



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, LIGHTING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

**Present:** Councillors Grantham, Little, Scott, Tobin, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox  
**In attendance** 2 members of public

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Glover, Phare, Clerk K Taylor

2. No declarations of interest were received.

3. The Chair opened the meeting at 1900 and reminded members that the meeting was being recorded. He advised members that regrettably Council Dilke-Wing had resigned due to business pressures not allowing him to give sufficient time to his Council commitment. He would still be available to assist with some issues as required.

4. **Presentation from Willand Rovers FC** - Mr M Hawkins of Willand Rovers Football Club gave a presentation to members on the detail of a planning application the club were about to submit to MDDC for the building of an additional stand required as the result of their promotion. Members had questions answered. The Chair thanked Mr Hawkins for bringing the application to the attention of the Parish Council as part of a public consultation process and advised that the Parish Council would discuss the matter further when detail of the full application was available. Mr Hawkins then left the meeting.

5. No members of the public asked questions.

6. Councillor Grantham proposed that the minutes of the Planning, Lighting and Transportation meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2019 be approved. Councillor Little seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

7. Willand Parish Council's response to new applications

#### a. 19/01513/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building and surrounding land to industrial use (B1/B2)

Location: Land at NGR 304436 112250 (Pitt Farm) Muxbeare Lane Willand Devon.

The Chair reminded members that the applicant had given a presentation at an earlier meeting and that he would not vote unless necessary having regard to his MDDC position. After discussion

(i) Councillor Grantham proposed that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that it would add to the volume of traffic on the B3181; the potential increase in pollution and concerns as to safety for large lorries emerging from Muxbeare Lane in the light of traffic speeds on the B3181. This would all lead to a cumulative adverse and harmful effect on the area considering other permissions and applications in the area. Also, that the change of use of a recently permitted agricultural building was of concern. Councillor Whatley seconded the proposal.

(ii) Councillor Wilcox proposed that the original proposal be amended to read 'That Willand Parish Council did not object to the application but had concerns that it would add to the volume of traffic on the B3181; the potential increase in pollution and concerns as to safety for large lorries emerging from Muxbeare Lane in the light of traffic speeds on the B3181. This would all lead to a cumulative adverse and harmful effect on the area considering other permissions and applications in the area. Also, that the change of use of a recently permitted agricultural building was of concern.' Councillor Scott seconded the amendment.

The Chair called for a vote on the amendment (ii) – 2 in favour with 4 against. He then called for a vote on the original proposal (i) – 4 in favour with 2 against. The proposal (i) was carried.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 8. Decisions notified for information

### a. 19/00444/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuildings to 2 dwellings (Revised Scheme)  
 Location: The Elms Willand Old Village Willand  
 Decision - Approved  
 Noted.

### b. 19/01270/TPO

Proposal: Application fell 1 Silver Birch Tree (T1) protected by Tree Preservation order  
 03/00006/TPO  
 Decision – Refused  
 Noted.

## 9. Culm Garden Village Community Stakeholder Forum Workshop on relationship between CGV and neighbouring communities and areas Proposal for Workshop in Autumn 2019

The Chair advised that the meeting had been provisionally set for 1000 hours on 26 November 2019. He would be attending in his capacity as a MDDC Ward Councillor but was quite prepared to represent the Parish as well. Currently he was aware of nothing different from what we had already submitted in response to two earlier consultations. Councillor Grantham indicated a wish to attend but he would not wish to make a presentation on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chair advised he would enquire of officers if another councillor could attend to observe and advise members by email.

**ACTION: Councillor Warren**

The Chair advised that he had read through the Cullompton Neighbourhood plan and saw nothing that required a response from the Parish Council. Members had no alternative views.

## 10. Auto Speed Watch

Members were aware of an offer of new equipment which may help assess as to whether there were vehicle speed issues in certain areas of the village. Discussion by members included, cost, security, issues as to where it could be fixed, DCC position re licensing sites and police position. Councillor Whatley had been making enquiries and had circulated an email trail which included a comprehensive letter of advice/opinion from the police. As all members had not seen this the Chair suggested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting to enable members to be fully acquainted to enable informed discussion. Members agreed.

**ACTION: Clerk for agenda**

## 11. Enforcement issues

The Chair gave a brief report on the local enforcement issues. Members expressed their concerns as to the apparent ineffectiveness of Planning Enforcement in MDDC and the fact that some appeared to be able to carry out works contrary to planning permissions and then be allowed to retain the unapproved works by officers without further consultation with interested parties.

Meeting closed 1951.

Councillor Warren  
 Chair of Planning Transportation and Lighting Committee