WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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You are invited to attend a **Meeting of Willand Parish Council**, which will be held on **Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7.00 pm, in the Club Room at Willand Village Hall, Gables Rd, Willand.**

Members of the public are advised to submit questions to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the following business.

Debbie Bird
Parish Clerk 30 September 2026

Please note that: -

- Members of the Press & Public are invited to attend under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
- Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public or press are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public sections of the meeting.
- Under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 Sch 12 10(2)(b), Willand Parish Council is unable to make any decision on matters not listed within the agenda.
- Willand Parish Council will always attempt to record meetings.

AGENDA

1. **To receive any apologies from Councillors and record approval of reasons for absence.** (please make any apologies known to the Parish Clerk)
2. **Declarations of Interest - To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda.**
3. **Public Question Time - To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the council.** (A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item; verbal questions should not exceed 3 minutes)

4. **Order of Business - At the discretion of the Chair, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public.**

5. **Parish Council Minutes - To approve and sign the minutes of the Willand Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2026, as a correct record.**

6. **Chair and Clerk's Announcements - To receive any announcements which the Chair and Clerk may wish to make.** (For information only)

7. **To receive reports from County and District Councillors.** (For information only)

8. **Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts to include:**
   a) **To examine and agree the Summary of Receipts and Payments for 2026-2027, up to 30th September 2026, and to receive the bank reconciliation.**
   b) **To authorise payment of invoices listed in table A of the payments list and to minute ratification of additional payments made since the previous meeting as listed in table B.**
   c) **To note the Reserves Balance Report for 2026-2027, up to 30th September 2026.**

9. **To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Advisory Group and consider any proposals brought forward by the Group.**

10. **To receive an update from the Biodiversity Working Group and consider any proposals brought forward by the Group.**

11. **To receive an update on Budget Planning for 2027/28.** (Clerk to circulate a paper with agenda)

12. **To approve the annual donation to the British Royal Legion of £60 for a remembrance wreath.**

13. **To appoint Willand United Charities Trustees for a term of four years from the 10th November 2026.**

14. **To consider re-joining the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) at a cost of £408.93 including VAT for the remainder of the financial year 2026/27 (full annual cost = £1057.26) and add an appropriate sum into budget planning for 2027/28 to cover annual membership.**

15. **To consider a response to the Housing Needs Stakeholder Questionnaire sent to the Parish as part of the Plan Mid Devon Process.**

16. **To consider a response to The East Cullompton Strategic Design Code and The East Cullompton Phasing & Delivery Strategy: https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/east-cullompton-culm-garden-village**

17. **To note that the local green spaces designated in the made Neighbourhood Plan will be taken into account as part of the Plan Mid Devon process, and to consider whether any additional green spaces should be nominated.**

18. **To consider a grant application for £3,000 from Accelerate Active Ltd.**

19. **To approve the wording for the petition to reduce the Speed Limit on Uffculme Straight from 60 mph to 40mph for Safety and Community Wellbeing, as set out in the accompanying Joint Traffic Group minutes from the meeting held on the 15th September 2026.**

20. **Motion proposed by Cllr Little:**
    a) **Willand Parish Council resolves that the portions of Halberton, Burlescombe and Sampford Peverell parishes that lie to the east of the M5 together with the first southern section of Burlescombe south of the A38 should be within Willand and Uffculme Parishes as soon as possible.**
    b) **Willand Parish Council asks its Chairman and Vice-Chairman:**
        i. **to open discussions with Uffculme Parish Council towards agreement about the appropriate boundaries between the two parishes when this occurs**
        ii. **to involve others with relevant interest and expertise in forming a firm proposal**
        iii. **to report back to the Parish Council regularly on the discussions for both information and comment**

    Link to Mid Devon Parish Map: Mid Devon Parishes Map

21. **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: NO APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT

    To **Minute Ratification** of the following planning application submissions made under delegated powers since the last Full Council meeting:

    i. No observations on application number 26/01193/FULL, Change of use of part of an existing industrial building to an indoor padel and pickleball facility, within Class E(d), comprising six padel courts and one pickleball court, with ancillary reception, bar, shop, lounge, and changing facilities, Western Commodities Ltd Unit 13 South View Estate Willand Cullompton Devon EX15 2QW.

22. **Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions**
    To note Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has made the following planning decisions.

    Reference: 26/00952/TPO
    Proposal: Application to reduce and reshape the crown of one Oak tree and one Cherry tree by up to 5m and maintain, and thereafter maintain both trees on a 2-5 yearly basis, protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00008/TPO
    Location: 10 Worcester Crescent Willand Cullompton Devon

DECISION: Split Decision: Approved works - T1, Oak: Crown reduction by up to 1.5m with pruning cuts not exceeding 45mm in diameter. T2, Wild Cherry: Crown reduction by up to 1.5m with pruning cuts not exceeding 45mm in diameter. Refused works - Application to reduce and reshape the crown of one Oak tree and one Cherry tree by up to 5m and maintain, and thereafter maintain both trees on a 2-5 yearly basis, protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00008/TPO.

Reference: 26/00944/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension
Location: 14 Campion Court Willand Cullompton Devon
DECISION: Permission Granted

Reference: 26/00842/TPO
Proposal: Application to re-pollard 1 Common Lime tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00012/TPO
Location: Playing Field at NGR 303582 11012 Willand Devon EX15 2PL
DECISION: Consent Granted

Reference: 26/00996/TPO
Proposal: Application for a 1-1.5m lateral reduction to the south-west and north-west aspects of the canopy of 1 Oak tree, and reduction pruning of limbs, protected by Tree Preservation Order 96/00014/TPO
Location: 4 Mulberry Close Willand Cullompton Devon
DECISION: Consent Granted

23. Councillor Reports – At the discretion of the Chair, to receive reports from Parish Councillors – strictly for information only.

24. Close