



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Willand Parish Council** held on **Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.00 pm, in the Club Room at Willand Village Hall, Gables Rd, Willand.**

Present: Cllr Warren, Cllr Grantham, Cllr Leach, Cllr Phare, Cllr Little, Cllr James, Cllr Jones, Cllr Scott

In Attendance: D Bird, Parish Clerk
District Councillor John Poynton
One member of the public

Minutes

0901/01 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Sycamore and Cllr Glover.

0901/02 Declarations of Interest

Declarations taken in the relevant item.

0901/03 Public Question Time

A resident, Barbara Bodkin, read a statement on biodiversity, asking the Parish Council to consider not carrying out weed spraying in the village and to leave additional areas wild to support wildlife and natural habitats. The Chairman explained that weed spraying was only carried out on pavements and paved areas of road. He also advised that her earlier submissions had been considered by the Parish Council before making a decision on this year's budget, alongside other views.

0901/04 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

0901/05

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Willand Parish Council Meetings held on the 12th December 2024 and the 19th December as a correct record, 12th December 2024 - Cllr Grantham proposed and Cllr Leach seconded. Unanimously agreed.
19th December 2024 - Cllr Grantham proposed and Cllr Scott seconded. Unanimously agreed.

0901/06

Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

- Work has started on the installation of the Jubilee Field Springer, Chestnut Drive Springer and the Orchard Way Equipment.
- M5 Community work update - A reminder that work is starting on the 13th January to cut back along the footpath from the Esso garage to clear the footpath to its full width by a volunteer team from the M5 road works crew – information added to the Website and Facebook.
- The Government is consulting on strengthening the standards and conduct framework. Responses deadline is the 26th February. The Clerk forwarded the link to Councillors before Christmas.
- Mid Devon District Council have asked that Councillors ensure their register of interest form is up to date. If there have been any changes please advise the Clerk who will provide a new form for completion.
- Following the letter sent to Mid Devon District Council as resolved in minute 1212/12, the Cabinet Member for Parish and Community Engagement and the Parish Liaison Officer will be attending the February meeting to answer questions and discuss issues of concern to the Parish. Councillors to email the Clerk by the 29th January with any questions they wish to ask in advance to allow for an answer to be provided at the meeting.
- Provisional go live date for the new website and email addresses is the 27th January 2025. As the new provider will use the existing Microsoft account emails will automatically be diverted to the new email addresses, and existing files will be retained.
- The passing of former Parish Councillor Stefan Lehner was noted.

0901/07

County and District Councillor Reports.

- Apologies received from County Cllr Radford who sent a report in advance of the meeting, which was circulated to members.
- District Councillors – Apologies received from Cllr Connor. Report received in advance of the meeting circulated to Councillors. An update on devolution was provided by District Councillor Poynton.

0901/08

Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts to include:

- a) It was **resolved** to note the Summary of Receipts and Payments and approve the Bank Reconciliation up to the 31st December 2024. Cllr James proposed, Cllr Little seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- b) It was **resolved** to authorise the payment of invoices received between the 7th December 2024 and 6th January 2025, and to **ratify** additional payments made since the previous meeting. Cllr Phare Proposed, Cllr Little seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- c) It was **resolved** to note the Reserves Balances Report up to the 31st December 2024. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

0901/09

It was **resolved** to set the Precept at £78,418. Cllr James proposed and Cllr Phare seconded. Unanimously agreed.

0901/10 Mid Devon District Council's draft Community Risk Register was considered and it was **resolved** that the Clerk would draft a response to Mid Devon in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, and add to the list of items for discussion at the February meeting when the Mid Devon Cabinet Member will be in attendance. Moved by Chair. Unanimously agreed.

0901/11 **Mid Devon District Council – Planning Applications** [MDDC Planning Public Access Portal](#)
Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning applications. **NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER THIS MEETING.**

- i. It was **resolved** to ratify that the Parish Council offer no objection to application Number 24/01801/ADVERT - Advertisement consent for erection of small freestanding illuminated advertising display board Willand Service Station. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

0901/12 **Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions**
It was noted that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has made the following planning decision.

Reference: 24/01522/TPO

Proposal: Application to lift the crown of 1 Oak tree by 6m, remove the lowest branches, crown thin and reduce property side by 1.5m protected by Tree Preservation Order 02/00005/TPO

Location: 6 Greenwood Willand Cullompton Devon

DECISION: Split Decision – permission granted for crown lifting and reduction with conditions, permission refused for crown thinning of tree by 30%

Reference: 24/01523/TPO

Proposal: Application to remove lowest limb over garden of 1 Oak tree, crown thin, reduce property side by 3-4m and reduce lateral limbs over Jaycroft by 2-2.5m protected by Tree Preservation Order 02/00005/TPO

Location: 5 Greenwood Willand Cullompton Devon

DECISION: Split Decision – permission granted to remove lowest limb over garden and crown and lateral limb reduction with conditions, permission refused for crown thinning of tree by 30%

Reference: 24/01550/CLP

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed use of a dwelling Class C3 as a care facility Class C3(b) for up to 2 children ages of 8 to 17 years living together as a single household with 2 associated staff

Location: 41 Chestnut Drive Willand Cullompton

DECISION: Certificate of Lawful Use Granted

Reference: 24/01584/FULL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/01920/FULL (Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing garage) to allow substitute plans relating to the addition of second floor; addition of front window to the lean-to; removal of lean-to patio doors and side window; addition of first floor window on North East elevation and second floor window on South East elevation

Location: 8 Somerlea Willand Cullompton

DECISION: Permission Granted

0901/13

Councillor Reports:

- Cllr James advised that there is more offensive graffiti on the walls of the motorway underpass. The Clerk will report again.
- Cllr Little advised that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum will take place on the 27th February, and asked for an item to be added to the February agenda, for which he will provide a report in advance.
- Cllr Jones raised concerns regarding the pavements in Orchard Way. Cllr Jones and Cllr Leach to provide details and photos to the Clerk so she can report to Devon County Council.
- Cllr Jones advised that the Pantry is organising an Easter meal for elderly isolated residents, and asked Parish Councillors to contact her if they can offer their time to assist. The Chair thanked Cllr Jones for organising the Christmas meal.
- Cllr Scott has reported several vehicles parked on Orchard Way that are not taxed or MOT'd to the Police and Mid Devon District Council.
- 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 Chair asked whether the WH&CC could be used as a "warm space" with the Parish Council providing some funding. Cllr Little advised that other organisations provide similar facilities in the village and suggested that there should be a co-ordinated approach. The Clerk advised that a specific proposal would be required for this to be added as an agenda item.

0901/14

The meeting closed at 20.19 p.m.