



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2017 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

**Present:** Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox (part), DCC Councillor Radford, MDDC Councillor Chesterton (part), MDDC Councillor Evans (part), Clerk K Taylor

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Dilke-Wing, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, MDDC Councillor Doe.

2. The Chair opened the meeting at 19.06 and said it would be recorded. Councillor Grantham & Councillor Warren had attended the MDDC Environment PDG on 7 November and gave a brief report back.

3. There were no members of the public present.

4. The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 12 October 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) The Clerk had circulated the letter received from the Trustees and the Parish Council response to it. Councillor Mander gave a brief update on the actions that the Trustees were undertaking.

b) Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the Community Payback work around the village which had been completed.

c) Councillor Grantham reported that the Handyman had three jobs outstanding which he was intent on completing before Christmas.

#### 6. Reports

a) Devon and Cornwall Police had sent in a report that included some of the recent burglaries in the village but there had been more and the residents were encouraged to be more vigilant and careful to ensure all windows were shut and locked if they were absent from home.

b) Cllr Doe had informed the Chair that she was unwell. She had been going to report on the Recycle Devon refill initiative which had been taken up in Uffculme. It is a 'practical campaign which aims to stem the tide of single-use plastic bottle pollution by making Devon a county in which refilling your water bottle becomes a cultural norm. Participating venues simply display a Refill sticker in their window, and are added to an app, so people can easily find their closest Refill point, where they're welcome to fill up their re-usable water bottle. She would forward an email which the Clerk would send on to Councillors.

**ACTION:** Clerk

c) County Councillor Radford had provided a written report which outlined the following points. The ongoing problems with balancing County budgets, the sale of property to improve the financial situation, the recycling improvements across the County, and the information that East Devon had gone to a 3-weekly refuse/recycling collection. He confirmed that the grass cutting money would be received from DCC for the next year when Willand PC took over the verge areas and he was trying to obtain confirmation of the amount. Councillor Radford reminded the meeting that he had a small locality budget and if local clubs, charities and organisations could do with a small amount of funding they should contact him. He emphasised that it is not a big budget but does allow communities to access a few hundred pounds

#### 7. Finance

PAYMENTS TO	INVOICE FOR	AMOUNT
Barclaycard	Wifi installation	623.65
	photocopying	14.70

XLN	Wifi rental	20.34
<b>BACS</b>		
Village Hall	Rental for use of Village Hall	402.18
Astra Printing	Magazine	938.00
Countrywide	Jubilee Field grass cutting	178.58
S.C Electrical & Alarms	WiFi installation & commissioning	834.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	3011.45
<b>RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER</b>		
MDDC	Second Precept instalment	24538.00
Ashfords LLP	refund for play area lease work	3.00
Cemetery	burial	334.00
Magazine	advertising income	254.00
Allotment	Rental income	1064.00
DCC	Grant towards weed spraying	500.00
Mrs M Dennis	repayment of training costs	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	26723.00

Councillor Mander proposed that the monthly accounts be accepted and actioned. Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

#### 8. Grass cutting for DCC verges

The three tenders received were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the most expensive tender would not be accepted and the Clerk could write to the firm thanking them for their response and advising that they were unsuccessful. Of the remaining two tenders one firm was known to us but the other was new and references should be obtained by the Clerk. It was agreed that there would be further discussion at the next Environment Committee meeting and Full Council delegated and authorised a decision to award the contract to that committee.

**ACTION:** Clerk

9. The future meeting dates were noted and DCC County Councillor Radford gave his apologies for 14 December. It was noted that the MDDC Chair, Councillor Peter Heal would be attending the Full Council meeting and it was agreed there would be a break for tea and mince pies before the planning meeting. The change of day to Tuesday for the Finance and Administration Committee was highlighted,

Thursday 09 November 2017 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 23 November 2017 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 14 December 2017 – Full Council and Planning Committee

Tuesday 19 December 2017 – Finance and Administration Committee meeting

#### 10. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Warren raised the question of when the winter plants would be put in the planters and it was agreed that he would contact John Holmes who was the volunteer who managed the planters.

**ACTION:** Councillor Warren

The Clerk gave a brief report on the meeting with a consultant regarding a possible new website and email addresses and it was agreed that this would be further discussed at the Environment meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk

#### 11. Communications

a) To consider

i) None of the Councillors present could commit to attending the carol service this year and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the absentees if they were able to read a lesson. It was agreed to suggest Hark the Herald Angels as the carol. **ACTION:** Clerk

ii) Councillor Phare proposed that the Parish Council did not join the CPRE at this time Councillor Mander seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

iii) It was decided not to respond to the consultation on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan from the Devon Fire & Rescue Service.

b) Communications received since 5 October and forwarded to Councillors by email:

- i. Email from Highways England replying to the letter sent by the Parish Council regarding safety of motorway bridge indicating it would be risk assessed.
- ii. Email invitation to a day of Soil and Compost Doctor training circulated to those involved in Willand Composting Group Councillor Mander reported he had further circulated this.
- iii. Local Council Insurance newsletter for Autumn 2017
- iv. JACS UK Ltd Information on Village Gateways
- v. Blackdown Hills AONB newsletter - autumn 2017
- vi. 6 MDDC press releases
- vii. 9 MDDC Committee notifications & Agendas
- viii. 1 NHS communication

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

53 emails offering various services, seminars or equipment

The correspondence items were noted.

19.44 MDDC Councillor Evans joined the meeting 19.47 MDDC Councillor Chesterton joined the meeting.

The Chair invited the District Councillors to give any reports they wished to.

Councillor Evans reported that they had been delayed by attendance at a MDDC Audit Committee meeting and at the moment it looked to be that MDDC were facing a £180,000 shortfall this year, they would be balancing the budget. He informed the Parish Council that next year as the Government funding was reduced again more cuts to services would be needed. He reported that at the State of district debate in the previous week on policing he had been interested to note that the police have come to the point where they recognise that they cannot do things as do not have the money to do them and are accepting changes to the service that have to be made. Councillor Evans also indicated that Parish Councils should be aware that if they did not take on extra services then it might be that they would just disappear. He reminded that the Parish Councils can raise money on the precept at the moment whereas the MDDC Council cannot do this.

Councillor Chesterton reported that MDDC were beginning to look at putting electric charging points in the leisure centre car parks and in the long stay car parks.

There was a brief discussion about the local planning applications for the 29 affordable houses and the Elms which were both on the agenda for the planning meeting.

Meeting closed 20:13

Councillor Barry Warren  
Chair of Willand Parish Council