



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**Present:** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin (part), Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, MDDC Councillor Chesterton, MDDC Councillor Doe, DCC Councillor Radford, PC Adrian Legg, Clerk K Taylor 4 members of public.

#### 1. Apologies; MDDC Councillor Evans

2. The Chairman opened the meeting and announced that it would be recorded. He also formally congratulated Councillor Radford on his retention of the position of County Councillor. Councillor Radford thanked the residents of Willand for their support and said that he intended to represent the Parish and continue to work for it during this term of office.

3. **Public questions** Margaret Dennis asked about the possibility of setting up a local action group as a response to the 'Localism act' which had resulted in the District and County Council withdrawing some services and making it the responsibility of local people. It was agreed that this would be put on the next Environment Agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 April 2017 had been 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) S106 agreement

The Clerk reported that Kathryn Tebbey, the new Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer, had taken on responsibility for this and had promised a response by 19 May.

##### b) South View Play area progress with lease.

This is still with MDDC legal department.

##### c) Jubilee Field play area signs.

Have been purchased and are ready to put up by the handyman. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

##### d) Gables Sub Committee report

A letter from the Trustees had been received by the Clerk and the working group would be looking at a response, and will keep the Parish Council informed.

#### 6. Reports

##### a) Devon and Cornwall Police

PC Adrian Legg, Beat Manager in Cullompton gave a brief report on the crime statistics in the area for the last year, and current police priorities. He confirmed that the new PCSO had a large patch which meant that they were unlikely to spend much time in Willand. He would attend Parish Council meetings when work permitted.

19:34 Councillor Tobin joined the meeting

19:35 PC Legg left the meeting

b) District Councillor Chesterton informed that the nominations closed for Tiverton Honiton constituency and there were four candidates standing. Councillor Peter Heal had been elected as Chair of MDDC and Councillor Bob Evans had been elected as Vice Chair of MDDC for the coming year.

c) Devon County Councillor Radford reported that he had made arrangements to meet the new Neighbourhood Highways Officer next week. Some work was planned for week beginning 15 May. The Devon County Council inductions would be held on 12 May and Councillor Radford

informed that he would be Chair of Devon County Council for a year. Councillor Mander asked should the grass be cut in Willand if the grass cuttings would be taken away and Councillor Radford confirmed that this would be unlikely.

## 7. Finance

a) Councillor Mander proposed that the Parish Council renew the insurance for the year Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

b) Income this month - noted

c) Payment authorisation

Keith Grantham	Dog signs play areas	£95.00
Astra printing	Magazine	£938.00
Blachere illuminations	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of hire of Christmas Lights	£2058.50
Came & Company	Insurance	£669.84
Countrywide	Hedge in Jubilee field	£342.00
Countrywide	Jubilee Field ground maintenance	£180.90
K Taylor	Stamps for magazine	£20.20
Vodafone	Clerks phone	£8.55
Willand Youth Club	Electricity for CCTV & DAAT light	£ 270.00
K Taylor	Office	£18.00

### RECEIPTS IN APRIL

MDDC	Precept	£24,538.00
Advertising Income	Magazine	£193.00
J Monteiro Allotment rent	Allotments	£26.00

Councillor Phare proposed that the monthly accounts be accepted and actioned. Councillor Sellick seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

d) Councillor Mander proposed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

## 8. Meeting dates

Thursday 25 May 2017 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings. Councillor Mander gave his apologies for this meeting.

Thursday 08 June 2017 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 15 June 2017 – Finance & Administration meeting

Thursday 22 June 2017 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

## 9. Councillors Round Table

Councillor Bartlett reported that he had received complaints about the state of the grass verges around the village, and about the advertising signs around the village. Councillor Warren informed the Council that he had arranged to meet the MDDC Estates Manager on 15 May to review the land that was their area of responsibility.

Councillor Tobin had been asked about an area in Jaycroft where the drainage ditch seems to have been filled in. Referred to the Environment Committee. **ACTION:** Clerk

## 10. The following communications were noted

MDDC Committee information x 2

MDDC Press releases x 5

MDDC Notification of Key Decisions - May 2017

NHS newsletter

DCC Flood risk management newsletter

TNMWD Citizens Advice newsletter

Invitation to attend the Wales & West Annual Stakeholder workshop on 9 May

32 emails offering various services, seminars or equipment.

Meeting Closed 19:57.

Councillor Barry Warren  
Chair of Willand Parish Council  
08 June 2017