WILLINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting.
The Council met at 8pm on Tuesday 10th September 2024 in The Village Hall, The Street, Willingale, Essex, CM5 0SN.
Cllr N Pavyer chaired the meeting.
Present: Councillors L Fresco, J Bianchi, D Watson and S Bosworth.
In Attendance: The Clerk to the Council- Clare Milligan, PC Shepherd and two members of the public.

24/072. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received and agreed for Cllrs D Stokes and R Tilbrook. Apologies were also received from EFDC Cllr R Balcombe.

24/073. Declarations of interests
Cllr S Boworth declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 24/079 (2) and Cllrs N Pavyer and L Fresco declared a Non-pecuniary Interest in item 24/079 (2). There were no other declarations of interest.

24/074. Minutes of the Full Council meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2024 were signed and agreed.
Proposed by Cllr L Fresco seconded by Cllr S Bosworth and agreed unanimously.

24/075. Public Question Time.
No questions or comments from the public.

24/076. **Reports to and from County and District Councillors**
There was no report from the County Councillor. The District Councillor R Balcombe had sent a written report which was circulated to all Councillors. The report spoke about EFDC considering the report from the Planning Advisory Service regarding possible changes to how Planning will operate and what that means in practical terms.

24/077. Clerk's Report
There was nothing to report. Cllr N Pavyer is still to look into CCTV for the village.

24/078. Financial Report
a. Bank Balances and Expenditure reports for July and August 2024
The Clerk had circulated the bank reconciliations and the income and expenditure reports for July and August 2024. With no queries raised the accounts were agreed.
Proposed by Cllr N Pavyer, seconded by Cllr D Watson and agreed unanimously.

b. To Ratify the following payments already made in July and August 2024:
The following payments were ratified:

Clerk's salary for July '24 - £203.35
HMRC July '24 - £39.60
ENIX Ltd Website Hosting - £72
UTL Printing of What's on in Willingale - £215.88
Clear Councils Insurance - £561.39
Play Inspection annual playground inspection - £127.20
Willingale Village Hall July '24 hall hire - £22.00
EFDC Election Costs - £207.36
HMRC August '24 - £39.40
Clerk's salary for August '24 - £187.35
Mrs C Milligan (nee Rickwood) Ink Cartridge - £29.99

c. Playground Inspection 2025
The Clerk had circulated the quote for the annual inspection of the playground for 2025. It was agreed to accept the quote. Proposed by Cllr J Bianchi, seconded by Cllr S Bosworth and agreed unanimously.

24/079. Planning Matters
a. The following decisions by Epping Forest District Council Planning department, were noted:

June 2024
EPF/0090/24 Topeka, The Street, Willingale, Ongar, CM5 0SJ alterations and extensions to existing detached house with single storey side extension to the side of the original single storey back projection removal of pitched roof to the perimeter of the existing single storey back projection which is proposed to
18/06/2024 Approve with Conditions Delegated Decision.

July 2024
None

August 2024
EPF/1534/24 Berry Lodge, Fyfield Road, Willingale, Ongar, CM5 0QA. Prior approval for a 4.9 metre single storey rear extension, height to eaves 2.40m and maximum height of 3.60m.
27/08/2024 Approval Not Required Delegated Decision.

b. Appeals
1). Cllr N Pavyer spoke about the recent appeal hearing for the Greenacres site. He advised it was attended by residents of the area in question, 10-11 villagers and Cllr N Pavyer. It was felt the process was quite frustrating, that during the hearing there were many matters that needed further clarification along with administrative errors which needed correcting. There was a site visit and Cllr N Pavyer spoke on behalf of the Council. The residents at this Council meeting were asked if they wished to comment on the hearing. Generally, they agreed with Cllr N Pavyer's comments but reminded Council that there were two separate appeals as the area is separated into a North and a South side. The outcome of the appeal is still awaited.

8.29pm Cllr S Bosworth left the meeting.

2). **EPDf/2347/23** Land south of Spains Hall Road, Erection of a butchery.
The Council discussed the appeal and had no objection to the original planning application, were in favour of a butchery and felt it was a good idea. Proposed by Cllr N Pavyer, seconded by Cllr D Watson and agreed unanimously.

8.34pm Cllr S Bosworth returned to the meeting.

24/080. Police Report
PC Shepherd read out the crime statistics for the area and advised that in comparison with the same three months last year there had been a 50% increase in calls and a 400% increase in crimes. However, eleven of the crimes were from one address in the village over two days. These had all been dealt with and no further incidents had occurred. He also advised that four of the incidents were related to only two individuals. Cllr N Pavyer asked about the severity of the crimes. PC Shepherd advised that they

were all minor crimes. Cllr N Payver also asked if the police had ten-year statistics? This was not something PC Shepherd was aware of.

24/081. Highways Matter

1) Essex Transport Strategy Consultation – the Council considered the consultation, and it was agreed Cllr N Pavyer would complete the survey on behalf of the Council and circulate to everyone.
2) Essex-Wide Bus Shelter Contract – The Council considered the contract, and after a discussion it was felt that it was highly unlikely the Parish Council would be able to access the funding and contract.

24/082. Updates from Councillors and Matters for Information

The Clerk advised that EFDC had sent through the form for having Play in the Park in 2025. It was agreed to request the 25th July 2025 morning session for the village. The Clerk will contact EFDC and Cllr J Bianchi will contact the cricket club and the hall to make sure the ground and the hall are available.

The Clerk advised that she had received the Neighbourhood Plan for Epping Town for comment from the Council. As this did not affect Willingale the Council would not be commenting.

Date of next meetings

2024: 12th November 2024.

2025: 14th January 2025, 11th March 2025 and 13th May 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed:……. Chair Date:……..