



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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You are hereby invited to attend a **Meeting of Willand Parish Council**, which will be held on **Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.00 pm, in the Club Room at Willand Village Hall, Gables Rd, Willand.**

Members of the public are advised to submit questions to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the following business.

Debbie Bird
Parish Clerk

2 July 2025

Please note that: -

- Members of the Press & Public are invited to attend under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
- Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public or press are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public sections of the meeting.
- Under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 Sch 12 10(2)(b), Willand Parish Council is unable to make any decision on matters not listed within the agenda.
- Willand Parish Council will always attempt to record meetings.

AGENDA

- 1. To receive any apologies from Councillors and record approval of reasons for absence.**
(please make any apologies known to the Parish Clerk)
- 2. Declarations of Interest - To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda.**
- 3. Public Question Time - To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the council.** (A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item; verbal questions should not exceed 3 minutes)

- 4. Order of Business - At the discretion of the Chairman, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public.**
- 5. Parish Council Minutes - To approve and sign the minutes of the Willand Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025, as a correct record.**
- 6. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements - To receive any announcements which the Chairman and Clerk may wish to make. (For information only)**
- 7. To receive reports from County and District Councillors. (For information only)**
- 8. Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts to include:**
 - a) To examine and agree the Summary of Receipts and Payments for 2025-2026, up to 30th June 2025, and to receive the bank reconciliation.**
 - b) To authorise payment of invoices listed in table A of the payments list and to minute ratification of additional payments made since the previous meeting as listed in table B.**
 - c) To note the Reserves Balance Report for 2025-2026, up to 30th June 2025.**
(Clerk to circulate finance reports)
- 9. To consider the format and timing of future Annual Parish Meetings, including whether the Parish Council should continue to convene and administer. (Clerk to circulate paper)**
- 10. To consider a grant request from Willand Guides to contribute towards a trip for members and leaders to Switzerland in August 2026. (Clerk to circulate grant application and supporting paperwork)**
- 11. To consider a quote for the supply and erection of two good quality oak "rustic" memorial posts with rounded tops for either side of the scattering of ashes area. (Clerk to circulate quote)**
- 12. To consider draft specifications for the following contracts from 2026, and agree a procurement timeline and process in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations:**
 - a) Jubilee Field/ Orchard Way – Grass Cutting and hedges**
 - b) Verges**
 - c) Weed spraying**
(clerk to circulate paper and draft specifications)
- 13. To consider membership of the Joint Traffic Group.**
- 14. Pursuant to section 7a of the Parish Council's standing orders, Cllrs Leach, Scott and Jones move that the decision made at the 12th June 2025 Full Council meeting recorded under minute reference 1206/13a, to construct a wicker fence at the cemetery to screen the spoil area at a cost of £637.77, be reversed for the following reasons: "We do not consider the area being screened to be "an eyesore" as it was described at the meeting. Photo 1, taken 3 days after the meeting shows the pile of soil. Photos 2 & 3 taken on 26th June shows the pile has been reduced probably having been used to level one of the graves. A sum of**

£637.77 for a temporary fence to cover the area until the hedge grows is unnecessary & a waste of money. The spoil area & the weeds around it blend in with that area of the cemetery making it symmetrical with the left hand side where the wildflowers are starting to grow really nicely & the butterflies/bees are enjoying their new habitat, if a fence was placed around it, it would draw the eye to the area whereas left as it is, you cannot see it, photo 4 is a view from the entrance to the cemetery. If there is money available to spend at the cemetery, maybe a path to the far seat making it more accessible could be considered a better use of public money?" (Photos referenced are provided in a separate supporting document).

- 15. To consider options for replacement of the damaged rocker in the Jubilee Field Play Area.**
(Clerk to circulate paper)

16. 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:

Reference: 25/00737/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of a garden room
Location: 24 Park Street Willand Cullompton Devon EX15 2PT

To **Minute Ratification** of the following planning application submissions agreed since the last Full Council meeting:

- i. To offer no observations on the information available to application numbers 25/00786/HOUSE – retention of solar panels to roof of outbuilding and 25/00627/LBC – listed building consent for the installation of new storage heaters using existing switches/sockets at Thatch Cottage Silver Street Willand Cullompton Devon EX15 2RG

17. Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions

To note Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has made the following planning decisions.

Reference: 25/00552/CLP
Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use to construct a garage under permitted development in accordance with the provisions of Part 1, Class E to Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)
Location: 38 Chestnut Drive, Willand
DECISION: Certificate of Lawful Use issued

Reference: 25/00473/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of single storey detached garage in rear garden
Location: 38 Chestnut Drive, Willand
DECISION: Permission Granted

Reference: 25/00141/MARM

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 23/01172/MARM (Reserved Matters application 19/00364/MARM, 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 in respect of the layout for Plot A

Location: Land at NGR 303681 111677 (North of Mid Devon Business Park) Muxbeare Lane Willand

DECISION: Approval Granted of Matters Reserved

Reference: 25/00686/TPO

Proposal: Application to fell 1 Oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00008/TPO

Location: 5 Mulberry Close, Willand, Cullompton

DECISION: Consent Granted

18. Councillor Reports – At the discretion of the Chairman, to receive reports from Parish Councillors – strictly for information only.

19. Close