACTION: Councillor Chesterton

c) County Councillor Radford had sent a report to the Clerk which would be circulated. He gave a brief update on his current work and reiterated that Government cut backs were impacting negatively on the work that DCC could achieve. He confirmed that he had asked for figures for cost of grass cutting from DCC & MDDC.

d) MDDC Chief Executive Stephen Walford thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to the meeting and explained that he had been in post 5 months and had a number of areas still to look at. He was pleased that the Councillors had noted improvements in the service already, but there was more to do. He briefly touched on a number of current issues including the MDDC complaints procedure, mobile communications, and the possible effect of any Devolution on individual Parishes. He would send the Clerk information relating to this for circulation to Councillors. The Chief Executive agreed to take questions from the public and Mrs Dennis asked why MDDC allowed development in Willand when it was noted to be short of open space. Councillor Chesterton replied and reiterated that MDDC were subject to Government Policy which currently allowed it to be quite easy for developers to obtain permission. Jean Muland asked why infrastructure was not considered when planning decisions were made. She highlighted the NHS as being an area of concern and schools. Mr Walford ran through the way the planning system works and the importance of the infrastructure. Because MDDC does not have a local plan then all planning decisions have to be negotiated with the developers. Councillor Grantham has prepared a statement which he read to the meeting and raised a question about the possible development site at Junction 27. He had been informed by a landowner that the developers had indicated that MDDC would compulsory purchase land to allow the development to go ahead. Mr Walford said that MDDC would not be using the CPO powers and this was supported by Councillor Chesterton and Councillor Evans.

7. Finance

- a) Payment Authorisation
- b) Income this month

PAYMENTS

CHEQUES

D Anderson	Plants for planters Willand Old Village entrance	£24.50
J Hoare	Plants for planter Top Willand Old Village	£23.39
Devon Communities together	Housing survey	£300.00
Brian Bussell	Cemetery grass cutting, levelling & soil removal	£795.00
SLCC	Membership for Clerk	£118.00

BACS

HMRC	PAYE	£456.60
SWW	Cemetery	£16.29
K Taylor	Office supplies	£66.03
Countrywide	Grass cutting x 2 Weed spraying x1	£855.00
SWW	Allotment trough	£39.88
Ashfords	Lease for WHCC	£1,206.00
The Old Well	Bedding plants for planters	£100.00
Astra Printing	Magazine	£885.00

Previously Paid

Willand Village Hall	Donation towards roof repair	£2000.00
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DIRECT DEBITS

Vodafone	Clerk Telephone	£8.55
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RECEIPTS

Cemetery	Internment & memorial	£735.00
Magazine	Advertisements	£86.00

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

c) Request from Uffculme to support TAP fund application (circulated)
Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Clerk write a letter in support of the application
Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Draft leases for Worcester Crescent, Mallow Court and Gables Lea play areas had been received. Councillor Warren and the Clerk would consider them and when all matters had been resolved they would notify the rest of the Councillors. Councillor Warren proposed that the leases be signed by the Chair of the Environment Committee and the Chair of Council and witnessed by the Clerk. Councillor Sellick seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Councillors Warren/Grantham/Clerk

9. Meeting dates

Thursday 28 July – Planning and Environment Committee Meetings

Thursday 11 August – Planning Committee (provisional)

Thursday 25 August – Planning and Environment Committee Meetings (provisional)

Thursday 8 September – Full Council and Planning Committee Meetings, Councillors Phare and Tobin gave their apologies for this meeting.

Thursday 15 September – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Thursday 22 September – Planning and Environment Committee Meetings

10. Councillors round table

Councillor Phare reported that the equipment in the Mallow Court play area had been pressure washed and looked very good.

Councillor Tobin reported that the Willand Composting Site had experienced a huge increase in garden waste deposited and would be restricting the site opening times to when volunteers were available to monitor the deposits. He also informed the Council that unless more volunteers were forthcoming then the site would close.

Councillor Sellick asked if the Harpitt play area was still closed if so how who to contact to get it reopened. It was agreed he would confirm the status of the site and contact the District Councillors if it was still closed. **ACTION:** Councillor Sellick

Councillor Warren reported that the Electrical company were prepared to install the light for the Helipad night site and he was continuing negotiations to achieve this. He had been approached by residents concerned about the proposed changes to the Willand post office. It was agreed that he would contact the Post Office about the plan. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

Councillor Warren reported that the Solicitor had returned answers to the questions raised by the WHCC Trustees regarding the lease. It was agreed that the Clerk would use this information to send a response to the Trustees. **ACTION:** Clerk

11. Communications

a) To consider

i) Request from Culm Sampford Youth football club to use parish field for matches
Agreed to put this on the environment agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

ii) Letter regarding B3181 Silver Street & traffic speed & draft response (circulated)
It was noted that this was a matter for Highways and the Police and it was agreed to send the draft response previously circulated. **ACTION:** Clerk

iii) Email from resident to Councillor Warren regarding footpaths & disability scooters

b) Communications received since 3 June and forwarded to Councillors by email:

i) Concerns from residents of Willand regarding grass cutting regime

ii) WHCC Trustees response to the proposed lease

iii) DPD Adoption of Solar PV Developments in the Landscape SPD

iv) News from DCC Media & Public Relations

v) Thanks from Village Hall for donation towards roof

vi) PRS consultation

vii) 6 MDDC communication links to press releases and information.

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

i) Various play equipment brochures

ii) Acknowledgement of receipt of Annual Return

iii) 3 x Training bulletins

iv) Invitation to attend the Public Sector Show in London

v) TNMWD Citizens Advice June Newsletter

vi) Final Housing Needs survey report

vii) Various Charity newsletters

viii) Question about the removal of wreaths from the Cenotaph referred to Church

The meeting closed at 21.02

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council