



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Glover, Grantham, Little, Phare, Sellick, Scott, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox
In attendance: Clerk K Taylor 4 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.04 and reminded that it would be recorded.

1. Apologies Councillor Dilke-Wing,

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members for any of the agenda items.

Councillor Little declared an interest in item 8a as a resident of Willand Old Village. This would not prevent any involvement in the discussion.

3. No items were brought forward by the Chair.

4. Public questions

1a) Given how long it is taking to reopen the Cullompton post office why does the parish council seem loath to review the decision it made which is to fund a traffic count.

1b) why is the Parish Council not addressing key safety issues more urgently when it has the funds even if Highways will not fund them

2) Are we really going to wait until another child is killed as was the case on Silver Street years ago when it was a 40 mile an hour limit for Old Village to perhaps experience something similar when even though it is 30 lots of people go much, much faster. Do we really have to wait until a really nasty thing happens again before you will consider doing something to restrict people going at those sorts of speeds in the first place.

The Chair confirmed that these questions would be dealt with under item 8

5. The minutes of the Planning, Lighting and Transportation Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2019 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Phare, seconded by Councillor Scott and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true record.

6. Applications

a. 19/00739/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of an extension

Location: 11 Worcester Crescent Willand Cullompton

Following discussion, Councillor Glover proposed that Willand Parish Council offer no objection to this application. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was agreed by 8 votes with Councillor Grantham abstaining from the vote. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. Decisions notified for information

a. 19/00218/HOUSE

Proposal: Conversion of garage to playroom/gym; alteration to garden wall and erection of fence and creation of 2 parking spaces to side of property

Location: 15 Willand Moor Road Willand Cullompton Devon

Decision: Permission granted

Decision noted

b. 19/00296/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of granny annexe following demolition of double garage

Location: October House Gables Road Willand Cullompton Devon EX15 2PL

Decision: Permission granted

Decision noted

c. 19/00551/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of ground floor side extension and raise boundary wall

Location: 48 Victoria Close Willand Cullompton

Decision: Permission granted

Decision noted

d. 19/00486/PNHH

Proposal: Prior notification for the erection of an extension, extending to 2.3m to the rear, maximum height of 2.7m, eaves height of 2.7m

Location: 11 Worcester Crescent Willand Cullompton

Application withdrawn

Noted

8. Traffic in the village

Councillor Sellick joined the meeting 19:23 and declared an interest in item 8 as a resident of Willand Old Village.

a) To decide on a date for a traffic count in Willand Old Village (b/f from 09/05/19)

In response to the first question the clerk confirmed that the original resolution to have the count after the opening of the post office in Cullompton was made in February 2019. Standing Orders required three Councillors to put forward a motion to change this resolution within six months of it being made. There was a suggestion that this could be done in order to gain evidence of traffic and speed to inform any future discussion on the provision of a pavement but three Councillors did not come forward to agree to put forward a motion therefore the resolution would stand until the six-month period ended.

Devon Highways stance on speed limits and pavements through Willand Old Village was reiterated – that the area was not considered to be dangerous and did not require a reduction in speed limit or even any pavements. DCC Highways had suggested that they would adopt a pavement if the Parish paid for it providing it met DCC specifications. Until the Parish Council had evidence from the traffic survey Councillors were reluctant to begin any investigation into the cost and practicalities of providing any sort of pavement through Old Village. With regard to question 1b the Chair confirmed that reserve funds were allocated for specific areas of work that the parish council were responsible for and that the Clerk could provide more detailed information. **ACTION:** Clerk

The discussion widened to include general concerns of speeding in other parts of Willand and Councillor Wilcox gave a brief outline of the tragedy in Silver Street confirming that the accident raised in question 2 was not due to speed or careless driving. It is drivers who are responsible for speeding and bad driving not the Parish Council. It was noted that accident statistics would be required in order for the police and Highways to change their stance. Despite requests from the Parish Council there had not been any extension to the 30-mph limit through Silver Street

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Chief Constable highlighting concerns about speeding in the Willand and to ask that Community speed watch be reintroduced as soon as possible. **ACTION:** Councillor Glover/Clerk

b) Parking and driving within the village

Concerns had been raised by residents about parking in the turning head by the Somerlea bungalows. The Parish Council had requested that MDDC turn some of the grass area in Somerlea to parking and this was still on going. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Head of Housing and ask if a notice could be put up not to park in the turning head. If not MDDC responsibility then the Neighbourhood Highways Officer would be contacted. **ACTION:** Clerk

The question of lorries parking on the path outside the One Stop and causing the pavement to crack was raised. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer **ACTION:** Clerk

Two of the Residents left 19:12

9. To discuss whether to take any further action following the response received from MDDC Chief Executive regarding the promised boundary review in 2019 (email circulated 14/05)

It was agreed that the Clerk would find out who is chairing the working group on MDDC regarding boundary changes and then send all the information to them. **ACTION:** Clerk

10. Enforcement issues

The Chair gave a brief update on the local enforcement issues.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to MDDC planning enforcement asking them for information on the outstanding screening for the Stoneshill solar farm along the B3181.

Meeting closed 20:02

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Planning Lighting & Transportation Committee

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