

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING
ON 9 JANUARY 2003**

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Vearncombe, Mr Helliker, Mr Street, Mr Bush, Mrs Crook, Mr Wills, Mr Hancock Mr Dennis (District Councillor) and the Clerk. PC Andy Merrick was also in attendance.

Councillor Knowles -

1. Apologies

Mrs Lane, Mr Roberts, Mr Spearing and Mr Berry (County Councillor).

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

- **Willand Recycling.** Following a discussion on the lack of recycling on the new housing development in Willand, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mid Devon District Council regarding the problems experienced.

- **Devon Local Access Forum**

The first meeting will be in April, anyone interested in joining the forum should contact the Clerk. The Forum would like a cross section of the public.

- **Mid Devon District Council – District Officer Service**

These officers are hoping to become the face of Mid Devon District Council. Their responsibilities are dogs, graffiti, and abandoned vehicles. The Clerk is to invite the co-ordinator to meeting in March.

- **Culm Area Committee**

A letter has been received inviting items for the next meeting's agenda. Any items should be passed to Mike Shaw on 01884 234229 at Mid Devon District Council.

- **Don't Let Devon Go to Waste Campaign**

An information leaflet was attached promoting the advertising campaign.

- **Guide to Waste Collection Services in Mid Devon**

Deals with the disposal of a lot of different types of waste can be taken to the tip. The Clerk is to request further copies to distribute to each Councillor. Otherwise it should be circulated.

- **Mid Devon District Council – Renaming Jaycroft**

A letter has been received stating that no objections have been received to the proposals for renaming of Jaycroft. In the letter Mid Devon District Council thanked Willand Parish Council and Mr Dennis for their assistance.

- **Mid Devon District Council- Bypassed Community Signs**

It was decided that this correspondence was not applicable to Willand.

- **Village of the Year Competition 2003**

It was agreed that Willand would not enter this year as it would be judged just after the new Council are in place. Mr Wills also proposed not to enter and five Councillors agreed. It would be given further consideration in 2004.

- **Best Kept Village Competition 2003**

It was agreed that Willand would not enter this year for the same reason.

- **Devon Local Network Fund**

There are new grants available between £250 and £7,000. There is £360,000 in the Devon allocation, which Willand can apply for a portion of. The project should involve children from 0 – 19 years. It was suggested that a community internet site would be a distinct advantage. The Clerk is to copy the flyer to the Youth Club – Pam Glass and suggest some kind of PC and internet connection for the youngsters to further their career and job opportunity.

Once the MUGA site is up and running a Youth Football team should be set up and advertised in the Parish Magazine.

- **Provision of Play Areas and Public Open Space**

The expiry of the fund is five years from issue, so Willand Parish Council will need to apply for the fund before then but it was agreed that the money will be utilised once the MUGA is in place. The Clerk is to write and ask when the money was allocated and what the exact deadline is and to state that the intention is to spend it next year.

3. **Minutes of the Meetings and Matters Arising**

- **Planning, Lighting and Transportation Committee** on 12 December

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record. Mr Vearcombe proposed and Mr Hancock seconded.

4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 December 2002**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record. Mr Bush stated that he had been missed off the attendance. The Clerk is to reprint for the minute book file.

5. **Precept 2003/2004 – Items to be discussed at separate meeting in January**

Mr Bush, Mr Street, Mr Maynard and Mr Vearncombe. Set at Tuesday 21 January at 7.00pm. The Clerk is to prepare a proposed Precept and set an Agenda.

6. **Accounts**

- **Cheque signing** – Four cheques were signed.
- **Formal acceptance of monthly accounts** – The accounts were agreed as correct.
- **Portman – Amount to transfer decision.** It was agreed that £14,000 would be transferred to the Portman. This was a unanimous decision. The Clerk is to arrange this as soon as possible.

7. **Matters Arising**

- **Mid Devon District Councillor**

Mr Retter, Rydon House, Willand, Appeal. Mr Dennis updated the Council that the applicant lost the appeal which negates the existing application.

Garage – there has been some consideration to extending the garage and shop to the left into the adjacent field. The plan has not been finalised. It is outside the settlement area, however, it is an infrastructure facility, there is some sympathy that providing it was done sympathetically then the Forward Planning Committee may be favourable. Mrs Clifford is against the plan as it is well away from the settlement boundary of the village which is not the case. It was agreed that Willand Parish Council would keep an open mind and until the plans were available.

Helen's Diner – the van was parked in the 5th spur which Mr Dennis arranged to be removed. An application has now been received at Mid Devon District Council.

Willand Surgery – There is now only a nurse and doctor two days per week. Mr Dennis has taken the matter further pointing out that the village has grown and requested a meeting to discuss the matter further.

Stan Robinson – Mr Snow does not want to get tarred with the same brush and will be attending the planning meeting on Monday 13 January.

Mid Devon District Council is very short of money this year. Mr Dennis urged the Council to fill in the form.

Parking – Mr Dennis stated that Exeter City Council receives more money from parking than it does from their Council Tax.

- **Devon County Councillor**

Apologies were received.

- **Devon & Cornwall Police**

Since the last month there were 8 crimes, theft burglary and driving offences of which 4 have been detected. Steve Clarke at Cullompton will be moving to Exeter and Sergeant Jackie Royston will be replacing him. Mr Maynard reported that some youngsters have been setting fire to rubbish alight in the Village Hall. PC Merrick said that he would flag that up and it was suggested that any Police driving by at the weekends could pull up in the Village Hall just to keep an eye out.

- **Play Area Inspection – Mr Dennis update**


Mr Dennis advised that due to the Christmas break he has not investigated this matter. This will be taken forward to the February meeting.

8. **Allotment Update**

Mr Bussell reported via a Councillor that the allotment gate does in fact need replacing as well as the two posts. The Clerk is to liaise with Mr Bussell and suggest that the gate is purchased from the firm situated bottom of hill that sells animal pens and gates. It was agreed that Mr Dennis would talk to the developer to borrow two/three hurdles which can be put in place by Mr Bussell. Mr Dennis is to report to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 13 February 2003

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.


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WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary between 1st April, 2002 and 8th January, 2003 inclusive.

Balances at 01/04/2002

Jubilee Account	1000.01
Treasurers Account	10847.27
TOTAL	11847.28

RECEIPTS	Gross	Vat
Council	18355.00	0.00
Allotment	335.00	0.00
Cemetery And Churchyard	1442.00	0.00
Playing Field	0.00	0.00
Administration	3135.15	0.00
Total Receipts	23267.15	0.00

PAYMENTS	Gross	Vat
Council	0.00	0.00
Allotment	298.00	0.00
Cemetery And Churchyard	2215.46	0.00
Playing Field	322.00	26.36
Administration	13288.31	408.04
Total Payments	16123.77	434.40

Closing Balances at 08/01/2003

Jubilee Account	1000.08
Treasurers Account	17990.58
TOTAL	18990.66