

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2006

Sue Warren from MDDC made a presentation on the proposed Willand Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

Sue Warren thanked the Willand History Group of their large input into the appraisal. The conservation area has archaeological interest as well as listed buildings. The historic interest relates to the church and the history of Willand as a centre for the textile trade and agricultural characteristics. Important green spaces and trees of interest are marked on the plan. Features of special importance are noted such as important boundary walls, cobbles and traditional directional signs in the village. Important unlisted buildings are listed also.

The Management Plan looks at potential enhancement schemes, the burial of overhead cables and protecting unlisted properties. The boundary is looked at to see whether there are buildings within the Conservation Area that do not contribute and could be excluded. It also reviews whether there are buildings that are not included that should be. There are currently 4 areas that are being investigated for addition to the Conservation Area, plus 1 area for potential removal. All people affected by the proposals will receive a letter about the proposals and given an opportunity to make comment on the plans.

A new Conservation Area could be created for the woodland area that could be a separate plan. Although as the area is owned by the Woodland Trust then it will be fairly safe anyway.

The main document is available at Phoenix House at the Planning Desk, the Tiverton Library, Willand Post Office and on line. Deadline is 13 October for comments. A final version will then be proposed for adoption.

The Clerk to check if Dist Cllr Dennis is still pursuing the request for The Gables to become Grade II Listed.

The Chairman thanked Sue Warren for her presentation. All Councillors will be asked to read the document online and make comment to the Clerk. The Clerk to arrange.

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crook, Cllr Davis, Cllr Bush, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Crawford, Cty Cllr Radford, Dist Cllr Burgess and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Cllr Mander, Dist Cllr Dennis, PC Davies and Dist Cllr Ward.

2. Chairman's Handover

Cllr Maynard stepped down as Chairman. Cllr Davis thanked Cllr Maynard for his many years of service as Chairman and chaired the rest of the meeting. The Badge of Office was placed on Cllr Davis following his Acceptance of Office.

3. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

1. Willand Allotment Holders – Parking

It was noted that Willand Allotment Association had agreed to display a letter asking members to be considerate when parking at the allotments.

2. MDDC – Compostable Bags

MDDC now have compostable small bags available for anyone who would like to

purchase them. They can be ordered on 01884 255255. Large ones are also available.

3. Victim Support – Letter of Thanks

A letter of thanks has been received for the £100 donation made by Willand Parish Council recently.

4. MDDC – Kerbside Recycling Collections Update

MDDC have advised that rural properties not previously receiving recycling collection are now included in the recycling collections scheme and have received their black box.

5. MDDC – Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation

A consultation document has been received for the Parish Council to comment on. It was agreed that Cllr Crawford would take the document away and present to the Chairman before the next meeting as the deadline is 6 October. The Clerk to submit the final response.

6. MDDC – Local Development Framework Consultation

Local events are being held in the area. Cllr Davis will be attending one of the events.

7. Mrs Overy – Letter of Thanks

Mrs Overy has written to the Parish Council thanking the Council for reimbursing her for the interment plot that she had reserved but no longer required.

8. Lloyds TSB – Complaint

Lloyds TSB maintain that the Parish Council do need to recomplete the mandate forms in order to arrange for 4 members of the Council to become signatories. The 2 new councillors will also need to be added, so a form will need to be completed anyway. It was agreed that (8 councillors in favour) we shall stay with Lloyds giving them only one more chance to sort out the new mandate. The Clerk to ask for one more set of forms for all councillors to sign at the next meeting. Agenda item next meeting.

9. Magna Housing Group Ltd – 9 November

Jennifer Gould, Business Development Manager for Magna Housing, has written to the Council in response to concerns that Willand residents may not be given first priority on their planned affordable housing site. This apparently is not the case, and Jennifer Gould will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 9 November to discuss this matter formally.

10. Brenda Roberts – Bus Stops Request

Brenda Roberts has written to the Parish Council requesting that new bus shelters are placed in Somerville Road on both sides of the road, which provide seating for the elderly people that use the bus stops currently. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to Brenda Roberts stating that funds are not currently available for this purpose but we shall apply via DCC for two new shelters. The Clerk to arrange via Cty Cllr Radford to maximise the chance of a result. The Clerk to respond to Brenda Roberts.

11. MDDC 5X30 Project – Network Events

Various network events are due to be held in the area in the Autumn for activity groups that are looking for funding towards healthy activities that they are organising in their area. The Clerk has placed notices about this on the 2 parish notice boards. Letter to be copied to appropriate local associations by the Clerk.

12. DAPC – AGM 30 September, County Hall, Exeter

Unfortunately no councillors are available to attend this meeting.

13. MDCC – Adoption of Proposals to Local Plan

Notice of adoption has been sent.

14. The Common Players – The Apple Press Project

The Common Players are offering community groups the opportunity to make use of an apple press for educational purposes. Cllr Maynard was attending the same event in Crediton and would report back to the next meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be interested this year, but a bit more notice for another year would be better. The Clerk to respond.

15. MDCC – Chairman’s Receptions

It was agreed Cllr Davis would attend on a date to be agreed. Mrs Harrogate, Mr Holmes and Mrs Balaam to be offered the opportunity to attend. The Clerk to arrange.

16. Cullompton and District Funeral Service

Cullompton and District Funeral Services under Mr Goffey’s ownership is currently banned from operating in Willand Cemetery. However, new proprietor, Mr Peppard, has taken over this business and it was recommended that he be allowed to work in the Cemetery (8 councillors in favour).

4. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 13 July**
- **Planning Committee 13 July**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record (8 councillors in favour).

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£45.00	DAPC	Planning Course
	£76.00	Allotment Association	Subs Reimbursement
	£70.71	Nina Ashley	Expenses
	£74.03	Miracle Design and Play	3 Shackles for swings
	£970.91	Brian Bussell	Grass Cutting and Maintenance
	£885.00	Astra Printing Group	Parish Magazine
	£33.67	Nina Ashley	Stamps and stationery

The Clerk proposed a transfer of **£3,000.00** from the 30 day account to the treasurers account. (8 councillors in favour).

- **Income this month**

Income of £1,145.00 has been received from the Cemetery and £294.00 from the Parish Magazine since the last meeting.

- **NatWest Bank Account Mandate**

See above Lloyds Bank Complaint. It was agreed not to switch bank accounts to NatWest at this time.

6. Matters Arising:

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

Dist Cllr Burgess stated that there are large cutback at MDCC the outcome of which are

yet to be disclosed. One councillor asked if batteries are accepted for recycling. Dist Cllr Burgess said that he would investigate and that a press release would be good.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Cty Cllr Radford stated that the Local Service office will move, Broad Lane is being closed, better service is promised. Willy Pike will be moved to Bampton. The Clerk to write Bob Wigley and Lester Bowman stating that Willand would want to keep Willy Pike in the area (and copy to Willy Pike).

£1,000.00 is available for charities in the Willand area and can be claimed from Cty Cllr Radford directly. The money is available until March 2007. The Clerk to notify the Youth Centre as they are looking for funding for essential works to their building.

Concerns were raised about the B3181 as another serious accident has occurred. The double white lines urgently need extending. Cty Cllr Radford to investigate. The Clerk to chase again also.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

A report has been received from PC Davies, which was read. There is an abandoned car in Willand Moor Road which currently has a fixed penalty notice attached. The Clerk to notify the Police although the road upon which it has been left has not been adopted. The Clerk to chase the adoption status.

- **Health and safety issues reported**

The Clerk to arrange for these problems to be resolved:

Buddleia tree past Victoria Close on the way to park is overhanging the path. On the area between Plum Way and Victoria Close, a climber is overhanging the pavement. The hedge is overhanging from The Gables very badly. The hedge belongs to DCC Social Services. The hedge is now obscuring a road traffic sign. The Clerk to report.

Kerbs at roundabout are still not in place. The Council understands that they are on order but the Clerk to chase again.

- **Parish Lengthsman– areas for attention**

The Clerk to report these issues. See above.

- **Uffculme Road Bus Stop – update**

The new hard standing for the bus stop has now been done. The Parish Council is very pleased with the outcome albeit a long time coming.

- **Councillor Vacancies – Mrs Kate Taylor and Mrs Judith Smith to attend meeting**

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Smith introduced themselves to the Parish Council. They were requested to leave the meeting whilst their applications were discussed. A vote took place.

Mrs Taylor – 8 for and 0 against. It was agreed that Mrs Taylor be invited onto the Council. The Clerk to deal with the relevant paperwork.

Mrs Smith – 7 for and 1 abstention. It was agreed that Mrs Smith be invited onto the Council. The Clerk to deal with the relevant paperwork.

- **Christmas Lights – update**

The Clerk advised that everything was in hand for this year's lights.

- **Willand Surgery – update**

A response has not been received to the Council's second letter of concern. The meeting of 9 September was cancelled. The Clerk to find out who is the Patient Representative

and when the next meeting is. Clerk to liaise with Mrs Elaine Lane and Dist Cllr Dennis.

- **Youth Shelter Bin / Youth Shelter Removal – discussion**

Concerns were raised about a handful of youths that were abusing the youth shelter and playing field in general. A discussion took place about removing the youth shelter altogether or taking it away on a temporary basis. Clare Tucker from Devon Youth Service was invited to attend but had not contacted the Clerk. It was proposed that an article should appear in the Parish Magazine explaining the situation stating that the youth shelter may have to be removed and write to Youth Services formally about the situation (6 for and 2 against). Cllr Crook to email thoughts to the Clerk.

The Clerk to arrange for the new seat to be sited in Silver Street.

- **First Time Online Course**

This course is no longer available much to the disappointment of the Parish Council. The Clerk has been trying to arrange it since April but no one seems to want to commit to a free course in Willand. Another more in depth course is available at a cost of £30 per delegate. It was agreed that Devon In Touch Roadshow be invited instead. The Clerk to advise those that were interested and invite them to the Roadshow.

- **Emergency Planning Committee – Chairman Vacancy**

Now that Cllr Adair has resigned, it was noted that a new Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee was required. Agenda item next meeting. Clerk to circulate to all Councillors and other members listed on the Committee once it has been revised.

7. **Public Questions**

Parking at the Methodist Church is a real problem right on the corner. To be reported to PC Davies by the Clerk.

Pot holes in Fir Close caused by the lorries that keep parking in there whilst delivering to the school. PC Davies and Willy Pike to be notified.

Rubbish on the roundabout – litter is a problem. Clerk to speak to Mr Snell. It was suggested that there should be a review of bins in Willand – agenda item next meeting.

Speeding traffic in Gables Road is a problem. The Clerk to advise PC Davies and ask him to take some readings or possibly a speed trap.

Items to be tabled:

Local Councils Update – August 2006

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Village Green – September 2006

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.