

Willand United Charities – Webpage on Parish Council Website

The trustees have asked whether the Parish Council Website would be willing to host a Webpage for Willand United Charities (WUC).

Willand United Charities key objective is the prevention or relief of poverty in the area of the Parish of Willand by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

There are 5 trustees – Under the constitution, the Rector of the Parish is an ex-officio trustee and Chair, although it should be noted that the position of Rector is currently vacant, and the four representative trustees are appointed by the Parish Council for a period of 4 years, last appointed in November 2022. The current representative trustees are Kate Taylor, Stephen Little, Neil James and Jason Scott, three of whom are Parish Councillors. WUC also provide a copy of their accounts annually to the Parish Council for the Annual Parish Meeting, these are published on the website. It should also be noted that WUC own the land on which the allotments are situated, and the Parish Council pays them an annual rent for the use of the land.

WUC can therefore be construed as having a unique relationship with the Parish Council, although it is a separate organisation, and it is acceptable for the Parish Council to host a page on the website. In the event that Council agrees to this proposal it will need to be made clear on the webpage that the WUC is a separate charitable organisation with its own constitution and aims, and that the page is managed by them.

Cllr Scott has editorial rights for the Parish Council website and currently amends the traffic page in respect of VAS reporting. He has indicated that he would set up and manage the WUC page. Arrangements would need to be put in place to ensure future continuity and maintenance of the webpage in the event that Cllr Scott stands down from the Council or WUC.

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