



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2019 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 19.00**

Present: Councillors Little, Phare, Scott, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox

In attendance: DCC Councillor Radford, MDDC Councillors Chesterton and Evans, Clerk K Taylor 1 member of the public

1. Apologies: Councillors Grantham, Glover

2. Councillor Little declared an interest in item 6e

3. Items brought forward by the Chair

The Chair had received a phone call from Pallex Management asking for a meeting in order to update the Parish Council on the plans for their development on Phase 2 of the Mid Devon Business Park. In order to share the information with the other District Councillors he has reported on this now rather than in the planning meeting. Work would be starting w/b 18 November on a section of the hedge where the cut through will be. This will be done by hand and under supervision to minimise the effect on the dormouse population. They will start to plant down by the motorway within the month, all levelling will be done on site in the new year and there will be no movement of soil offsite. They now own the field where the gate way was installed and eventually the hedge will be reinstated. The Chair also confirmed that, weather permitting the new equipment will be put into Orchard Way play area the week beginning 25 November. Clerk to inform the local residents.

ACTION: Clerk

4. There were no public questions

5. Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2019 should be signed as a true record. Councillor Whatley seconded the proposal and the minutes were signed.

6. Progress Reports for information and decision

a) Councillor Little proposed that the Parish Council make a one off purchase of the bags for the bottles placed around the around the village to be used to pick up dog excrement. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

b) The Clerk gave a brief report on the proposed speed count that would take place in Willand. Further research would be undertaken regarding the ASW system. It was agreed that this would be kept on the agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Councillor Radford had not been able to progress a meeting with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to discuss traffic issues raised in the village. It was agreed that he would progress this with Councillor Warren.

ACTION: Councillors Radford & Warren.

d) Councillor Scott reported that the matter relating to the path in Greenwood was being dealt with by residents no further action required by the Parish Council.

e) Councillor Little declared an interest as a Willand United Charities Trustee nominated by the Parish Council. He explained that the changes in the constitution included to have 2 trustees from the Church Council, 2 nominated by the Parish Council and that the trustees would be able to co-opt a further two trustees if necessary to ensure they had a range of knowledge and experience. The Rector would not automatically be the Chair. The Parish Council had no issue to raise with these changes.

7. Reports

a) There were 11 incidents reported on the police crime map in Willand during September. Councillor Warren gave a brief report on action he had taken with the MDDC Community Safety Partnership Officer following the response from the police that they would not be taking action on

anti-social behaviour against individuals in Willand even where culprits had been identified. It was expected that further action would be taken.

b) District Councillors Chesterton informed the Council that MDDC would be involved with the elections for next 4 weeks as they were a returning authority. There are 5 candidates nominated in the constituency. Following the work of the Campaign for Democracy within Mid Devon there may be changes to how the Council operates, it is currently under discussion.

Councillor Evans gave brief update on traffic count in Uffculme and the Local Plan review. He had received reports of smells from 2 Sisters that he has raised with the company.

Councillor Warren expanded further on issues regarding the Local Plan. He had received reports of fly tipping around Dean Hill Road and has taken this up with MDDC.

c) County Councillor Radford had provided a report informing of the current state within Devon County Council raising the issue of budgetary difficulties including education and social care. The Council has committed to being a zero carbon authority.

8. Finance

a) The payments were reviewed, approved and are attached at the end of these minutes.

b) The income in October 2019 was noted

c) Taking into consideration the proposed increase in the price and recognising the uncertainty over staff costs from April Councillor Little proposed that the Parish Council award the Jubilee Field and Orchard Way play area maintenance contracts to Countrywide and that the Clerk and Chairs of F&A and Council to be able to make a decision in the event of further changes for the year. This was unanimously agreed. The Cemetery grass cutting and hedge maintenance was being subjected to tender.

ACTION: Clerk

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to spray the weeds and further that the area would be expanded to include the motorway bridge. The Clerk would ask Countrywide to quote for increasing the weed spraying boundaries to include the motorway bridge.

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Radford offered further support for this year towards ground maintenance work on receipt of an application.

ACTION: Clerk

9. Report back from Neighbourhood Plan Task Group

Councillor Little gave a brief update on the current work.

10. Meeting dates

Thursday 14 November 2019 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 28 November 2019 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 12 December 2019 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Councillors Evans and Chesterton gave their apologies due to election commitments

Thursday 19 December 2019 – Finance and Administration Committee meeting

Meeting dates were noted.

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

Councillor Whatley raised the question of bad road surfaces which were causing large puddles and it was agreed that all issues should be reported on the Devon County Council website.

Councillor Wilcox reported that the Parish Council were invited to the village carol service on 1 December in the Village Hall.

Councillor Warren went to the members meeting of the Culm garden village on 12 November. This is in the early stages of development, Councillor Warren will be concentrating on how the development will affect Willand.

12. Communications

a) To consider

I. It was agreed that no response was required to the Devon County Council (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order

II. It was confirmed that Councillor Grantham would be attending the Culm Garden Stakeholder Forum 26 November 9.45am Councillor Warren would be giving a presentation and there is a further place available if another Councillor was able to attend. It was agreed that they would inform the Clerk if they wished to attend.

- III. The Parish Council thanked Councillor Radford for sharing the content of the discussion he had had with a resident but it was agreed that it would be inappropriate for Willand Parish Council to comment on what was essentially Devon County matters between the County Councillor and a resident of the village.
- IV. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the response from Highways England to letter sent regarding Subway Approach to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer and Councillor Radford asking that these areas be recorded for maintenance by DCC Highways in accord with the response from Highways England. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) Communications received since 3 October and forwarded to Councillors by email:

4 MDDC press releases
 2 MDDC committee notifications
 Consultation on Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan
 TNMWD Citizens Advice newsletter
 Involve Funding news November
 DCC Flood Risk Management newsletter
 Have Your Say on Mid Devon's Next Budget
 DCC Climate emergency information
 Campaign for Local Democracy invitation to meeting
 Rural Services network newsletter and funding digest
 Hospice care newsletter

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

50 plus emails offering various services, seminars or equipment
 All communications were noted

Meeting Closed 20.35

Councillor Barry Warren
 Chair of Willand Parish Council
 12 December 2019

NOVEMBER 2019 MONTHLY ACCOUNT PAYMENTS			
Amazon	New Laptop	529.00	Office Admin
HP Inc UK	New Printer	70.00	Office Admin
Kneedeep design	Website	62.00	Office Admin
Countrywide	Verge cutting	815.40	Ground Maintenance
Countrywide	Jubilee field grass cutting	295.68	Play Area Maintenance
Countrywide	Orchard Way grass cutting	168.00	Play Area Maintenance
MDCC	Election Expenses	167.35	Office Admin
Quarlfox	Cemetery maintainance	46.35	Cemetery
Astra printing	November December issue	938.00	Magazine
EDF	Christmas lights 2018	72.23	Village Projects
Quarlfox	Supply turf and lay on one grave	20.20	Cemetery
Quarlfox	Clear brambles tool hire and fuel	59.45	Ground Maintenance
Digital Bloom	Website support	50.00	Office admin
Countrywide	Verge cutting last cut extras	234.00	Ground Maintenance
INCOME IN OCTOBER			
MDDC	Precept	28068.50	
magazine advertisers	Adverts	116.00	
Allotment holders	Allotment rents	558.42	
DCC	Ground maintenance & weed spraying	4796.00	