



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Willand Parish Council** held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.00 pm**,  
**in the Club Room at Willand Village Hall, Gables Rd, Willand.**

**Present:** Cllr Warren, Cllr Grantham, Cllr Sycamore, Cllr James, Cllr Little, Cllr Jones, Cllr Hutter

**In Attendance:** D Bird, Parish Clerk  
1 Member of the public

## Minutes

Meeting started 7.05 p.m.

**1812/01 To receive and accept apologies**

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Scott and Cllr Phare.

**1812/02 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations to be taken in the relevant item.

**1812/03 Public Question Time**

There were no questions.

**1812/04** The draft budget was considered and the following agreed:

1. Allocation of potential underspend.

- i. It was **resolved** that an elections earmarked reserve is set up and £2,000 of the underspend is transferred to this to allow for contested elections. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- ii. It was **resolved** that a Local Government Reorganisation earmarked reserve is set up and £10,000 of the underspend transferred to this to start building up a fund towards acquiring assets or taking on additional services that may be required or prudent to undertake because of devolution. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- iii. It was **resolved** that £4,000 is added to the Legal Expenses earmarked reserve to allow for the legal costs to acquire assets and/or take on additional services. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

- iv. It was **resolved** that £3,000 is allocated to the Chestnut Drive play area earmarked reserve, now at nil balance, to allow for unplanned repairs and maintenance work. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- v. It was **resolved** that £3,000 is allocated to the Worcester Crescent earmarked reserve to allow for the replacement of the Multiplay as set out in the Capital Programme plus ensuring sufficient additional funds remain in the reserve for unplanned repairs and maintenance. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- vi. It was **resolved** that £3,000 is allocated to the Neighbourhood Plan Reserve for projects coming forward from the advisory committee. It was further **resolved** that any remaining underspend is also allocated to this reserve. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee is anticipating potential project spend of circa £6,000. The Clerk suggested that the extra could come from the General Opportunity Reserve.

2. Capital and Revenue Budget – resolutions:

- i. It was **resolved** that the Capital budget for local projects is removed from 2026-27 and instead £5,000 allocated towards the potential costs of Local Government Re-Organisation. With the reserves set out in 1(ii) this will give a total of £15,000 to be used for the acquisition of assets and/or taking on some services. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed
- ii. It was **resolved** to increase the insurance budget to £2,500 to fully cover all physical assets for loss or damage. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- iii. It was **resolved** to approve the budget figures as set out in the spreadsheet provided. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

3. It was **resolved** to agree that the Precept should be set at £80,410 for 2026-27, to include the allocation of an additional £2,746 to the Capital Budget for Neighbourhood Plan projects. Proposed by Cllr Grantham seconded by Cllr Hutter. Unanimously agreed.

**1812/05** The meeting closed at 19.53 p.m.