

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2006

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Mander, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crook, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Bush, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Dist Cllr Ward, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess.

1. Apologies

PC M Davies

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 14 September 2006**
- **Planning Committee 14 September 2006**
- **Planning Committee 5 October 2006** – The Planning Committee was agreed as Cllr Perrett, Cllr Crook, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Maynard (until April) and Cllr Davis as Chairman of the Council. The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

- **Parish Councillor Vacancy – Mr Brian Taylor / Mrs Smith**

Mr Brian Taylor has formally expressed an interest in joining the Council. The Chairman proposed that Mr Taylor be asked to join – 9 in favour, unanimous. Mr Taylor accepted the position and the Chairman welcomed him onto the Council. The Clerk to update the contact sheet and circulate.

- **Emergency Planning Committee Chairman**

Cllr Perrett proposed Cllr Marrow as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hancock. Cllr Crawford proposed Cllr K Taylor as new 2nd member which was seconded by Cllr Hancock. The Clerk to issue a new Emergency Plan.

- **Bin Review**

A plan of bins was issued to all Councillors. The Chairman asked all councillors to examine the plan, correct the drawing if necessary and provide any ideas for additional bins. Agenda item next meeting. Clerk to check the cost implications of MDDC for bins to report to the next meeting. (Green bin £271.00 each and dog bin £235.00 including collection).

- **Youth Shelter**

Nicki Ellis and Romala Woodger, Youth Workers suggested that a professional graffiti artist is brought in to decorate the youth shelter perhaps with youths themselves helping and the installation of a bin might be useful. Funding towards the artwork can be available from Julia Ryder at MDDC. Street art has been successfully used in Tiverton skate park.

The Clerk updated the visitors on the situation and stated that a bin was no longer on order. Willand Parish Council is embarrassed by the current state of the youth shelter. The Clerk is to investigate the cost of professional artwork only at this stage and how easy it is to damage – 9 in favour of further investigation,

unanimous. Agenda item next meeting.

Skate ramp top board has been vandalised – the Clerk is to investigate the cost of replacement. Agenda item next meeting.

It was proposed that funding previously paid to the Drop in Centre to be continued – 9 in favour, unanimous. The Clerk to arrange another cheque.

- **Litter Pick – Bulbs for planter / Rubbish collection**

The Clerk will notify MDDC that 50 pickers are expected to attend the event. Bulbs are to be collected as a result of the litter pick. Cllr Marrow and the Clerk to do Risk Assessment and forward to Cllr Davis for final comment. Bier House shed to house rubbish until MDDC are able to collect it. Cllr Maynard to organise locking up the rubbish on the Saturday and putting out of the rubbish at the Cemetery gates on the Monday morning.

- **The Gambling Act Response**

Cllr Crawford did a great job, many thanks to him for his efforts which are much appreciated. The response which has already been submitted was as follows:

1. We are very pleased that the new Act's intentions are to remove gaming machines from Taxi Cab offices, cafes, shops and especially Take Away restaurants, with previously issued permits being allowed to run to their expiry date. Having seen children in their lunch hour spending their dinner money in machines before they have purchased their food, and then try to borrow money to get lunch can be the first sign to becoming addicted to gambling.
2. Family Entertainment centers need to meet certain measures to obtain a license. However we have seen a number of times, opening hours being extended because a couple of regular customers wish to carry on playing. Therefore, we believe within the Mid Devon area, we should be firm and list issues that will remove the license from that premises. e.g lack of GamCare information, breaking of opening hours etc.
3. Finally we should, within the Statement of principles, state that any premises such as Family Entertainment Centres should be asked to remove any Cash link machines, because this only allows a gambler to carry on playing, when if he had to leave the premises he or she would have time to reflect on their actions.

- **MDDC Conservation Area Appraisal Response**

- Willand Parish Council suggests that the blue cycle sign on the heritage sign should be removed and relocated. It is too large and is out of keeping in the area.
- An enhancement scheme in and around the post office would be worthwhile. The layout does not lend itself to the creation of segregated footways, but the use of materials other than tarmac would visually indicate to drivers to slow down; a well thought out shared area is what is required. This problem was identified in the Parish Plan.
- We support the undergrounding of all services prior to the enhancement scheme commencing.

- We support the proposed amendments, additions and deletions proposed to the Conservation Area boundary.
- We accept, in principal, the need for a systematic audit, but we would require more information on how this will be undertaken and by whom. Residents buying property in good faith from others will be unhappy about costly changes being thrust upon them.

We would like to see The Gables become Grade II Listed.

- **Willand Moor Development Adoption**

Dist Cllr Dennis updated the meeting that Persimmon Homes has now submitted plans for the adoption, which should be completed in 3 months time.

- **DCC - B3181 update**

The double white line will be done by DCC in due course. Thanks were extended to Cty Cllr Radford for his support on this issue as well as the bus stops.

- **DCC - Bus Stops update**

All our bus stop requests will be investigated next year by DCC. The clerk to copy the letter from DCC to the resident in Somerlea who wrote to the Council last month.

4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

The Clerk read out the report provided by PC Davies.

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

Dist Cllr Dennis

The planning application for 22 Chestnut Drive has gone to Committee. Bamber Engineering portacabins situation is still ongoing. Orchard Lea and Barnhaven care homes are subject to review – the two companies who bid to revamp have failed. There is a 3 month negotiation period. By October next year they will be looking at how care in the community is changing.

Dist Cllr Burgess

Batteries for recycling will be discussed at a meeting about including this facility. Corn starch bags are available in variable sizes from MDDC.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

The Clerk thanked Cty Cllr Radford for his help with last month's issues. The Chairman asked that matters from the last meeting are continued to be pressed if possible.

No decision has been made yet on the status of Willy Pike.

Broad Lane will definitely be closed. Newton Abbot, Exeter and Barnstable will be the only offices. There will be a Touch Down Centre in the Tiverton Library though.

The Youth Club has approached Cty Cllr Radford for funds. The Parish Council are very much in support of this.

- **Health and safety issues to be reported**

The Clerk to chase the kerbs and pot holes in Fir Close, Victoria and Blenheim trees.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Paviments still need to be weeded in Victoria Close. Somerville Park weeds to be chased. Hedge from roundabout to Half Way House is overhanging. Dean Hill Road just before bridge urgently requires attention. The Clerk to report.

5. **Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**

Gross	Details	
£8.62	South West Water	Cemetery Water
£20.32	South West Water	Allotment Trough
£22.86	Nina Ashley	Expenses
£255.24	Inland Revenue	NIC and Tax due

These cheques were proposed by Hancock and seconded by Mander and were duly signed at the meeting.

- **Income this month**

Finally received £350.24 from Inland Revenue as reimbursement of Maternity Pay, £699.00 from Parish Magazine and £440.00 from the Cemetery.

- **Other banking issues – completion of Lloyds TSB mandate**

Councillors were asked to complete the mandate.

6. **Correspondence Received:**

- **New Councillor Short Course – 27 or 28 Nov**

It was agreed that the new councillors could attend if they wished. They are to notify the Clerk if they can.

- **Appointment of Independent Members to the Police Authority**

The Police are advertising for Independent Members. Closing date 29 October. The Clerk to place flyer on the noticeboard.

- **Devon County IT Roadshow – 29 November 11am – 4pm**

The clerk is to place an advert in the parish magazine as well as organise some posters to publicise the event.

- **DAPC Proposed Annual Subscription**

Next year's subscription will be £489.00.

- **Mr Mould – Allotment Shed Request**

Mr Mould would like to erect a shed on his plot – 9 in favour, unanimous. The Clerk to notify Mr Mould.

- **Composting Facility Official Opening – 8 November 10.30am**

Tony Mander and Nigel Crawford expressed an interest in attending. The Clerk to organise.

7. Chairman's Announcements

- **Litter Warden**

Mr Holmes is doing a wonderful job as the new litter warden.

- **Bulbs for planters**

Bulbs will be received from MDDC for the litter pick which can be used in the planters.

8. Public Questions

Mrs Lane advised that there will be a meeting on 4 November 2.30 to 3.30pm in the Village Hall regarding the closure of Willand Surgery. The Clerk to investigate and email to ALL CLLRS date and time. Strong presence requested by the Chairman please. The Clerk to contact Glenda Frost and state that we will offer support.

Items to be tabled:

DAPC Annual Report 2005-06

DPAC Newsletter Sep/Oct 2006

RCS News Winter 2006

What's On Oct Nov 2006

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.