



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2022 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM.

**Present from the Parish Council:** Councillors Grantham, Little, Phare, Tobin, Warren and Wilcox, Mrs Bodkin (Clerk).

**Members of the public present:** 10

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

**1. Apologies** had been received from Councillors Bartlett, Glover, Major and Mastrolacasa and from Anne Hawkins, Headteacher of Willand Primary School.

**2. Chairman's Annual Report for 2021/22:** Councillor Warren reported as follows:

"This is our first Parish Meeting since the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. That saw us having remote meetings and then using the Church Hall before we could return to the Village Hall. We were able to work with residents who suggested the setting up of a village helpline which proved to be a great help to some.

We hope that we have kept the village informed as to what has been going on in the interim with the publication of minutes of the meetings, website, Facebook and the Willand Magazine.

We have had one major change in our organisation in that we have changed our Clerk due to the retirement of Kate Taylor and the appointment of Barbara Bodkin. We have a full compliment of Councillors at the moment although we have lost some of the older faces and welcomed in some new ones and the return of one member,

The precept has been set for this year and although the costs of wages for our Clerk and Litter Picker and contractors costs have risen, our precept will have arisen very little due to extra houses within the village.

We continue to look after the facilities within the village and are in the process of taking on a lease for the Chestnut Drive play area as MDDC were going to close it. We have been able to agree a substantive financial package which will allow a refurbishment of the area. With S106 monies to come from the new development off Meadow Park we hope to be able to facilitate more improvements within the Jubilee Field and elsewhere in the village.

To all those involved with organisations around the village who work to provide many activities in the village I say a big thank you. It is these volunteers who go toward making our community what it is. Thank you all."

**3. Reports from Willand Parish organisations:** the Clerk confirmed that reports had been received from the following organisations and had been published on the Parish Council's website:

Willand History Group  
Willand Rovers Football Club  
Willand Theatrical Society  
Culm Valley Methodist Church  
Willand Short Mat Bowls Club  
Willand United Charities  
CAMEO  
Willand Primary School

Their being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.07pm.