

Agenda item 14

Fir Close Modular Building

At the January 2025 meeting the following was minuted:

The Chair asked for an item to be added to the February agenda for the Parish Council to consider whether it wishes to raise any concerns with the District Council relating to the Zed pod granted planning permission at Fir Close but yet to be built.

The Chairman has been following this up as a private person through the District Ward Councillors but answers have to be waited for and then they are not creditable in some cases.

Attached is a document dated 17th November 2024 which was prepared by the Chairman. The original narrative is in **black** with questions in **red**. This was sent to Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors on the 27th October 2024. A response was received from District Councillor Glover on the 14th of November 2024. The 'responses' are recorded in the document in **blue**.

On the 17th of November 2024 the document was sent back to Ward Councillors and copied to Parish Councillors with additional questions in **green**. The main point in the email read: "*The responses to my questions in **red** were given in **blue**. No comment was made on some of the other information given. The responses are not clear in places and some give rise to further questions in the interests of clarification. I have therefore amended the response by adding a number of further questions in **green**.*

It would be helpful not to have to wait another month for a response please."

To date no further response to the further questions has been received, in spite of telephone and email reminders, at the date of preparing this agenda report.

Also attached is a Freedom of Information Review request where it can be seen how information is manipulated and presented. The figure given does not equate with the figures given through Councillor Glover.

Also attached are questions asked by Mr Elstone at a meeting of Scrutiny Committee on the 13th of January 2025. Relevant questions to this subject are highlighted. At the time of preparing this agenda item responses have not been received.

RECOMMENDED. That Willand Parish Council express its concerns as to the delay and cost of the provision of a modular property in Fir Close Willand. Those concerns to also include the apparent failure of MDDC to provide open, clear and honest answers to questions raised and to question whether due diligence and care is being exercised over the expenditure of public money.