



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2018 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 Chesterton (part), MDDC Councillor Evans (part), five members of the public, Clerk K Taylor.

Andrea Glover, Steve Manktelow and Jason Scott, had given notice that they would like to stand for co-option to the Parish Council and the Clerk had circulated information they had provided. The Chair asked the Councillors present if they would like to make any further enquiries of any of them and this was declined. The Chair therefore proposed that Andrea Glover, Steve Manktelow and Jason Scott be co-opted to Willand Parish Council, and the vote was unanimous. The Chair welcomed the 3 new Councillors and invited them to take their seats at the table.

1. The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Bartlett, DCC Councillor Radford, and MDDC Councillor Doe. MDDC Councillors Chesterton and Evans were in a MDDC meeting and had indicated that they might be late.

2. The Chair reminded everyone that the meeting would be recorded. He gave a brief update on the response he had received from the Head of Planning and Regeneration regarding the questions he had asked in December regarding the MDDC Planning Committee. He would be sharing the response with all Parish Councillors. He confirmed that any declarations of interest by Parish Councillors would be taken at the relevant item on the agenda.

3. Mr Ken Wood asked the following question

The question I would put to the Parish Council concerns clause a) under agenda item 8- Gables Site.

Why at this late stage of development has the WPC chosen to reconsider asking the residents of Willand to give their views on the future of the Gables Site, when this has already been carried out by the WPC at the beginning of the project, with a return that showed 90% of residents were in favour of building the WH&CC on the Gables site, further what are the potential options and cost implications the WPC have been advised of, are they in accordance with or will they breach the conditions of the S106. Also as the WPC has continually maintained they give their full backing to the WH&CC project, does this now mean they have adopted a "U" turn? I would expect the WPC to be honest, fair and open in their reply.

The Chair confirmed that this would be covered during the discussion on the Gables site and if any points were not covered the Clerk would send a written answer.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 December 2017 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Grantham seconded by Councillor Tobin, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

#### 5. Progress Reports and items brought forward from other meetings

##### a) Website development

Councillor Phare declared an interest as he knew one of the people who had provided a quotation, he indicated that he would not vote on any proposal. Councillor Wilcox reported on a conversation she had had with Ray Ursell, the provider of Willand Matters website, and that he had expressed an interest in updating that website or providing a parish council website. It was agreed that he should be given the opportunity to do this and it was agreed to delay any further decision until the February meeting.

b) Parking issues in the village particularly in relation to Willand Moor and the identification of areas where it might be possible to turn green areas into extra parking. Following discussion, it

was agreed to put this on the January Environment Committee agenda and that all Councillors should take the opportunity to consider any suitable areas, Councillor Warren could provide maps to mark up to inform Councillor Chesterton. Councillor Wilcox had identified an area outside the bungalows in Somerlea. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

19:24 Councillor Chesterton joined the meeting

**c) Orchard Way play area**

MDDC had responded to the clear proposal from the Parish Council and declined to replace fencing and suggested an alternative outcome which was not clear and open to interpretation. There was a detailed discussion during which it was suggested that the lease could have conditions in it regarding the costs and proportions for fencing. Concern was raised as to earlier dealings with MDDC where outcomes had not been as indicated. Councillor Tobin proposed that there should be some clarification on the contribution to the fencing before any agreement to take on the lease was made Councillor Mander seconded the proposal. Councillor Warren proposed an amendment that Willand Parish Council do not take on the lease for the Orchard Way play area at this point in time due to uncertainty over MDDC intentions. Councillor Wilcox seconded the amendment and a vote was taken. The amendment was carried with 8 votes for and 2 against. The vote on the proposal was recorded as two for and eight votes against.

The Clerk was asked to write to MDDC to inform them of the decision not to take over the play area at this time. **ACTION:** Clerk

**6. Reports**

a) Devon and Cornwall Police report had been circulated. The Clerk had written to the Inspector as agreed at the December meeting but he had not received it due to a problem with the email address, he had now confirmed its receipt and would be replying.

b) District Councillor Chesterton did not have anything to report but invited questions from the Parish Council. Councillor Wilcox informed Councillor Chesterton of an issue with one of the MDDC tenants in Willand and he asked for further information to be given to him. Councillor Grantham asked if there had been any advancement in the Local Plan and Councillor Chesterton reported that he had been informed that there would be a public announcement next week.

19:45 Councillor Evans joined the meeting

Councillor Evans gave brief report on what he had been doing on the Digester plant with DCC and also the progress made on discussing the increase in smells allegedly from 2 Sisters plant. He reported on the financial situation in MDDC as at this time of year budgets were a major consideration. At the moment it looked as if the out turn would be about £190K, the reduction due to MDDC having asked to be a pilot for 100% business rate retention. This had been agreed but it would be only for 12 months. Councillor Grantham asked a question about 2 Sisters and the new digester. He asked if Councillor Evans could clarify if there would be a relationship between the two organisations, also if the offal that will be driven through Willand will be sealed in containers or in sealed lorries. Councillor Evans confirmed that part of the conditions is that they are in a sealed lorry. He was in an ongoing dialogue with the companies. Councillor Manktelow asked about the increase in traffic numbers under the planning application. Councillor Evans gave a brief report regarding the way that the traffic numbers are calculated and that the estimate was for 20 extra vehicles a day would be seen as no problem.

Councillor Evans referred to item 11a on the agenda and explained that he had been contacted by Councillor Andrew Moore regarding the Involve charity and asked if anyone interested in becoming a Trustee, if so they should contact Councillor Moore at MDDC.

Councillor Radford had sent in a report that the Clerk had circulated to all, no questions were raised.

**7. Finance**

<b>PAYMENTS TO</b>	<b>INVOICE FOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Barclaycard		14.00	office
XLN	Wifi rental	20.34	Village Enhancements
Astra printing	magazine printing	938.00	Magazine

Blachere Illuminations	Christmas lights	1164.60	Village Enhancements
Countrywide	Jubilee Field grass	130.50	Play areas
Devon County Council	Christmas lights 2017	510.07	Village Enhancements
SWW	Cemetery	17.07	Cemetery
SWW	Allotments	146.08	Allotments
G Taylor	mag expenses claim	27.20	Magazine
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2967.86</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS IN DEC 2017</b>			
Willand Composting	Christmas lights	300.00	Village Enhancements
Cemetery	Memorial	184.00	Cemetery
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>484.00</b>	

Councillor Warren proposed that the monthly accounts be accepted and actioned, with the provision that the bill for the Christmas lights is not paid before the damage to the verge had been repaired. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

c) To approve the precept figures to be sent to MDDC

The Clerk had amended the figures as agreed at the F&A meeting on 19 December and circulated to Councillors. Councillor Warren proposed that the precept request as decided be sent to MDDC. Councillor Mander seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

## 8. Gables site

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Wilcox declared an interest as the volunteer treasurer and would not take part in any vote.

Councillor Grantham and Councillor Mander declared an interest as Trustees of the WHCC they would not take part in any vote but would reserve the right to speak if members of the public did.

Councillor Warren declared an interest as not a Trustee but he had been involved in the administration of setting up the charity under the guidance of the then Chair of Council and Chair of the original Trustee group.

Councillor Phare informed the meeting that he used to be a Trustee but had not been for at least 18 months. He therefore had no formal interest to declare.

Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the Gables site for the new Parish Councillors and in answer to the public question explained that because the Parish Council had not had a response from the WHCC regarding the lease he had put the motion at 8a) together due to concern over the S106 agreement condition that a planning application had to be in by July 2018. There were no alternative plans although the possibility of using the area for car parking had been raised. He confirmed that the Parish Council had not adopted a U turn to the WHCC project.

He now proposed that item b) the response received from the WHCC on 3 January be taken next. This was agreed by all.

Councillor Mander suggested that a group of Trustees and Parish Councillors get together to discuss the lease as amended by the Trustee Solicitor and come to a final agreement.

Mr Wood gave a brief outline of how the Trustees had reached the conclusions they had regarding the lease proposed by the Parish Council and also informed the meeting that he had recently received further information from the Solicitor which suggested that prior to any development then there should be an agreement to lease once the development is completed. He said that if this path was followed then he felt that it would give the Trustees the freedom to make a real push forward with the planning application. It was noted that a detailed Feasibility study had been provided by Mr Wood and circulated to the Parish Council.

Following detailed discussion, it was agreed that the Trustees would provide the Parish Council with the advice received from the Solicitor and that the Parish Council would consider this and try to move it forward as quickly as possible.

Councillor Warren proposed that the Parish Council defer any decisions regarding setting up a meeting until such time as it receives the legal information and had time to consider it. Councillor Sellick seconded the motion and it was carried by 7 votes with the three Councillors who had declared interests abstaining from the vote.

a) Due to the discussion on the response from WHCC the motion was not discussed.

### **9. Meeting dates**

Thursday 11 January 2018 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 25 January 2018 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 08 February 2018 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 22 February 2018 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Dates noted

### **10. Councillors Roundtable**

To receive any further information from Councillors and to highlight future agenda items.

Councillor Wilcox gave a brief report on the WiFi telephone line faults and her communication with the provider.

Councillor Wilcox gave an update on the response to the survey about the Christmas lights and if the contract should be renewed. There was a majority in favour of retaining the lights.

### **11. Communications**

a) To consider email circulated regarding Involve Trustees – Councillor Evans had dealt with this under his report.

b) Communications received since 07/12/17 and forwarded to Councillors by email:

4 MDDC press releases

4 MDDC Committee agendas

1 NHS communication

Email regarding parking issues from PCSO

Invitation from CPRE to attend a New Housing and The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan – Seminar on 19th January 2018

Email from MDDC Monitoring Officer regarding a recent review published regarding Intimidation in Public Life

One newsletter from DCC news centre

Newsletter from Blackdown Hills AONB

TNMWD Citizens Advice newsletter

Flood Risk management newsletter

Message from MDDC Director of Finance Assets and Resources regarding the Local Govt. Settlement

DALC requesting nominations for the Royal Garden Party

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

30 emails offering various services, seminars or equipment including season greetings from various organisations

The correspondence was noted.

Meeting closed 20:55

Councillor Barry Warren  
Chair of Willand Parish Council

8 February 2018