



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor Glover, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Manktelow, Councillor Phare, Councillor Scott, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox.

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor, MDDC Councillor Chesterton (part), MDDC Councillor Evans (part), DCC Councillor Radford, 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies: MDDC Councillor Doe

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members on any of the agenda items.
None were received

3. Councillor Warren opened the meeting at 19.00 and announced that it would be recorded. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Sue Leach for her work decorating the churchyard with poppies for Remembrance Day.

4. Public questions: Concerned about speed

S Leach asked if the Parish Council could take any action regarding speeding in the village in particular in Orchard Way, Silver Street during the school pick up and drop off times and in Willand Old Village as she perceived that this had increased in recent months.

She also suggested that the Parish Council consider a leaflet drop regarding dog fouling, which with the darker morning and evenings seemed to have increased. She offered her support to do some of this.

D Marrow raised the question of a community speed watch in Willand which he offered to co-ordinate. He then asked for an outline of what the Parish Council does, and asked that this could be sent to him. The Chair responded that it was quite difficult to give a definitive answer to this as there are a number of restrictions on what the Council can do officially. **ACTION:** Clerk

19.12 MDDC Councillor Evans arrived

5. The Minutes of the Full Council held on Thursday 11 October 2018 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Phare seconded by Councillor Manktelow, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

6. BMX Track

The Chair welcomed two of the BMX track users, Cory Bale and Archie Melville, to the meeting and thanked them for the email they had sent to the Parish Council outlining their ideas about the site and its development. There was a full discussion about the track, the remodelling and digging that had taken place and the users fully understood the Parish Council concerns relating to health and safety. The Parish Council confirmed its commitment to the track and expressed the wish to work with the users to iron out problems and issues relating to it. Councillor Warren proposed that Councillor Scott and Councillor Grantham meet with the users to identify the issues and development proposals which would ensure that it was open to children of all ages and safe for all to use. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. The group would be coordinated by Councillor Scott to report back at the next Environment meeting. Councillor Evans suggested that when a decision was made as to what was required then he should be contacted as he may be able to source some money for it. **ACTION:** Councillor Scott

7. Parking in the Village

The Chair began by addressing the issue of speeding in the village as raised in public questions. He informed the council that as far as he was aware the only areas in Willand that are on the list for the police to have speed cameras are Silver Street and the Uffculme Straight.

The Parish Council can approach Devon County Council to request traffic and speed counts on Willand Old Village, Orchard Way, South View Road and Station Road.

It was confirmed that there was not a Community Speed Watch group in the village at the moment. It was confirmed that there were interested people in the village to start a new group. Mr Marrow offered to take this forward and recruit volunteers. The Parish Council accepted this offer and Councillor Glover agreed to put him in touch with the resident who had already received some training.

ACTION: Councillor Glover

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to DCC to request the traffic and speed counts in Willand Old Village and Orchard Way, South View Road and Station Road. It was further agreed that the Clerk would write to Sgt Grimwood to inform her that residents had been in contact with the Parish Council and point out that it has lost the support of police in the community speed watch and ask her to take this forward.

ACTION: Clerk

19:40 Councillor Chesterton joined the meeting

Parking around the village

There was a lengthy discussion which included the fact that there are a number of vehicles on Orchard Way from the development on Silver Street as well as the increased amount of parking down the road. The construction vehicles are also parking up in the Old Village. The Rev Simon Talbot outlined the major causes of school parking and reported on a number of initiatives that the school are taking to try to get the number of people driving into school reduced. It was recognised that this is a national problem. The point was made that part of the problem is that drivers are inconsiderate and park right opposite drives, on corners and on the pavement. It was agreed that the goal was to get people to park more responsibly. It was noted that the Police are looking for people who are committing an offence when parking. A few ideas such as a walking bus, putting notes on windscreens and photographing offending cars to go on social media were discussed. Parking in Willand Old Village was also raised as an issue especially the area from Pitfield House for about 100 yards towards the Esso station where there is not a pavement. The point was made very strongly that an area was needed for pedestrians to walk safely up the road at this point. The Parish Council agreed that this was definitely one of the dangerous spots in the village for pedestrians and after further discussion it was agreed to wait for the report from the Senior Traffic Management Officer who had been asked to look at the issue.

8. Progress Reports for information

i) The Clerk reported that MDDC were ordering the gates for the Orchard Way play area, and preparing the lease.

ii) Equipment safety checks and ROSPA reports received from MDDC these have been circulated. It was agreed that the Chair of the Environment would go through the reports and arrange for the work to be done and arrange with the clerk to instruct the handyman.

ACTION: Councillor Grantham

Clerk to contact the contractor regarding the play surface and ask for a quotation for repairing the gaps.

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Tobin reported that he had replaced the bolts in the signs in Mallow Court as had been recommended in the report.

20:35 Cllr Glover left the meeting

9. Reports

a) Councillor Manktelow had no further information relating to crime in the area.

b) MDDC Councillor Chesterton gave an update on the Local Plan following the receipt of the Inspectors letter. Likely to have hearings in February will be 6 days looking at specific issues likely to be in Tiverton again. Probably announce in April and if there are modifications expect it to be in policy then would require 6-week consultation period before adoption. Timetable would expect adopted local plan somewhere between July & September.

Councillor Evans reported that he had not received a letter from the Inspector yet confirming the appeal for the 125 houses but it was known to have been submitted.

He gave a brief update on the situation with 2 Sisters and has a meeting booked with the MP regarding this as unhappy with the way it has been handled by the Environment Agency. He had met with Councillor Radford and DCC officers about the AD plant and confirmed that they should be replacing the wheel wash this week.

Garden waste scheme has grown and recycling in MDDC is 4th out of the 8 authorities.

Looking at budgets for 2019/20 legal requirement to produce a balanced budget. Councillor Tobin asked if it was intended to charge people for having a brown bin if they did not use it for collections and it was confirmed that there was no plan to bring this in.

c) County Councillor Radford – had provided a written report which covered the following points. There had been concern about the quality of the Skanska work for the County and this was being reviewed. The phase 2 of superfast broadband had been delayed by about 18 months. School funding is a big issue and 600 teachers and support staff have been lost due to lack of funding. Children's Services continues to be a huge expenditure and there is an embargo on replacing staff for the next three months in order to make savings. An analysis of black bag collection across the county has shown that over 40% of the contents could have been recycled. Devon is the 4th top recycling County in the Country. Ash dieback will claim that over 90% of the Devon Ash trees. The Budget setting for 2019/20 is now a priority for DCC and it was noted that the coming years will be very challenging.

10. Finance

a) NOVEMBER 2018 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

PAYMENTS TO	INVOICE FOR	AMOUNT	BUDGET
Holcombe Rogus PC	GDPR training for Clerk & 2 Councillors	15.00	office admin
G Taylor	Magazine travel expenses Feb-Nov	34.00	Magazine
Barclaycard	Printer ink	15.00	Magazine
XLN	Wifi rental	32.34	village projects
Halcyon	DCC verges	722.40	ground maint
Astra printing	Magazine November/December	938.00	Magazine
the Old Well	plants for planters	128.57	village projects
Countrywide	Jubilee Field grass cutting	178.50	play areas
TOTAL		2014.81	

b) RECEIPTS IN

OCTOBER

MDDC	Precept final payment	27621.00
Various Magazine adverts	Magazine advertising	115.00
Memorial & Burial	Cemetery	496.00
Allotment holders	Allotment rents	1006.10
DCC	Grant towards play equipment	3000.00
TOTAL		32238.10

Councillor Phare proposed that the payments be actioned Councillor Scott seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Tobin asked about the allotment income showing on the Income & Expenditure report and the Clerk confirmed that not all expected income had been received.

c) Following a detailed discussion on the two tenders received for grass cutting DCC verges from January 2019 for 2 years Councillor Phare proposed that the Parish Council award the contract to Countrywide. Seconded Councillor Grantham and unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

11. The Clerk was unable to attend the committee meetings on Thursday 22 November and it was therefore agreed that the date would be changed to Thursday 29 November. **ACTION:** Clerk
 Thursday 13 December – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings
 Thursday 20 December – Finance and Administration Committee meeting

12. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox informed the meeting that the drain had flooded on path between K&S Autos and Bradfords. Councillor Warren undertook to find out which Council was responsible for this as DCC maintained that it was not theirs. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

Although there had been no decision on the possibility of turning some of the grassed area in Somerlea into parking she had observed that a number of residents were already doing this.

Councillor Phare reported that the doors of the Bier shed in the cemetery need to be painted and the sign needs to be revamped. It was agreed that the handyman should be asked to do this although it was unlikely to be done until next year. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren reported that Community payback were in the area on Saturday and they had completed some more of the schedule of work outlined including cutting back the footpaths. The winter plants for the planters had been bought and distributed.

Councillor Phare agreed to lay the wreath for the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day service.

13. Communications

a) To consider request from CAB for financial support for the coming year. Letter circulated with agenda. Following discussion Councillor Grantham proposed that the Parish Council give a small donation of £50 towards this important work. Councillor Manktelow seconded the proposal and it was agreed 6 votes for and 1 abstention. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) Communications received since 5 October 2018 and forwarded to Councillors by email:

Letter from Your Law with Claim for injury sustained in the Parish Field forwarded to Insurance Brokers for action.

2 emails from a resident the first requesting a copy of the lease between the Parish Council and the Pre-School for the Gables, 21/10/18. The second asking further questions about the planning application currently submitted by the Pre-School 26/10/18. Replies to both circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council confirmed the actions of the Clerk regarding this matter.

Email from resident who is a user of the BMX track – invited to attend the meeting for the discussion

Involve information regarding Devon Community Grant Funds

6 MDDC Committee notifications

6 MDDC press releases on a variety of issues

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

40 emails offering various services, seminars or equipment.

Communications were noted

Meeting closed 21.25

**Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council**