



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2017 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00

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

Margaret Dennis and Simon Dilke-Wing attended the meeting as they wished to stand as co-opted members of the Parish Council. They had previously provided a resume of their experience and abilities which had been circulated. The Chair proposed that the Parish Council co-opt Mrs Dennis and Mr Dilke-Wing on to the Council, Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. They signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the rest of the Councillors at the table

1. **Apologies:** MDDC Councillor Chesterton,
2. The Chairman announced that the meeting would be recorded.
3. There were no public questions
4. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2017 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Wilcox seconded by Councillor Sellick, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

#### 5. Progress Reports for information

a) There had been no further development with the lease for South View Play area. The Parish Council were waiting for the Land Registry document from the MDDC Solicitor. Councillor Warren reported that he had discussed the area with the MDDC Estates department and what the Parish Council would deem necessary to be done regarding the boundaries before signing the lease. The consensus at the meeting was that until these are done the Parish Council would not take it over. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren/Clerk

b) The amended S106 agreement had been received from MDDC and Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council sign it. Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was agreed with the two new Councillors abstaining from the vote.

**ACTION:** Clerk

c) The Gables Sub Committee reported that they had met with some of the Trustees and notes of the meeting prepared by Ken Wood had been circulated. A further letter had been received from the Trustees which the sub-committee was yet to discuss. The exclusion notice for the Landlord & Tenant act had not yet been signed. Councillor Warren proposed that the Parish Council talk to the solicitor with regard to the notice to pull down the building and the lease in order to be ready to move on to the next stage. Following discussion Councillor Mander seconded the proposal and it was agreed with the two new Councillors abstaining from the vote.

**ACTION:** Subcommittee/Clerk

Mr Alford joined the meeting

d) Councillor Warren gave some background to grass cutting issue. Councillor Radford reiterated his previous statements with regard to DCC and their decision on cutting the grass and what they were prepared to do. Mr Alford expressed his concern that the village looked so untidy and that there were areas where visibility was impaired on the road. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lack of figures for the grass cutting and times of cutting. It was agreed that a meeting would be set up by Councillor Radford for DCC, MDDC and Parish Councillors to

meet to try to progress this. It was emphasised the Parish Council required figures in order to make a decision about contributing to MDDC towards the costs, and would also expect to have some control over the standard of the work. **ACTION:** Councillor Radford

Mr Alford left the meeting

## 6. Reports

a) Devon and Cornwall Police report had been received and circulated. Clerk to be informed if anyone would like to take up opportunity to volunteer for the speed awareness group.

b) District Councillors Doe reported that the Planning Enforcement Team is now up and running. Head of Planning & Regeneration is going to be off work for a while. Gas testing for MDDC housing has not been completed as people have refused entry so the Council would be taking action. The risk for Legionellae bacteria being in public water supplies such as the sports centres is higher than the Council would like so housing services staff are being trained in order to ensure that regular testing takes place.

c) County Councillor Radford gave a brief report on DCC activity. As Chair of DCC he is not involved with the committees but emphasised that he would be looking after the interests of his electors.

## 7. Audit report

a) Approval of the accounting statements for 2016/2017  
Councillor Phare proposed that the annual governance statement be approved, Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

## 8. Finance

The Accounts for June were presented as follows

Brian Bussell	Cemetery ground management	£870.00
MDDC	S106 Gables	£300.00
M Philips	Internal audit	£60.00
K Taylor	Office Supplies stamps & stationery	£37.51
SWW	Cemetery Water supply	£10.55
SWW	Allotment Water supply	£18.40
Countrywide	Weed spraying	£570.0
Countrywide	Jubilee Field ground maintenance	£178.50
Stoneman Engineering	Skateboard ramp repairs	£1221.12

### RECEIPTS

Allotments	Allotment rents for 16/17	£37.00
Magazine	Advertising	£980.00
Cemetery	Internment	£668.00
DAAT	Grant towards landing light provision	£2576.56

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

## 9. Meeting dates

Thursday 15 June 2017 - Finance & Administration Committee meeting

Thursday 22 June 2017 - Planning & Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 13 July 2017 - Full Council & Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 27 July 2017 - Planning & Environment Committee meetings

## 10. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Grantham had been approached by members of public regarding the new slide. They were concerned as the lack of a guard rail at the top made unsafe it for small children. The Parish Council noted this but also noted that the slide had been put outside of the fenced play area as it was intended for older children.

Councillor Mander reported that the Compost Group had received the shredding allowance from MDDC for this year, but did not know how future years would be affected.

Councillor Dennis suggested that each parish councillor be allocated an area of the Parish to be responsible for. It was agreed to put this onto the next Environment agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Wilcox informed that the visibility splay at the end of South View Close needed to be cut and should be reported to Highways. **ACTION:** Clerk

The rubbish bin in Jubilee Park had been kicked over by children and was caught on CCTV. It was agreed to put on to the Facebook page to ask parents to remind children not to do this.

**ACTION:** Councillor Wilcox

The Clerk reported that the editor of magazine would be increasing the number of magazines ordered to accommodate the new properties in the village.

## **11. Communications**

a) Communications received since 5 May 2017 and forwarded to Councillors by email:

3 MDDC Press releases

2 MDDC Committee Agenda information

1 TNMWD Citizens Advice newsletter

1 Blackdown Hills AONB newsletter

2 complaints about the length of the grass in the village from residents

1 offer of help in grass cutting on verges around Orchard Way from a resident together with an offer to put in a bench in the cemetery.

b) Communications not referred to Councillors

27 invitations to training and other events

10 Equipment brochures

Communications were noted

Meeting closed 20:24

Councillor Barry Warren  
Chair of Willand Parish Council