



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 2019 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Grantham, Little, Phare, Tobin, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox

In attendance: DCC Councillor Radford (part), MDDC Councillor Evans (part), Clerk K Taylor, 2 members of the public

Councillor Warren opened the meeting at 19.00 reminding that it would be recorded.

1. Apologies had been received from Councillors Dilke-Wing, Glover, Scott, Sellick, MDDC Councillor Chesterton
2. No declarations of interest were received
3. The Chair said that Councillor Radford had to leave early and that he would bring forward item 7 following the approval of the minutes.
4. There were no public questions but the Council received an update from a resident who had cleaned the graffiti off the subway and had also contacted Devon CC about two areas of overgrown hedges. The Chair thanked him for his actions.
5. It was proposed by Councillor Phare and seconded by Councillor Tobin that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2019 were signed as a true record

7. Reports

c) County Councillor Radford had provided a report which had been circulated. It included information on the consultation on the closure of 8 fire stations in Devon and other changes to the service. Some of the savings that will be made will go to increased inspections and home visits to make homes and business premises safer. He emphasised that this was out for public consultation and urged people to engage with the consultation. The report also referenced education budgets, grass cutting, highways work, streetlighting and broadband.

Councillor Little asked Councillor Radford if DCC provided information and advice on Safeguarding policies for Parish Councils. It was agreed that he would email Councillor Radford in order for him to be able to find out more about this.

Councillor Radford left the meeting at 19:18

b) District Councillors Evans reported that all district council committees had now met at least once since the election. He was pleased to report that the annual accounts had already been signed off. MDCC had passed a policy on green issues and carbon reduction with a target for carbon neutral by 2030 and would be an ongoing challenge. Councillor Warren gave some examples of how MDDC had already started working towards achieving this target. Councillor Evans gave a brief report on the 2 Sisters liaison group which he attended with Councillor Warren. 2 Sisters are confident that the work they are doing will mean that the odours will be minimised by the end of the month. He had received an email that evening informing that the odours reported today had been investigated and was not emitted from 2 Sisters. The Council were informed that there had been a drain cleaner in Willand during the day which might have caused the odours. It was noted that the parking outside the factory was still causing complaints from residents. Councillor Whatley asked about the hedge on the edge of the new development and it was confirmed that this was still under the management of Live West.

Councillor Evans left the meeting at 19.25

a) There had been 11 crimes recorded on the police crime map in Willand in May 2019

6. Progress Reports for information

- a) Councillor Warren confirmed that concerns regarding parking in Somerlea is still a priority for District Councillors. It was reported that the notice has been purchased and is on list for handyman to do.
- b) The handyman had cleared the BMX track and Jubilee field of bricks and wood litter. It was agreed to put the BMX track on the agenda for Environment Committee with a view to establishing a working group to look at its future development. **ACTION:** Clerk
- c) Councillor Warren gave a brief update on the Ash Close recycling and rubbish collection and proposed actions by Live West. He would be discussing with MDDC officers with a view to resolving the issues.
- d) It was agreed that the Parish Council need take no further action following the response from the local police sergeant to the letter written to the Chief Constable.
- e) It was agreed not to pre purchase defibrillator pads at this time.

8. Finance

a) Payment Authorisation

PAYMENTS TO	INVOICE FOR	AMOUNT	BUDGET
SWW	Allotment Water	95.59	allotment
SWW	Cemetery Water	12.64	cemetery
Barclaycard	Stamps	15.72	office/admin
WHCC	Work in Gables premises	1380.00	Gables reserve
SLCC	Membership for 2019/20	136.00	office/admin
Astra Printing	Magazine printing	902.00	magazine
DALC (3 invoices)	New Councillors training & information	152.96	office/admin
Quarlfox	Cemetery Grass 2 cuts	92.70	cemetery
Quarlfox	tree seats fitting	204.97	Playarea equip
Quarlfox	& basket ball hoop	76.13	Playarea equip
Tim Scrace	bus shelter cleaning	80.00	villageprojects
Safety Signs for less	sign for Somerlea	11.58	villageprojects
MDDC	Orchard Lea equipment checks	124.20	Playarea equip
Earth Anchors	tree seats	3249.60	Capital Play area
HMRC	Tax	606.40	salaries
Ken Broom	small play areas grass cutting	120.00	play area maint
Countrywide	play area grass cutting	463.68	play area maint
Countrywide	Verge cutting	815.40	gen ground maint
Quarlfox	Litter picking	17.50	salaries
Quarlfox	Cemetery grass cutting	46.35	Cemetery
Quarlfox	removal of rubbish from BMX track	84.00	Play area maint

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

b) Income in June noted

c) Councillor Phare proposed that the new sign for the cemetery was purchased, Councillor Little seconded the proposal and it was agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

9. Neighbourhood Planning

- a) Councillor Little gave an introduction to the paper and proposed that the Parish Council support the brief as outlined, Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.
- b) Following discussion, it was agreed that the initial membership of the task group would be Councillors Little, Dilke-Wing, Wilcox and the Clerk. It was confirmed that the group would report back to Full Council under a standing agenda item. **ACTION:** Councillor Little

10. Meeting dates. Please note Full Council meetings are not held in August.

Thursday 18 July 2019– Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 25 July 2019– Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 8 August 2019 – Planning Committee (if necessary)

Thursday 22 August 2019 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 12 September 2019 Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

11. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Grantham raised the issue of the sign in Orchard Way Open Space and it was agreed that this would be put on the Environment Agenda but that the wording regarding dogs on lead should be covered up. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham.

Councillor Wilcox thanked the Clerk for writing to householders to ask them to clear hedges from footpaths.

Councillor Little had attended the meeting of Willand United Charities

Councillor Scott had raised with the Clerk a caravan parked in a field on the road down towards the cemetery. It was agreed that this would be checked and if necessary, reported to planning enforcement. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the received information that there was a rough sleeper in Jubilee Park and action taken by MDDC also, issues raised regarding gardens in MDDC housing in Somerlea.

12. Communications

a) To consider

- I. To agree if a report on the allotment trees should be undertaken and if so, authorise the expenditure (email circulated 3/07) It was agreed that this would be discussed at the Environment committee meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk
- II. To consider the email circulated 14/07 with regard to Devon Investigations and whether the Parish Council wish to receive further information about this. It was agreed that this would be placed on file **ACTION:** Clerk
- III. To decide if anyone is able to attend the Stagecoach Conference for community stakeholders in Exeter on Wednesday 24th July 2019 email circulated 14/07. It was confirmed that no one would be available to go.

b) Communications received since 6 June and forwarded to Councillors by email:

7 MDDC press releases on a variety of topics and local events

10 MDDC committee notices and agendas

6 Newsletters and Bulletins from various organisations including Citizens Advice and the Rural network.

Information from Willand Community Watch group regarding the set up and purpose of the group.

Willand Community Watch email sent on 3 July.

Email from residents attending the planning meeting on 27 June thanking the Parish Council for their attention.

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

50 plus emails offering various services, seminars or equipment.

Communications were noted

Meeting closed 20:29

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council
12 September 2019