



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Dilke-Wing, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, MDDC Councillor Doe, MDDC Councillor Chesterton, one member of the public, Clerk K Taylor.

1. **Apologies:** DCC Councillor Radford, MDDC Councillor Evans

2. The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.03 and announced that it would be recorded. He reported that he and Councillor Grantham had attended the appeal for the 259 houses and the MDDC Scrutiny Committee.

3. Public questions

Mrs Dennis referred to item 5b) and said she had been asked by residents if it would be possible to provide a bus shelter at the stop on Meadow Park. It was agreed that this would be put on to the next Environment Committee agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

Referring to item 5c) Mrs Dennis reported that she had been asked by a resident to raise the question of the lease for the Gables with the Parish Council as he believed that the Parish Council had not been given all the facts. The Clerk confirmed that any correspondence received from Trustees of the WHCC had been copied to all Parish Councillors and the delegated working group had regularly updated the other Councillors. It was unclear exactly what the issue was that was being raised. The Councillors suggested that the resident raised his concerns directly with them in writing or in person at a meeting.

Referring to item 5e) Mrs Dennis asked if the Community Payback team could do some work on the Station Road overgrowth. The Chair asked her to identify the area on a map to him so he could speak to the organiser. He confirmed that the team had been in the parish for two Saturdays and completed work at Four Cross roundabout, the raised bed in Old Village and work on footpaths and Mallow Court. He was not sure when they would next be in the village.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2017 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. Progress Reports for information

a) The Clerk reported that the advert had been published to advise of the proposed lease for South View play area and that the leaflets had been delivered to the houses by Councillor Wilcox.

b) Councillor Warren gave a brief update on the progress of the bus shelter which Pencarrie were still intending to provide and pay for the installation.

c) Councillors Grantham and Mander reported that the Trustees were in the process of clarifying a few points on the proposed lease and would then ask for meeting with the working group to discuss any issues that had been raised and propose changes to the lease to enable the project to move forward.

d) Councillor Grantham gave a report back on the appeal meeting that he had attended as an observer. He felt that MDDC gave very poor performance in support of the refusal, they had not prepared any new information to support their original arguments. There was support on the traffic management concerns from a representative from DCC Highways. He highlighted the problems with increased traffic particularly to Junction 28. The Developers had a support team which included a Barrister, Planning Consultant and Transport Consultant to put their case. Councillor Warren supported this view and expressed concerns that Councillor Chesterton and the officer who was Head of Planning were not present for such a major application and over the way MDDC

had prepared for the appeal. Councillor Chesterton defended both himself and MDDC over the way it had handled the appeal. It was noted that there were applications for another 59 houses in Willand, the decisions for which were waiting for the result of the appeal.

e) Councillor Warren had reported on the Community Payback in public questions. Councillor Bartlett asked if the area around crossing lights could be added to the work list and Councillor Warren advised that it was on the list and he would follow up. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

6. Reports

a) Devon and Cornwall Police – no report received

b) District Councillor Doe gave a brief update of the situation in MDDC with regard to homelessness and agreed to send the Clerk LGA statistics to circulate. **ACTION:** Clerk

District Councillor Chesterton reported that the State of the District Debate on 6 November would be on policing within Mid Devon. Councillors were invited to attend, but if unable to do so he asked if there were any issues that individuals would like raised to let him know. It was noted that one question could be 'where and who is the local police presence?' He informed that the Cullompton Neighbourhood plan is out for consultation and as it bordered Willand it might be useful to consider.

Councillor Dilke-Wing raised a concern brought to him by a resident of Townlands concerning the development at the Elms. Councillor Chesterton agreed to discuss this with the planning officer. The Clerk would forward relevant emails to him. **ACTION:** Clerk & Councillor Chesterton.

c) County Councillor Radford had provided a report which has been circulated.

7. Finance

PAYMENTS

Barclaycard (29/09)	stamps	17.92
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£50.00
HMRC	PAYE	£667.40
Ashfords	Gables lease	£1,080.00
Countrywide	weed spraying & grass cutting	£1,170.00
Countrywide	Jubilee Field grass & hedge cutting	£520.50
DALC	Councillor training	£30.00
ICCM	Clerk training course	£198.00
MDDC	Checking play areas	£150.00
MDDC	Waste Collection cemetery	£70.85
Quarlfax Services	litter picking & swing repair	£51.00
xln	WiFi line installation & rental	£111.63

RECEIPTS in September

Magazine	Adverts	£512.00
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Councillor Wilcox proposed that the monthly accounts be accepted and actioned. Councillor Sellick seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. It was agreed that any Councillor who wished to attend the Devon Highways - Parish & Town Council Conferences on Friday 10 November Willand Village Hall would let the Clerk know so she could book a place. The Clerk was expecting to attend.

9. Meeting dates

Thursday 26 October – Planning and Environment Committee Meetings Councillors Grantham & Bartlett gave apologies for this date. Thursday 09 November – Full Council and Planning Committee Meetings Councillors Sellick, Tobin and Bartlett gave apologies for this date.

Thursday 23 November – Planning and Environment Committee Meetings Councillor Bartlett gave apologies for this date.

10. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox reported that the Village Hall Committee had received complaints about the parking in the village hall car park at school drop off & pick up time. It was noted that there were a number of parking issues in the village and the Chair had included this in the article for the next magazine.

Councillor Bartlett reported that he had received a number of complaints about the increase in dog mess being left on the streets of the village. The Clerk to inform MDDC of this. **ACTION:** Clerk
He also reported that the oil cleaning in Willand Moor Road did not appear to be very effective and asked the Clerk to contact MDDC again. **ACTION:** Clerk

With reference to the possible new notice board in the Willand Moor development it was agreed to discuss at the next Environment meeting with a view to asking MDDC if it could be put on their land. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren brought forward the agreement at the last Environment Committee meeting to adopt the Orchard Way play area during 2018/19. It was proposed by Councillor Warren that the Clerk send a letter to MDDC asking that a new fence be put along the roadside before the Parish Council took on the maintenance. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

11. Communications

a) Communications received since 07 September and forwarded to Councillors by email:

8 notifications of MDDC committee meetings

2 NHS open forum event notifications

4 press releases from MDDC

b) Communications not referred to Councillors

Countryside Alliance request for nominations for Awards for Rural Oscars

36 emails offering various services, seminars or equipment

Communications were noted

Meeting closed 20:21

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council