



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Willand Parish Council** held on **Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.00 pm, in the Club Room at Willand Village Hall, Gables Rd, Willand.**

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

In Attendance: D Bird, Parish Clerk
County Councillor R Radford, left at 19.48
Jackie Hammond Volunteer Co-ordinator Mid-Devon Mobility, left at 19.22 p.m.

Minutes

1104/01 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Hughes and Cllr Jones and the reasons for absence were approved unanimously.

1104/02 Declarations of Interest

Declarations taken in the relevant item.

1104/03 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1104/04 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

1104/05 It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Willand Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th March 2024 as a correct record, Cllr Phare proposed and Cllr James seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1104/06 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

- Thank you email received from the Youth Club for deciding not to charge them for the CCTV repair cost and advising that they are hoping to re-open mid-May.
- Email received and circulated earlier in the week inviting Councillors to attend a flag raising ceremony to commemorate D-Day at Pheonix House on the 6th June at 9 a.m. Any Councillor wishing to attend to let the Clerk know.
- Email received re DCC Locality Budget Applications for Highways Projects – these cannot now be applied for directly online and must be discussed with the

Neighbourhood Highways Officer, who will contact the County Councillor and where there is an agreement in principle, he will then complete the application. The County Councillor has agreed to fund a contribution towards weed spraying this year of £700, and the Parish Council thanked the County Councillor. The Clerk has started the new process to apply for the funds.

1104/07 A presentation was received from Jackie Hammond of Mid Devon Mobility on their services and the benefits provided to the residents of Willand. Jackie to email information to the Clerk for circulating and posting on local Facebook groups. It was **resolved** to approve a financial donation of £100. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

1104/08 **Reports from County and District Councillors.**
Email report from County Councillor Radford circulated prior to the meeting. **The Clerk to forward the email response from DCC regarding the reported flooding by Spearings to Cllr Radford so he can discuss with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.**

No District Councillors present.

1104/09 **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 for the year ending 31st March 2024. Cllr James proposed, Cllr Leach seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- b) It was **resolved** to authorise the payment of invoices received between the 1st April 2024 and 6th April 2024, and to **ratify** salary and other additional payments made since the previous meeting. Cllr James proposed & Cllr Phare seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- c) It was **resolved** to approve The Reserves Balances Report for the year ending 31st March 2024 which included the previously agreed transfers. Cllr Leach Proposed & Cllr James seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- d) It was **resolved** to ratify the cost of cover for the Litter Picker's leave on the 25th & 26th March 2024 at a cost of £58.39. Cllr Scott proposed, Cllr James seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- e) It was **resolved** to ratify the purchase of a new Clerk's phone at a cost of £135.77 plus VAT. Cllr Scott proposed, Cllr Leach seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1104/10 It was **resolved** to open a 6-month fixed term savings account with Lloyds Bank to increase the return on savings income. Cllr James proposed & Cllr Little seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1104/11 It was **resolved** to note, with thanks to the Clerk, the Parish Council's Risk Register.

1104/12 It was **resolved** to approve the quote of £5,500 plus VAT from Canvas Spaces for the creation of a concrete path linking the new Skatepath, Pump Track and footpath to mitigate damage to the grass and the tracking of mud on the Skatepark, Pump Track

and footpath subject to a revised drawing clearly showing the link to the Pump Track. It was **resolved** that finalising of the drawing be delegated to the Clerk, Chair and Cllr Scott, and **once agreed the Clerk to make an application to Mid-Devon for S106 funding from the Provision of skateboard/scooter/BMX facility at Jubilee Parish field Project Fund.** Chair moved. Unanimously agreed.

1104/13 It was **resolved** to agree that a Working Group be formed to prepare options for Council to consider for both S106 funds and Play Area Equipment Spend, agenda items 13 & 14. Cllr Little Proposed, Cllr Phare seconded. Unanimously agreed. Working Group to comprise the Chair, Cllr Scott and Cllr Leach with the support of the Clerk.

1104/14 As above.

1104/15 An update on the draft Cullompton and Tiverton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan was received from Cllr Little. It was agreed that Cllr Little develop a proposal on how the Parish Council can support the plan moving forward, to be brought to a future Council meeting for consideration.

1104/16 It was resolved to approve the hosting of a webpage for Willand United Charities (WUC) on the Parish Council Website. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed. Cllrs Scott, James & Little did not vote as trustees of the WUC.

1104/17 The Public Space Protection (Dog Control) Orders on land owned and/or managed by the Parish Council were reviewed and it was **resolved** that current arrangements should be retained with reasons as circulated. **The Clerk to advise Mid-Devon District Council.** Cllr Little proposed & Cllr Scott seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1104/18 **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: 24/00490/TELCOM
Proposal: Prior notification for the installation of 1 20m Phase 8 monopole, 6 antennas, 2 .03m dishes, 1 GPS Node and 4 ground cased equipment cabinets and ancillary works
Location: Land at NGR 303250 111257 Lloyd Maunder Road Willand Cullompton Devon EX15 2PH

It was **resolved** to offer no objection to this application.

b) Reference: 24/00494/TPO
Proposal: Application to crown reduce 1 Oak tree (T51) by 2m to include limbs overhanging corner of house roof protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00008/TPO
Location: 5 Mulberry Close Willand Cullompton EX15 2PA

It was **resolved** to submit the comments circulated prior to the meeting.

It was **resolved** to ratify the following planning application submissions agreed since the March Full Council meeting:

- i. Offer no objection to application number 24/00268/FULL, erection of an extension to existing office/workshop building, Pall Ex South West Ltd, Unit 8 South View Estate Willand Cullompton EX15 2QW.
- ii. Submission of agreed comments in respect of application number 23/01739/FULL, erection of a dwelling Silverstones Silver Street Willand EX15 2RG – Revised drawing and supporting information. (as agreed at the previous meeting).
- iii. Submission of agreed comments in respect of application number 22/02102/MFUL, Construction of on-farm anaerobic digestion plant with associated equipment and works, Bycott Farm Lower Town Halberton – Revised drawings and supporting documentation. (Comments circulated with agenda).
- iv. Submission of agreed comments in respect of application number 24/00039/FULL, erection of 7 affordable dwellings at Somerlea in Willand – Additional ownership and accessibility site plan. (Comments circulated with agenda).
- v. Offer no objection to application number 24/00426/HOUSE, erection of extension over garage, 3 Park Street Willand EX15 2PT.
- vi. Submission of agreed comments in respect of application number 24/00457/TPO, application to crown reduce by 3m 1 oak tree protected by TPO 96/00014/TPO at 6 Damson Close Willand EX15 2QB (Comments circulated with agenda)

1104/19 Mid Devon District Council – Planning Appeal

It was **resolved** to note the following Planning Enforcement Appeal and make no additional comments:

Reference: 23/00007/URBAN – Fence & Lean-to Extension

Location: Church Lea Willand Old Village Willand Cullompton

1104/20 Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions

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

Reference: 24/00187/CLU

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of garden room

Location: 11 Pear Drive Willand Cullompton

DECISION: Certificate of Lawful Use issued

1104/21 Correspondence Noted. This item to be removed from the agenda going forward as key correspondence is circulated on receipt so that it can be dealt with in a timely manner, and other notices & newsletters are circulated weekly for information.

1104/22 Councillor Reports:

Chair raised Breach of TPOs in Jaycroft, where trees have been cut without the Local Authority's permission. This has been reported to Mid-Devon District Council. Cuttings left on opposite verge reported as Flytip. Damaged fence to railway cutting also reported again.

Cllr Scott reported that the area outside the chip shop is very untidy. He will report this to Mid-Devon.

Chair raised the Ash Close bins being left out – Livewest have written to residents asking them take their bins in after collection, to only put bins out the night before collection, and to ensure items are secured/bins covered so that items don't blow across the road.

Cllr Phare thanked the Clerk for the effective and clear circulation of information for the meetings.

Cllr Little had attended the State of the District Debate at Mid-Devon in March. He provided a brief overview and will report back once the full meeting notes are received.

1104/23 The meeting closed at **20.49**