



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 10 NOVEMBER 2016 HELD AT 19:00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox (Part), MDDC Councillor Doe, MDDC Councillor Evans, DCC Councillor Radford. 3 members of the public, Clerk K Taylor

1. **Apologies** PCSO Sims, MDDC Councillor Chesterton.

2. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chair opened the meeting at 19:03 and reminded that it would be recorded. He informed the Council that the Clerk and he had met with representatives from Uffculme Parish Council to discuss applying to MDDC to review the parish boundaries

3. **Public questions** There were no public questions.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2016 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Grantham, seconded by Councillor Mander and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Progress Reports for information

a) Lease for the Gables S106 five-year extension. The Clerk had received an email from Councillor Chesterton reporting that he was in contact with the legal department at MDDC regarding the Gables S106 five-year extension and was expecting a response in the near future.

b) Replacing clock on village hall. Councillor Tobin and Councillor Bartlett reported that this was a work in progress. It would be raised on the Environment Committee agenda. It was noted that the Village Hall Committee were not meeting until 22 November but an initial response had been that they would only accept a clock that required minimal maintenance.

ACTION: Councillor Tobin, Councillor Bartlett, Clerk

6. Reports

a) A formal report from Devon and Cornwall Police had not been received as PCSO Sims had informed the Parish Council he would be away. Councillor Bartlett reported some suspicious activity had been noted on the business parks and reported to the police.

b) Councillor Chesterton had emailed the Clerk with an update on his conversations with MDDC regarding the cost of the leases for the play areas and also on the S106 money for the play equipment. The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email remittance advice for the S106 money indicating that it would be paid into the Parish Council bank account within three days.

Councillors Doe had no report to give.

Councillor Evans gave a brief report on the current aspects of the Minerals Plan. Following a question from the Chair he confirmed that the Inspector for the Minerals Plan had indicated that there should be a transport assessment for the roads around Waterloo Cross. He then mentioned the DCC current consultation around the composting credits and changes to the waste recycling. He reported that Uffculme was closing its gates to new green waste immediately and it was likely to close completely in January. Councillor Mander informed that Sampford Peverell composting site was now closed for the winter.

Willand Community Composting would be reassessing its activity. Any reduction in credits would affect the ability to make donations to village activities.

c) County Councillor Radford gave a brief report on activity at Devon County Council. Currently there was a 7 million budget deficit and this was in the main due to child and adult services. There was a recruitment embargo in place. The Chair informed the meeting that MDDC was organising a Tough Choices meeting for Clerks and Chairs with Councillor John Hart, Leader of DCC, on 5 December.

7. Finance

PAYMENTS

BACS

Countrywide	Ground maintenance Jubilee Field	£180.90
DALC	Conference place for Clerk	£20.00
Astra Printing	Magazine	£831.02
Grant Thornton	Audit	£360.00
The Old Well	Planter Winter plants	£195.25
K Taylor	Office stamps & stationery	£41.40
Willand Youth Club	CCTV	£210.00
Frances Wilcox	CCTV hard drives	£ 102.60

DIRECT DEBITS

Vodafone	Clerk Telephone	£8.55
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RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER

Magazine	Adverts	£298.00
Allotment	Rent Payments	£904.50
Cemetery	Funeral payments	£1334.00
MDDC	Precept	£23448.50

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

The Clerk informed the meeting that £2528 had been received for advertising in the magazine up to the end of October. She had been informed that no more income was expected until March due to advertising not being sold at the end of last year.

The Chair informed that as Councillor Wilcox would be late to the meeting he proposed to leave item 8 on the agenda until she had arrived.

9. Meeting dates

Thursday 10 November 2016 Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 24 November 2016 Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 08 December 2016 Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Wednesday 14 December 2016 Finance and Administration Committee meeting

Councillor Bartlett offered his apologies for the Finance and Administration Committee as he would be away that week. The Clerk requested that the Council consider changing the day of the meeting as the Chair of the F&A would find it difficult to attend the scheduled Thursday meeting. It was agreed that the date would be changed to Wednesday 14 December. **ACTION:** Clerk

The Chair reminded the Parish Council that the Clerk would be taking 4 weeks leave from mid-January and arrangements would need to be confirmed to cover this absence.

19:41 Councillor Wilcox joined the meeting.

10. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Sellick and Councillor Wilcox reported that the CCTV was working and that new hard drives had been purchased and were ready to install.

Councillor Grantham reported that the skateboard ramp had been repaired but further work was required on the tarmac. This was confirmed as authorised. He reported that the work on the Gables hedge had been completed and work was starting on the allotment hedge.

Councillor Warren gave a brief update on the proposed air ambulance helicopter pad. It was noted that planning permission might be required for the light. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Gables lease to WHCC

a) To consider a response to the Trustees email of 23 October when they requested that the Parish Council consider removing clause 15 The Exclusion of Sections 24 – 28 of the LTA 1954. The Chair had proposed a format for the discussion and it was agreed to proceed in this way.

Declaration of interests from Trustees Councillor Wilcox, Councillor Mander, and Councillor Grantham. The Chair and the Clerk as the Proper Officer agreed that the Councillors could take a full part in the meeting.

The Chair asked that the Councillors give their opinion on the clause in the lease and asked the Trustees to go first. Councillor Wilcox reminded the meeting that Dr Tracey had intended the Gables to go to the village, but that it had been taken over by DCC. Recognising that it was difficult to predict something for 99 years' time she did feel that leaving the clause in could result in the village losing this asset. She would therefore like it to be taken out. Councillor Mander agreed with this view, and made some other suggestions that could possibly provide protection for the Parish Council. Councillor Grantham expressed his view that the clause should be left in as in his opinion it would not adversely affect the development of the project and would mean that the Parish Council and therefore the village would retain the asset. Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Phare and Councillor Warren spoke and were all in favour of retaining the clause. Councillor Phare and Councillor Warren both reminded the Council that it had set up the Charity in order to raise funds for the project and that it was totally supportive of it. Councillor Bartlett said that as he was so new to the Council he did not feel he could contribute to the discussion but having listened to the arguments did feel he had a better understanding of the situation and would take part in the vote.

Following further discussion of the points raised the Chair of Council asked for each Councillor to record a vote on the following:

“Do the Parish Council agree to the request from the WHCC Trustees to remove clause 15 referring to the Exclusion of Sections 24 – 28 of the LTA 1954 from the proposed lease.”

Those voting FOR the proposal Councillor Mander and Councillor Wilcox.

Those voting AGAINST the proposal Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin and Councillor Warren.

The proposal was rejected by 6 votes to 2 and the Clause 15 would remain in the lease. The Clerk to write to the Secretary of the Trustees to formally notify them of this.

ACTION: Clerk

b) Councillor Warren suggested that Parish Council & Trustees had a joint meeting to discuss this further. All were in favour of this **ACTION:** Clerk

c) It was agreed that at the moment there would be no reason to instruct the two solicitors to meet together. It may evolve after the joint meeting takes place.

20:32 Members of the public left the meeting.

11. Communications a) received since 06/10/16 and may require a response

i) Following discussion Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Parish Council make a donation of £100 to the Tiverton and District Ring and Ride Service for Willand residents. This was seconded by Councillor Warren and unanimously agreed. It was suggested that the contact details for Willand United Charities are passed to them to approach. **ACTION:** Clerk

ii) The Parish Council concluded that it did not need to formally respond to Douglas Hull's request for feedback on NHS Future Care Document.

iii) The Parish Council considered that it received adequate communication from MDDC at the moment. **ACTION:** Clerk

iv) It was unanimously agreed that the Blue Cross would be permitted to use the Parish Field in June 2017 as they had done in the past. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) Communications forwarded to Councillors by email:

Licensing Notification - re-adoption of Part II of the Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) act 1976 within the district of Mid Devon circulated 10/10/16

10 Communications press releases from MDDC

1 newsletter from Citizens Advice

October edition of Mid Devon Talk

MDDC agreed protocols for marking death of senior royal family members

DCC Flood risk newsletter

Invitation to an awareness workshop the social model of disability

DCC Inform me newsletter

Countryside Alliance newsletter

Devon Highways Conference agenda

DCC Councillor Radford emails from resident over extension of 40mph speed limit in Silver Street

Noted

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

14 communications from various businesses not relevant to the Parish Council

8 play equipment brochures

Noted

Meeting closed 20:41

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council