

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2004

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Bush, Mrs Crook, Mrs Harrogate, Mr Hancock, Mr Dennis, Mr Burgess, Mr Mander, Mr Perrett, Mr Adair, PC Davies and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Mr Ward, Mr Berry and Mr Tancock.

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

• **Election of Vice Chairman**

Nick Street has had to resign due to health issues. The Parish Council wished him well and a speedy recovery. The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. John Adair proposed Roger Perrett and Tony Hancock seconded the proposal. Roger Perrett accepted the post and the Clerk is to update the Committee List and inform Tony Wills and Brian Holmes of the necessary changes.

• **Recruitment of two new Parish Councillors**

Gordon Davies attended the meeting to see if he would be interested. Other people should be approached to see if they might be interested. It is hoped that the advert in the Parish Magazine would generate some additional interest as well. Agenda item for January meeting.

• **Email from Cathrine Simmons – Waiting List in Willand**

It was agreed to go 50:50 with Justin Roxburgh of Falcon Rural Housing for a planning application for outline permission on a site just outside Willand. More low cost houses are required as indicated by Cathrine Simmons' Waiting List. An application for 6 properties was proposed. Applications are offered at half price to Parish Councils. The Clerk to organise as soon as possible and see if Justin Roxburgh is interested in such a proposal.

• **Birdscape Report for Willand**

A report has now been received on nesting at the Meadow Park site for the last season. The year has been very successful and the report will be passed to Brian Holmes for an article in the next Parish Magazine.

• **The Standards Board – Guidance for Members (handout)**

This has been handed out to Councillors for their information.

• **The Standards Board – Local Investigations booklet**

A booklet detailing procedures for local investigations has been issued to all Parish Councils and will be retained on file by the Clerk.

• **Common Players – Support of next season**

The Common Players are seeking support for a performance planned for 2005. It was agreed that Willand Parish Council would be interested and the form is to be completed by the Clerk and returned. Trish Harrogate would like to organise a Willand Fayre to coincide with the event. Agenda item for January meeting.

• **Victim Support – Suitable Room Hire**

A letter has been received from Victim Support asking for ideas for room hire in the area. Willand Parish Council could offer assistance or the Gables might be available for hire. The Clerk to respond as soon as possible.

• **DCC – Towards a Right of Way Improvement Plan – Consultation**

Matthew Burgess took the document for reading.

• **Email from Jill Larcombe – MDALC membership**

Willand Parish Council reconsidered joining MDALC but it was agreed that no one would attend at this time and the need to join was not seen. The Clerk to respond.

- **Letter from Mr Goffey, Funeral Director**

A letter has been received from Mr Goffey asking for clarification as to when the current ban on him operating in Willand Cemetery might be lifted. After lengthy discussion it was proposed that the ban stays in place, which was seconded. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to that effect. The Ban will be lifted in May 2007.

- **MDDC – 5X30 Project, Award Secured**

Willand Parish Council funded £100 towards the project in order that MDDC could attract Lottery Funding. Our investment has been acknowledged by official receipt.

- **Parish Magazine**

Brian Holmes has agreed in writing to the right to reply. The Chairman concluded that this issue has now been resolved.

- **Dog Bins**

Willand Parish Council see a need for two bins additional dog bins, one for Meadow Park and one on the footpath between Silver Street and One Stop. The Clerk is to pursue the Meadow Park bin as the bin was requested from Colin Carey in February this year and insist on joint funding. The second bin is a new request and will need to be funded in full by the Parish Council at a cost of £383 plus VAT.

- **Composting Scheme Waste**

A complaint has been received regarding the tipping of composting and cuttings on a triangular section of land near the allotments and composting scheme site. It was suggested that Mr Bussell might be placing grass cuttings at the site concerned. This is to be investigated further.

3. **Minutes of the Meetings held:**

- **Full Council 11 November**
- **Planning Committee 11 November**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. **Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£123.08	British Telecommunications	Clerk's phone
	£193.00	Birdscape	Bird Boxes Inspection
	£56.96	Nina Ashley	Stationery
	£29.38	Ken White Signs Ltd	Honours Board Update
	£20.00	Nina Ashley (Fir Close)	Gift Voucher - H Radford
	£17.64	Nina Ashley	Stamps
	£746.00	Brian Bussell	Grass Cutting Payment
	£24.00	Nina Ashley	Office Charges 09-12

- **Income this month**

Income has been received as follows £420.00 from Parish Magazine and £254.00 for Cemetery Charges.

5. **Matters Arising:**

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Burgess, Dennis and Ward**

Mr Burgess:

Widespread support of the Council spending following State of the County Debate.

There have been a number of cuts recommended, CAB will be moving to the Town Hall premises. Community Regeneration projects will be offered less funding. Rent support cuts will be reduced to Charity Shops in Tiverton.

The Willand Play Areas have been assessed by MDDC for the Disability Act. The Clerk to chase Adrian Cook about the Parish play area.

MDDC feel that they are getting a very poor financial deal from Government at the moment. There is also concern that the Police Funding increases make the Council Tax appear such a high increase and that the Police should take some responsibility for this.

MDDC would also like to offer support to those likely to be affected by the ban on hunting with dogs.

Waste is under scrutiny still, what items are the priorities etc.

Broadpath's industrial composter may be put on hold until such time as the great crested newt population has been assessed in the Spring, as they are a European protected species.

Sustainable Communities Bill – more powers to be given to the community to save heritage.

Uffculme is collecting Christmas trees again this year for composting purposes.

Leaf sweeping from roads could be taken to recycling centres although contamination issues are still being considered.

Mr Dennis:

Local Govt Inspector has now issued the Local Plan which will be sent shortly. Elmside development was put forward but Willand will not allowed such development apart from infill within the settlement area of Willand.

Fifth spur – footpath has been included as a condition of any development of the fifth spur.

Gables Road site to remain as a shop or medical centre.

Old railway station may be developed in some way, yet to be disclosed.

Allotments are to be safeguarded in that if the current site is developed, then an alternative site would have to be provided by the developer within the current settlement boundary.

Planning will be changed shortly – further information to follow shortly.

Mr Dennis will no longer be able to attend Parish planning meetings but copies of the recommendation would be useful for Mr Dennis to follow up.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry**

Apologies given.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

The crime figures are very healthy with only 6 offences since the last meeting. Two burglaries, criminal damage, possession of offensive weapon and motor vehicle offence. There have also been some other reported incidents. Community problems have been reported on the Willand Moor estate of a particular family causing problems over the Summer and to date. The landlord of the family has been approached and the tenancy will not be renewed which is due for renewal shortly. This should relieve the problems in due course.

Reminders – people calling at the door, Polish couple are purporting to sell artistic items. It is a distraction scam which is being carried out across the area.

Festive Season – don't leave things on view, close curtains and keep the car and possessions secured.

Licensing for Verbeer – PC Davies has seen information on the licence application. This has not been seen by Willand Parish Council for approval. Public Entertainments Licence has not been applied for as yet. This is to be monitored.

- **Health and safety issues reported**

One Stop front tarmac has now been redone. Many thanks to Mr Dennis for his support on this.

- **Parish Plan Steering Group update**

No update this meeting.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Lloyd Maunder road to Dean Hill Bridge to be cut back to widen the road. Bus stop on the Uffculme Road is overgrown with weeds. The Clerk to chase.

- **Youth Shelter**

A visit as made to the Hemyock youth shelter, revised plans are in the process of being organised by Youth Services. More enclosure would be required. Drawings are due to be emailed. More wooden benches could be useful. Clerk to contact MDDC Leisure Services to find out the size of tarmac required to rent/borrow local skateboard ramp. Willand Primary School would like to be consulted regarding discussions on a youth shelter as the likely site is

directly opposite the school. Lighting needs to be chased up as soon as possible by the Clerk also.

- **Village Enhancements – Roger Perrett**

Roger Perrett suggested that more planters might brighten up the village. Maintenance would need to be secured. Funds could be arranged. Perhaps the Gardening Club could be approached to see if there is any interest. Perhaps bulbs would be a low maintenance suggestion. It is understood that Carol Allen runs the Gardening Club. The Clerk to write to the Garden Club to see if there is any interest.

Christmas decorations – The Clerk to speak to Mr Ward (Uffculme) about his experiences, perhaps lamp post erected lights might be an option for security purposes.

- **Emergency Planning – meeting date to be set for next year (bring diaries)**

It was agreed that a meeting would take place in the New Year on Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm. Clerk to distribute the Emergency Plan to committee members.

6. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

Items to be tabled:

What's On In Devonshire's Heartland – Dec/Jan
MDDC Community and Leisure News