



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox (part), MDDC Councillor Chesterton, MDDC Councillor Doe, MDDC Councillor Evans, MDDC Chair Councillor Peter Heal, Clerk K Taylor 1 member of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Sellick, DCC Councillor Radford.

**2.** The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm and said that it would be recorded. He welcomed Councillor Heal Chair of MDDC to the meeting. He also welcomed Mr Manktelow who was attending as a member of the public. Councillor Grantham and Councillor Warren had attended the MDDC Planning meeting on 29 November and Full Council on 13 December. They had raised a public question regarding MDDC planning department  
19.06 Councillor Bartlett joined the meeting and Councillor Chesterton joined the meeting

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

**4.** The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 November 2017 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Grantham seconded by Councillor Phare, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

**5.** MDDC Chair Councillor Peter Heal spoke briefly thanking the Parish Council for inviting him and saying that he was trying to get around all different councils in MDDC while he held the office. He recognised that Willand was a proactive parish and was aware that the 3 MDDC Councillors gave the Parish Council regular reports. He touched briefly on the budget situation at MDDC and reiterated the point that Parish Councils have the freedom to increase the precept while District and County Councils are restricted in this. He acknowledged that the Parishes were being asked to take on more as the Districts had to work with reduced budgets. Councillor Heal also informed that he does report back issues that are raised with him by Parishes to the Chief Executive to try to obtain information and resolution.

19:09 Councillor Wilcox joined the meeting.

Councillor Mander asked Councillor Heal for clarification between the positions of Leader of the Council and the Chairman. Councillor Heal explained that the Leader is a political figure while the Chairman is a civic leader, an apolitical post representing the Council at public functions he gave some examples of what is expected.

#### **6. Progress Reports for information**

a) Lease for South View play area received and in the process of being registered with the Land Registry. The Clerk was seeking tenders for cutting the grass next year.

b) Halcyon Landscaping had been appointed as contractors for DCC grass cutting for 2018.

c) Winter plants had been purchased for the planters. One of the planters had not been done so it was agreed that the handyman would be asked do this and consideration given to ordering its removal in the spring.

**ACTION:** Clerk/Councillor Grantham

d) Website development – the Environment Committee had agreed that the Clerk would obtain further quotes for consideration at the F&A meeting on 19 December this was in hand.

#### **7. Reports**

a) Devon and Cornwall Police had submitted a report which had been circulated and showed a 500% increase in crime in the Willand area. An email from the PCSO regarding the issues of parking raised by the school had been circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the inspector to ask what it was considered that the Parish Council could do about this in addition to

what they had already done on social media and in the magazine. It was agreed that the Clerk would email Ray Radford regarding the possibility of yellow lines being down along Silver Street and it was also agreed to put this on the January planning meeting agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) Councillor Doe had no report for the parish.

Councillor Chesterton informed the Council that he had been part of a visit to the Planning Minister at Westminster to discuss the perceived lack of a 5-year land supply and the issues that had been caused in Mid Devon because of this perception. He reported that they had been given a senior civil servant contact and were trying to broker a deal for protection against speculative development. He reported that MDDC now had a new policy on dog mess, that it was acceptable to put in any bin so long as it is wrapped and as long as the bin is outside of the fenced play areas. Elms application has been called in reasons for access and parking – will be going to meeting of the planning committee in January. MDDC are trialling a new initiative where officers have 3 minutes to give their presentation at committee but this will be at Chairman's discretion. He reported that the three Ward Councillors had met with the Head of Planning & Regeneration to discuss the 30 Houses at Esso site. They had given their reasons as to why they felt it should be refused and the officers report and recommendation will be reviewed. There will be a new waste transplant centre opened in Carlu Close, with MDDC working on a strategy that all waste goes to energy rather than landfill. He informed the Council that his understanding was that the new Settlement limit will be drawn round houses that have been built but it is not so clear cut about the industrial areas.

Before Councillor Evans started his report, Councillor Warren thanked him for all the work he has been putting in to issues that Willand has raised. Councillor Evans reported back on the AD plant on which issue he had been liaising with Councillor Radford. The plant has a licence for waste but is only feeding with crops. The four domes built will be expanded to add another two. Londis shop is now definitely coming into Tiverton. Broadpath liaison group meeting on 18 December, still looking to close landfill site in 12 months. Councillor Evans had a meeting planned for 15 December with the Head of Planning to discuss some of the local issues. He reported that there would be another planning application coming in from Gallagher's. Councillor Grantham asked who would be looking after the landfill site once it is closed – Councillor Evans confirmed that this will be Viridor who are responsible until the Environment Agency say it is safe. They have put in for permission from the Environment Agency for dealing with leachate through an evaporation unit.

c) County Councillor Radford had provided a report which had been circulated. He had highlighted issues with regard to the County Council budgets and how they were performing. He felt that the County Council was performing well and was in better shape than previously. He also informed that there would be a new Highways Officer for the area starting in the new year.

## 8. Finance

### DECEMBER 2017 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

PAYMENTS TO	INVOICE FOR	AMOUNT
Barclaycard	stationery	32.75
	stamps	15.68
XLN	Wifi rental	20.34
Allotment Association	Subscriptions	186.00
Countrywide	DCC verge final cut	1092.00
Countrywide	Jubilee Field grass cutting	178.50
DALC	training course Clerk	30.00
Devon County Council	Christmas lights 2016	505.21
Quarlefox Services	Clock Removal & Planter stakes	547.50
The Old Well	Plants	171.28
K Taylor	office supplies & refreshments	17.29
Brian Bussell	Cemetery ground maintenance	770.00
<b>RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER 2017</b>		
Allotment Holders	Allotment rents	217.00
Magazine	Advertising	278.00
Cemetery	Burial and inscription	708.00
Willand Rovers, Raydar Plastics, Pencarrie	Christmas lights	650.00

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

### 9. Meeting dates

Thursday 14 December 2017 - Full Council and Planning Committee

Tuesday 19 December 2017 - Finance and Administration Committee meeting

Thursday 11 January 2018 - Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 25 January 2018 - Planning and Environment Committee meetings

**10. Councillors Roundtable** to receive any further information from Councillors and to highlight future agenda items.

Councillor Grantham reported that the Litter Picker had volunteered to put up Christmas decorations in the village hall and done a good job. He wished to propose that the Parish Council write to thank him for doing this. Councillor Mander seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Wilcox gave some statistics for the use of the WiFi

Councillor Bartlett raised the question of parking on the pavements in the new developments and of the increase in the dog mess in the village. It was suggested that MDDC are contacted regarding the possible paving of some grassed areas to create more parking. Councillor Chesterton agreed to raise this if areas were suggested to him. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for January and all Councillors to consider any areas suitable. **ACTION:** Clerk/All

It was agreed to consider asking the school if there could be a competition to design a poster asking people to pick up dog mess. The Parish Council would provide a prize and print the posters. Agreed this to be on the January Environment Committee agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

### 11. Communications

a) Councillor Warren proposed that the Parish Council once again support the Ring and Ride service with £100 donation. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) Communications received since 3 November 2017 and forwarded to Councillors by email:

Presentations from the Highways Conference held in November

Devon County Council News regarding Health & Wellbeing

Blackdown Hills AONB newsletter

Devon Local Flood Risk Management Strategy - October 2017 Newsletter

6 notifications of MDDC Committee and Council meetings

6 MDDC press releases on a variety of subjects including modern slavery, fly tipping, and Christmas parking

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

74 emails offering various services, seminars or equipment

The communications were noted

Meeting closed: 20:20 and the Chairman invited everyone to have coffee and mince pies.

Councillor Barry Warren  
Chair of Willand Parish Council

11 January 2018