



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 09 JANUARY 2020 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Councillors Grantham, Little, Scott, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox

**In attendance:** MDDC Councillor Chesterton, Clerk K Taylor 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Glover, Phare, DCC Councillor Radford, MDDC Councillor Evans
2. No declarations of interest were received from Members on any of the agenda items.
3. Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the issue that had been highlighted on Social Media regarding the mud on the pavement on the B3181 near to the entrance to Rowan Lea and also where the Woodland Trust area was down towards Meadow Park. He confirmed that he had been in contact with DCC Highways who were aware of the issue and were actively trying to sort it out
4. There were no public questions.
5. Councillor Grantham proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2019 be signed as a true record, Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and the minutes were signed.

#### 6. Reports

- a) There were 13 crimes recorded on the police crime map for Willand in November 2019.
- b) Councillor Chesterton reported that at Full Council there had been a motion from Councillor Evans that tree planting be encouraged across the district on land owned by MDDC, Councillor Chesterton had proposed a review of parking provision on new housing estates, and also an amendment to Policy to include an encouragement for provision of electric charging points in new developments. He reminded that MDDC were now going into the budget round, and that the consultation for the Local Plan Review Main Modifications was now underway. Councillor Warren reported briefly on budget issues in MDDC highlighting that the budget figures have improved and that MDDC have improved the income sources during the year. He informed that the District Council was reviewing the way it operated and looking at the Cabinet system in order to improve the system to allow more openness and transparency.
- c) County Councillor Radford had sent a report which the Clerk had circulated. It concentrated on budget issues for DCC and gave an indication of the difficulties the Council faced.

#### 7. Finance

- a) Councillor Wilcox proposed that the payments attached at the end of these minutes be actioned, Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk
- b) Income in December was noted
- c) Councillor Warren proposed that the precept figures as agreed at the meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee on 19 December 2019 be put forward to Mid Devon for the year 2020/21. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was agreed with one abstention.

**ACTION:** Clerk

#### 8. Chestnut play area closure by MDDC.

The Clerk had received a number of comments from residents which had been circulated to Councillors. Following a detailed discussion it was proposed by Councillor Little that the Clerk write a firm letter highlighting the actions taken by the Parish Council to assist MDDC with the play areas to ensure that no facilities were lost. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Little thanked the District Councillors for their contribution to the discussion and supportive comments which were very much appreciated and would inform the correspondence.

### 9. Report back from Neighbourhood Plan Task Group for information

Councillor Little had circulated a report and spoke briefly to it outlining the planned actions, a questionnaire in the magazine & on line to try to find out what the residents of Willand think are good about the village and what would make it better. This will be followed by talking with organisations and groups including the school and local business.

### 10. Meeting dates

Thursday 09 January 2020 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 23 January 2020 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 13 February 2020 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 27 February 2020 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 12 March 2020 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

### Thursday 19 March 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting 18.30

Meeting dates were noted and it was agreed that refreshments would be offered at the Annual Parish Meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk

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

a) Councillor Wilcox raised the question of parish councillors responding to comments on social media and it was reiterated that a clear distinction was necessary between individual comments and those that could be attributed to the Parish Council.

b) The Clerk had circulated the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association for DALC and asked if there were any comments that Councillors wished to make. It was agreed the Clerk would respond highlighting concerns about the Directors length of office. **ACTION:** Clerk

### 12. Communications

a) To consider

i Email from MDDC planning administration regarding system for logging and dealing with all Parish Enquiries in respect of planning. (Circulated 31/12/19) To consider any response from the Parish Council. It was agreed that 10 days does appear to be a long time, 5 working days would be more acceptable. **ACTION:** Clerk

ii Email from Terrain regarding subscription to Health & Safety information (Circulated 31/12/19) It was agreed that this was not necessary.

b) Communications received since 7 December 2019 and forwarded to Councillors by email:

Request by allotment holder to have a shed 31/12/19

Mid Devon email informing that closure of Chestnut Drive play area to go ahead

4 MDDC meeting agendas

4 MDDC press releases

4 Rural Services newsletter

Newsletter from Came & Company insurance brokers

Highways update

Healthwatch Devon information

Involve Funding News

8 emails from residents regarding Chestnut Drive play area closure

c) Communications not referred to Councillors

40 plus emails offering various services, seminars or equipment

The communications were noted.

Meeting closed at 20.03

Councillor Barry Warren  
Chair of Willand Parish Council  
13 February 2020

<b>PAYMENTS TO</b>	<b>INVOICE FOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Quarlfox	play equipment repairs	186.03	play parks maint
Blachere illuminations	installation of Christmas lights	793.50	village projects
Barclaycard	Printer ink	33.00	magazine
	office supplies	73.84	office/admin
	photocopying	19.00	office/admin
Mid Devon Mobility	grant providing facilities in Willand	100.00	Donations
Blachere illuminations	removal of lights & storage	867.84	village projects
Brightsea print	Jan/Feb magazine printing	874.00	magazine
SWW	Allotment water charges to Dec	137.29	Allotments
SWW	Cemetery water charges to Dec	14.91	cemetery
HMRC	Salaries PAYE	606.60	salaries
Ashfords	registration of leases playgrounds	380.00	legal

#### **RECEIPTS IN DECEMBER 2019**

Aboricare	magazine advert	25.00	magazine
Local groups & businesses	Christmas Lights contribution contribution to Amazon Jungle climber	720.00	village projects
Pencarrie		4312.00	projects ground maintenance
DCC	contribution to weed spraying	200.00	