



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Willand Parish Council** held on **Thursday 11th July 2024 at 6.45 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 Cllr Radford arrived at 19.00, left at 20.14
District Councillor John Poynton arrived at 19.02
David Maynard – Defibrillator demonstration (item 6), left at 19.07

Minutes

1107/01 To receive and accept apologies

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

1107/02 Declarations of Interest

Declarations taken in the relevant item.

1107/03 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1107/04 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

1107/05

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Willand Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th June 2024 as a correct record, Cllr Phare proposed and Cllr James seconded. Unanimously agreed.

1107/08

Councillors received a demonstration on administering CPR and use of the Defibrillator. The Chairman thanked Mr Maynard.

1107/07

Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

- There was a period of silent reflection following the death of Tony Mander. The funeral is at Taunton Crematorium on the 23rd July at midday, the Chair hopes to attend. The Clerk has delivered a letter of condolence to Mrs Mander.

- Cemetery benches – new benches delivered; handyman has been instructed to fit.
- Skate Park update – The Skatepark should open on Friday 12th July, subject to a satisfactory safety inspection. The signage will go up the following week due to a delay in delivery. A post will be added to Facebook once it is open. S106 funding has been approved for the additional path linking the skatepark, pump track and field shelter but payment has yet to be received.
- The Clerk reminded Councillors that there will be no meeting in August unless any urgent matters arise.
- The Clerk advised Councillors that she will be on leave week commencing 15th July, Out of Office and Voicemail will be activated.
- A member of the public has been updating the Clerk on the water leak in Old Village, South West Water are working to locate the source of the leak, which is not where originally thought.

1107/08 County and District Councillor Reports.

- County Cllr Radford sent a report in advance of the meeting, which was circulated. Locality budget funding still available for local groups. Highway Maintenance Contract ends in March 2027 and work ongoing to explore options for future delivery.
- District Councillor Poynton advised that the District Council has set up a new set of groups. The District Council is also considering the likely impact of the change in Government.

1107/09 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 up to the 30th June 2024. Cllr James proposed, Cllr Phare seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- b) It was **resolved** to authorise the payment of invoices received between the 7th June 2024 and 6th July 2024, and to **ratify** additional payments made since the previous meeting. Cllr Leach proposed & Cllr James seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- c) It was **resolved** to note The Reserves Balances Report up to the 30th June 2024.
- d) It was **resolved** to note the transfer of £10,000 from the Lloyds Business Instant Saver to the Treasurers Account.
- e) It was **resolved** to approve a transfer of £60,000 from the Lloyds Business Instant Savings account to the Treasurers Account to cover the Skate Ramp invoice due on satisfactory completion of the work. Cllr Phare proposed and Cllr James seconded. Unanimously agreed.
- f) It was **resolved** to ratify the Litter Picker holiday cover cost of £144 for the period 8th July 2024 – 12th July 2024.

1107/10 It was **resolved** to adopt the updated Financial Regulations with one amendment to increase the figure for the authorisation of emergency spend to £2,000 in section 5.18. Chair moved. Unanimously agreed.

- 1107/11** The responses to the Cemetery extension survey were considered and it was **resolved** that:
1. The extension should not be consecrated, moved by the Chair. Cllr Little proposed that the Parish Council invite an appropriate local person to dedicate the land to be the final resting place of the mortal remains of people of all faiths and none, and a place of comfort and peace for the bereaved. 6 voted in favour, Cllr Grantham voted against.
 2. The scattering of ashes be allowed in the cemetery extension in a designated area to be mapped out by the working group. Chair moved. Unanimously agreed.
 3. A fee of £75 be charged to scatter the ashes of residents. Proposed by the Chair. An amendment to make the charge £50 was proposed by Cllr Little and seconded by Cllr Scott. Council voted on the amendment – 3 in favour, 4 against. Council voted on the original proposal – 4 in favour, 3 against. The charge of £75 was carried. Note - charge for non-residents will be double.
 4. That the cemetery working group develop firm proposals for the area where ashes are to be scattered and the number and type of trees to be planted in the small woodland, for consideration by Council in September. Chair moved. Unanimously agreed.
 5. Councillor Grantham’s proposal to have raised rose beds for the scattering of ashes failed to find a seconder and was therefore not put to the vote.
 6. That the cemetery working group develop proposals for a wildflower area for consideration by Council in September. Chair moved. 6 voted in favour, Cllr Grantham voted against.
 7. That the cemetery working group develop firm proposals for a memorial wall or posts to be considered by Council in September. Chair moved. Unanimously agreed.
- 1107/12** It was **resolved** to purchase the Scribe Cemetery Package to enable fully digital cemetery recording and mapping of plots. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- 1107/13** It was **resolved** to approve the 5-yearly memorial safety inspection (topple testing) at an approximate cost of £300 excluding VAT. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- 1107/14** Updated quotes and information were provided on the proposed additional Play Area and Fitness Equipment for Orchard Way, Jubilee Field and Chestnut Drive and it was **resolved** to proceed with 4 projects as follows:
1. Chestnut Drive – To order the springer as per the quote received with additional matching safety surface, fully funded by the Parish Council from the remaining earmarked reserve funds and the capital budget for play area equipment. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
 2. Jubilee Field Junior Goal Ends – working group to decide on final design. Application to be made for S106 Open Space and Recreation monies to fund. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
 3. Jubilee Field Play Area – working group to make the decision on the choice of seesaw/rocker. Application to be made for remaining S106 Jubilee Field Play Area development monies to be used to partially fund and the Parish Council to fund

the remainder from the Jubilee Field reserve. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

4. Orchard Way – Final decision on design and location of equipment to be made by the working group. Application to be made for S106 Open Space and Recreation monies to fund. Moved by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.

1107/15 An update was provided on the concerns raised with Mid-Devon regarding several recent planning applications that were approved without due regard to the views of the Parish Council as set out in the Town and Parish Charter. The MDDC Cabinet member, Cllr DuChesne, has suggested a meeting with the Chair and Clerk and waiting for her to come back with some possible dates.

1107/16 **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: **There were no planning applications to consider.**

- i. It was **resolved** to ratify a response of no objection to application Number 24/00810/FULL – erection of additional workshop building to provide cleaning area, Stoneman Engineering Park Works Station Road Willand. Chair moved. Unanimously agreed.

1107/17 **Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions**
It was **resolved** to note that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has made the following planning decision.

Reference: 22/00917/DPO
Proposal: Application under The Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 to seek to modify the terms of a section 106 agreement pursuant to planning permission 17/01179/MFUL
Location: 1-23 (inc.) & 25-33 (odds) Rowan Lea Willand Cullompton
DECISION: Approval of Discharge of Planning Obligation

1107/18 **Councillor Reports:**

Cllr Scott asked if anyone was aware of something happening at Verbeer Manor, there is a lot of heavy equipment and large pipes being stored. Cllr Poynton was asked to query with the District Council.

Cllr Little updated on the Neighbourhood Plan – the examiner is currently inspecting the plan. Responses to queries are being routed via the Clerk. A response has been provided to the examiner on the District Council’s comments in the last consultation.

Cllr Little commented that local people are often unaware of the work the Parish Council does to develop the village and asked whether this can be publicised by putting up additional signage in the village, something for further consideration.

Cllr James raised the brambles growing across the path by the school. This is reported to Mid-Devon, DCC every year consistently throughout the Summer. Cllr James to take photos and send to Mid-Devon customer services.

1107/19 The meeting closed at 20.56