



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Willand Parish Council** held on **Thursday 10th October 2024 at 7.00 pm**,
in the **Club Room at Willand Village Hall, Gables Rd, Willand**.

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

In Attendance: D Bird, Parish Clerk
County Councillor Ray Radford. Left at 20.16 p.m.
Jonathan Lawrence, Chair Willand Tennis Club
Two members of the public

Minutes

1010/01 To receive and accept apologies

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

1010/02 Declarations of Interest

Declarations taken in the relevant item.

1010/03 Public Question Time

A member of the public raised concerns relating to various areas of land, footpaths and highways. The Clerk will email the relevant issues to the Highways Officer and to the District Councillors as appropriate.

1010/04 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

1010/05 It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Willand Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th September 2024 as a correct record, Cllr Phare proposed and Cllr Scott seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1010/06 A presentation was received from Jonathan Lawrence, the Chair of Willand Tennis Club regarding raising funds for the resurfacing of the tennis courts by either replacing the tarmac courts or upgrading to a longer lasting astro surface, including applying for some of the S106 monies available for open space and recreation projects in Willand. The Clerk to add an item to the November agenda for Council to decide on whether to support the proposal.

1010/07

Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

- The licensing of the new rector is to take place on Wednesday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. at St Mary's Uffculme. All Parish Councillors have been invited. The Clerk noted the names of those Councillors attending and will advise the Church Wardens.
- Details of the planning conditions for Stoneshill Farm only received from Cllr Glover on the afternoon of the meeting. The Chair and Clerk will review the response and email Councillors.
- Bycott Farm AD plant planning application withdrawn but a new application may be submitted potentially giving access onto the Halberton to Willand Road.
- The Chair updated Councillors on the proposed Zedpod at Fir Close, further information awaited from Mid-Devon.
- S106 funds approved for Orchard Way, payment awaited, once received the contractor will be instructed to carry out the agreed Play Area work.
- Neighbourhood Plan Referendum due to take place on the 27th February 2025, subject to approval by Mid-Devon. An item will be added to the November agenda as to preparing for the referendum and how the actions set out in plan could be delivered post referendum.
- The Clerk met with the new Neighbourhood Highways Officer and the County Councillor for a walk around the village the morning of the meeting to look at areas of concern relating to Highways. A number of issues were raised to be followed up and Councillors will be kept informed.
- Online Consultation on the Devon and Torbay Transport Plan. Email sent to Councillors asking if they wish the Parish Council to respond. Deadline for responses is the 30th November.
- The Handyman has announced his retirement from next January. The Clerk is putting together specifications for the work he currently undertakes for the Parish. The opportunities will be advertised.
- CCTV installation at the Village Hall completed. Two cameras overlook Jubilee Field. Hedge being topped to ensure a clear view. Three Signs being purchased, one at each entrance to the Field, to advise the Public that CCTV is in operation. Mid-Devon have agreed that footage can be used to prosecute where the offender can be identified.
- Cemetery 5 yearly memorial test undertaken, no health and safety issues identified. 5 memorials are slightly loose on the base but not an issue at present.

1010/08

County and District Councillor Reports.

- County Cllr Radford sent a report in advance of the meeting, which was noted.
- Cllr Little to work with the Clerk on a written request to both Devon County Council and Mid-Devon District Council enquiring as to the progress on and future plans for implementation of the Cullompton & Tiverton Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).
- Cllr Radford reminded Councillors that funds are still available in the Locality Budget for local projects.

- District Councillors – a report was received and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs Glover and Connor. No District Councillors present.

1010/09 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 30th September 2024. Cllr James proposed, Cllr Phare seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- b) It was **resolved** to authorise the payment of invoices received between the 7th September 2024 and 6th October 2024, and to **ratify** additional payments made since the previous meeting. Cllr Scott Proposed, Cllr Sycamore seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- c) It was **resolved** to note The Reserves Balances Report up to the 30th September 2024.
- d) It was **resolved** to authorise a refund of £1,450 to Mid-Devon District Council following completion of the Skatepark additional footpath, which resulted in an underspend as the Contractor charged less than originally quoted. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- e) The Clerk advised that the second half of the annual precept was received earlier in the week, and it was **resolved** to approve a transfer from the Lloyds Treasurers account to the Business Instant Saver account of funds exceeding a balance £20,000 after this month's payments are made, to earn interest on monies until required for payments. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

1010/10 It was **resolved** to place £45,000 in a Lloyds 95-notice account following maturity of the 6-month fixed term deposit on the 18th October. Cllr James proposed, Cllr Sycamore seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1010/11 It was **resolved** to note the budget planning preparation update paper for 2025/2026. Cllr Phare proposed, Cllr Scott seconded. Unanimously agreed. It was noted that whilst Mid-Devon are keen for Parishes to take on services and assets such as play areas their charges to Parishes for providing related services such as inspections keep increasing, in addition yet again the half-yearly play area inspection invoice description was incorrect and has now been re-issued by Mid-Devon.

1010/12 It was **resolved** to proceed with the transfer over to a .gov domain, to include a new website as proposed in the paper presented to Council. Cllr Scott proposed, Cllr Leach seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1010/13 It was **resolved** to approve the annual donation to the British Royal Legion of £60 as set out in the precept for 2024/25. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

1010/14 It was **resolved** to approve the costs of approximately £859.46 to plant the additional hedge and trees in the Cemetery Extension, as approved at the September meeting in item 1209/14. Single stakes to be used for the trees rather than double. Proposed by Cllr Phare, seconded by Cllr Grantham. The Clerk to make an application to the DCC Locality Budget for a £500 grant towards the costs. One quote received for the

Wildflower area; second quote awaited, planting would take place in the spring, to be carried forward to a future meeting.

1010/15 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:

- a) Reference: 24/01418/MARM
Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 23/01172/MARM (Reserved Matters application, pursuant to Outline application 15/01332/MOUT, for employment development of up to 5,256m² of B1, 2,651m² of B2 and 4,919m² of B8 units together with internal access roads, parking and associated infrastructure) to allow substitute plans to enable 2 employment units to the North and a further development site to the South adjacent to the existing access road
Location: Land at NGR 303681 111677 (North of Mid Devon Business Park) Muxbeare Lane

It was **resolved** to offer no objection to this application. Moved by the Chair, unanimously agreed.

- i. It was **resolved** to ratify the Planning comments submitted on application Number 24/00271/FULL, Demolition of agricultural building, erection of commercial building and change of use of agricultural land to Use Class B8, Land and Buildings at NGR 304054 111974 Willand Road Business Park Uffculme Devon. Comments as follows: *Willand Parish Council objects to this application and supports the objections and comments made by Halberton Parish Council in their consultation responses. The Parish Council also notes that conditions set out when a previous planning application was approved for this site have not been complied with.* Moved by the Chair, unanimously agreed.

1010/16 Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions

It was **resolved** to note that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has made the following planning decision.

Reference: 24/01169/PNHH

Proposal: Prior Notification for the erection of a single storey extension, extending 4.3m to the rear, maximum height of 2.74m and eaves height of 2.74m

Location: 13 The Gables Willand Cullompton Devon

DECISION: Householder Development Acceptance under Permitted Development

Reference: 24/01216/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to reduce crown of Oak Tree by 2-3m within the Conservation Area

Location: Dye House Willand Old Village Willand Cullompton

DECISION: No objection to work described

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Councillor Reports:

- Cllr James has noted various fly tips on Dean Hill Road, which he has reported to Mid-Devon District Council.
- Cllr Little asked about the Town and Parish Charter, which has been adopted by Mid-Devon District Council. The Clerk to add an item to the December agenda as to whether the Parish Council is prepared to sign up to the Charter.

1010/18

The meeting closed at 20.43 p.m.