



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2020 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: MDDC Councillor Evans (part), Clerk K Taylor 4 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Councillors Glover, DCC Councillor Radford, MDDC Councillor Chesterton.
2. No declarations of interest were received on any of the agenda items.
3. No items were brought forward by the Chair
4. There were no public questions
5. Councillor Whatley proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020 be signed as a true record, Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and the minutes were signed.

6. Progress Reports for information

- a) Councillor Grantham gave a brief report on the meeting with MDDC regarding Chestnut play area potential closure. It was made clear that the District Council was very concerned about the safety of the equipment in the play area as similar equipment in other areas had failed. It was agreed that MDDC would discuss with the tree officer whether it would be possible to prune or cut some of the trees down in the area. On the whole it was a positive meeting and the Parish Council are now waiting for further information from Mid Devon.
- b) Councillor Wilcox gave a brief report on the audit training attended and outlined some of the audit initiatives to be taken. It was agreed that a new savings account would be opened, further information would be brought to the F&A Committee meeting. **ACTION:** Councillor Wilcox. The asset register had been updated and it was suggested that this should be put on the website. Councillor Scott undertook to provide photos of the equipment. **ACTION:** Clerk/ Councillor Scott. Councillor Little proposed that the Parish Council purchase the LCRS system Councillor Scott seconded the proposal and it was agreed by six votes with Councillor Whatley voting against it.
- c) The risk assessment for the BMX was approved and it was agreed that that Councillors Grantham and Scott would produce two signs. **ACTION:** Councillors Scott & Grantham.
- d) It was agreed that the Clerk start the procedures to recruit a new councillor. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. Reports

- a) 13 crimes had been reported to the police in January 2020 in the Willand area
- b) District Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the Visit Mid Devon website which is being developed and asked that people have a look and give ideas for development. He reported that the MDDC budget had been approved, but things are tight. Guidance on Coronavirus will be provided.

Councillor Evans joined the meeting at 19.45 reporting that the economic forecast for the end of year had worsened – there was an unknown impact from the budget, and it could be impacted by business rates announcement. He raised the issue of the Boundary Commission report and asked that people comment to the Commission. The landfill site was now in aftercare and restoration period and he informed that the methane gas is going through a power station on site and being fed into the national grid there was an experimental system taking place to process the leachate which would go through an evaporation process and then the remaining liquid would be purified water which will allow piped water to be returned to the ground. He reported briefly on the new footpath completed at the quarry which is now into phase 6 of 8, with 15 to 20 years left for quarrying. White Ball have an asphalt making plant and Viridor are in consultation with Aggregate industries to move this plant to the disused composting site.

His idea of planting trees on vacant ground has been taken on board, land has been identified and some land owners have offered land for tree planting.

c) County Councillor Radford had submitted a report that had been circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

8. Finance

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

Payments are recorded at the end of the minutes.

b) The February income was noted.

c) It was agreed that Councillor Little would be added as a signatory to the bank account. The Clerk would prepare a bank mandate for signing at the F&A meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Little gave a brief report on the actions taken so far with the Neighbourhood Plan. Alongside the questionnaire to all households local business have been approached for their thoughts. Councillor Little also referred to the boundary commission report and requested that people write in to the Commission to support the parish objective of changing the Lower Culm boundary.

10. Meeting dates

Thursday 12 March 2020 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Thursday 19 March 2020 – Finance and Administration Committee meeting

Thursday 19 March 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting 18.30 in the Committee Room

Thursday 26 March 2020 – Planning and Environment Committee meetings

Thursday 09 April 2020 – Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

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

The Chair invited Mr Downing to talk about his ideas of how to support the residents through the Coronavirus scare. In the light of all the different information that had been given out he thought it was important that there was a plan to support Willand residents in what could be a difficult time. Councillor Glover had suggested to the Clerk that the proposed Community Watch group, which had identified 5 areas of the village and also proposed coordinators for each area could be used as a vehicle for this. Following discussion the members agreed that this appeared to be a useful way forward and asked the Clerk to put Councillor Glover in contact with Mr Downing. **ACTION:** Clerk
Councillor Little proposed that the Parish Council agree in principle that the Chair and Vice Chair have the authority to suspend meetings at short notice if deemed necessary in the light of the rapidly changing health situation and that during this time the Chair and Clerk had the delegated authority to put important/urgent matters to members for decision by email. This was unanimously agreed.

The Neighbourhood Highways Officer had provided an interim report from SCARF regarding speed in the village following the recordings done at the end of last year in Silver Street and Old Village. A resident who had received the same information had asked what further action will be taken by the Parish Council. It was agreed that despite the results there was clearly a perception that there is a speed issue within the village, now it would be important to work out how that perception is dealt with. It was agreed that initially the information would be shared with the community on Facebook and the website. **ACTION:** Clerk

12. Communications

a) Communications received since 6 February 2020 and forwarded to Councillors by email:

9 MDDC press releases on a variety of topics

6 MDDC Committee Agendas

Funding opportunity from Calor

Devon Climate Emergency report

6 Rural Services Network bulletins

Email from resident regarding roadworks

Temporary closure information for Public Footpath No. 5, Willand and Public Footpath No. 35, Halberton for 6 months from end of March
1 Hospice Care newsletter

b) Communications not referred to Councillors
75 plus emails offering various services, seminars or equipment.
The Communications were noted

There being no further business the meeting closed 20:23

Councillor Barry Warren
Chair of Willand Parish Council

MARCH 2020 MONTHLY PAYMENTS			
PAYMENTS TO	INVOICE FOR	AMOUNT	BUDGET
Quarlfox	BMX track inspection	14.25	Play area ground maintenance
Quarlfox	Mallow Court swing replacement	28.50	play area equipment
T Scrace	Bus shelter cleaning	80.00	village projects
Barclaycard	Collection boxes	40.78	Office/Admin
ICO	Data Protection registration	35.00	Office/Admin
DALC	2 Training courses	84.00	Office/Admin
Quarlfox	BMX track inspection	10.35	play areas equipment
Quarlfox	General play equipment inspection	21.37	play areas equipment
F Tucker	Admin work	158.34	Office/Admin
Astra Printing	Magazine printing	1020.00	magazine
Astra Printing	leaflets & insert costs	159.60	Neighbourhood Plan reserve fund
	RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY		
Uffculme theatre	Magazine insert	25.00	magazine
Victoria Windows	Magazine advert	192.00	magazine
A&M Carpenters	Magazine insert	30.00	magazine
PenCarrie	Magazine insert	35.00	magazine