

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2006**

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr B Taylor, Dist Cllr Dennis, Cllr Mander, Dist Cllr Burgess, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr Marrow and the Clerk. Mrs Lane, Mr Thomas, PC M Davies and Sgt P Kitcherside were in attendance.

1. Apologies

Cllr Crook, Cllr Crawford, Dist Cllr Ward

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 9 November 2006**
- **Planning Committee 23 November 2006**

Draft minutes were duly signed subject to one alteration to income on the Full Council minutes which has now been amended by the clerk.

3. Matters Arising:

- **Magna Housing – Park Street affordable homes**

Cllr Perrett provided an update on Park Street. Leitner has completed on the land so an application should follow shortly. Willand Parish Council are keen to ensure good relations with Magna Housing on this site. The Clerk confirmed that an article stating how people can register for one of the four affordable homes has now been submitted for the parish magazine.

- **Bin Review – Update / insurance cover**

It was agreed that metal litter bins would be ordered this time and that insurance cover was not required.

- **Willand Moor Development Adoption – Update**

No update. Dist Cllr Dennis to chase.

- **Youth Shelter – Update**

The Clerk stated that Clare Tucker was trying to take this project forward. The Clerk to contact in early January before the next meeting.

- **Christmas Lights – Update**

It was reported that lamp 41 is still not operating. The Clerk stated that this has been reported to Torbay Displays three times. The Clerk to chase again.

- **Devon In Touch Roadshow – Update**

It was reported that 8 visitors came to the bus for IT skill improvement. Positive feedback was received from attendees.

- **Village Walk – Update**

The village walk was very successful and the Clerk is dealing with the issues arising. Agenda item next meeting.

- **Picnic Bench – Burnt grass, decision required**

It was agreed that a handful of grass seed would be sown at this time. It was agreed that the Precept should allow for a new metal picnic bench. Clerk to arrange quote from Stoneman's as soon as possible.

- **Picnic Bench – Request for a new one in Victoria Close park**

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quotation. The Clerk to liaise with Adrian Cook as the park does not belong to WPC.

4. Items to be reported:

- **Devon and Cornwall Police - Concerns about recent arson to be discussed**

A total of 21 incidents have been reported since the last meeting including 10 incidents of criminal damage, 2 thefts and 2 assaults. 71 associated incidents have also been reported. PC Malcolm Davies then went on to update the Council on his progress:

Willand paper store – one individual has been arrested and anti social behaviour letters will be issued shortly.

The Police are committed to additional patrols for Willand, Neighbourhood Officers are trying to address the issue and are aware that 5 or 6 youths are responsible for the vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Alcohol is believed to have been purchased for the use of under age drinkers. The store involved has been notified of the situation. Youths from outside the village are coming to the village possibly because alcohol has been easily available.

The Council were advised that day to day patrols are now a regular occurrence. PC Davies feels that there is nothing for young people in Willand and urged the Parish Council to listen to young people. It was hoped that some young people would join the meeting but unfortunately they did not arrive.

EDP project – 3 youths have been referred to this alcohol programme to help them improve their situation and the Anti Social Behaviour Team have also been contacted. It was highlighted that all parks are inadequately lit. The Clerk to invite Bob Wigley (Devon County Council) and Martin Gill (Police Authority) to visit the parks and make recommendations on how lighting could be improved.

PC Davies supported the project to decorate the youth shelter with professional graffiti provided that tags were not used. He also advised that youths are asking if 3m of paving could be placed to the shelter as the grass is getting very muddy.

Willand Parish Council is absolutely delighted that PC Davies has been so proactive lately with regard to these incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts and for the considerable effort put into preparing for the presentation to the Council.

Parking and speeding in Gables Road continues to be monitored. Cllr Perrett stated that speeding was an issue in Willand generally and not just at the school run time. In the New Year all logistics managers will receive letters regarding inappropriate HGV parking.

The Christmas season is here. Make sure that what you buy is concealed and keep prying eyes out of the house.

PC Davies also added his congratulations to Ms Calderbank on their recent Ofsted report at Willand Primary School.

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

Matthew Burgess – Viridor have agreed to fund battery collection which should be immediate; leaflets will be distributed to households in the near future. The Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council has agreed early retirement and will be leaving

the authority in the near future.

Eddie Dennis – Council Charge rise currently expected to be 4.9%. MDDC staff are going to have to pay to park in the multi-storey car park in Tiverton. Dist Cllr Dennis is concerned that not enough policing is available for Willand but that this is no reflection on the current police staff that work very hard.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Other parishes have expressed concerns about the call centre's speed at answering the phone. The Budget is around the corner; an increase of £4.7m is expected which is 4%, most of which will be well absorbed by the job evaluation programme. Schools - 5.7% increase in budget for schools and will be capped if they go over.

Cty Cllr Radford updated the Council on the White Paper which DCC is very involved with at the moment. Comprehensive Area Assessment will be undertaken on performance for each area within Devon – looking for 3% savings overall. Exeter Airport sale cannot be used for the general business of DCC. DCC are trying to cut £80m on their budget.

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

Cars are double parking and on the corners and cars are speeding along Willand Moor Road. Clerk to report to PC Davies. The Clerk to submit an article for parish magazine. Cllr K Taylor to draft article and forward to the Clerk. All in favour.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Nothing new to report.

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

£2,937.50	Torbay Display	Christmas Lights Display
£64.21	Mrs Pauline Balaam	Parish Magazine
£843.00	Brian Bussell	Grass and hedge cutting
£91.95	Brian Bussell	Play area maintenance
£59.64	Nina Ashley	Cemetery Slabs
£89.93	South West Water	Allotment water trough
£65.50	Nina Ashley	Stamps, stationery and exp

The cheques were agreed and signed during the meeting.

- **Income this month**

Income of £819.00 has been received this month from Parish Magazine and £175 from the Cemetery.

- **Quotation from Ron Tucker**

A quotation of £315.20 has been received for the summer flowers for the village planters for the Council to agree. 8 in favour – all agreed.

- **Bank transfer**

The Clerk advised that a transfer of £6,000 is required to refill the current account. All in favour.

Cllr K Taylor and Cllr B Taylor to contact the Clerk regarding the bank mandate.

6. Correspondence Received:

- **Willand Pre-School – CCTV funding request**

(Cllr Davies, Cllr Maynard, Cllr Mander and Cllr Hancock declared an interest as trustees of the pre-school).

Willand Pre-School has contacted the Parish Council for funding towards a CCTV system which could cover the Pre-School, the Village Hall and the Parish field. A quote for a top-of-the range system would be in the region of £3,400. Sgt Kircherside stated that the Police would support any CCTV system. It would be crucial to decide what was hoped to be achieved by the system. Cullompton Town Council has been reviewing the same thing. The recording system is crucial to the quality of the system.

There are certain protocols to follow, literature is available which PC Davies will investigate.

Crime Prevention Officer – Martin Gill, would be worth contacting. PC Davies will contact him as ask him to contact the Clerk. Funding from the police is unlikely to be available at this time. It was suggested that Willand could link in with Cullompton or Tiverton. Clerk to contact Julie Ryder, Crime Prevention Officer for assistance.

The meeting was unanimous in supporting a CCTV project in principle, but funding, specification and timescale have not yet been agreed upon. It was agreed that the Clerk is to contact Trish Harrogate of the Willand Pre-school, in the first instance. It was suggested that a sub committee could be established to consider the details of the CCTV system.

Willand Parish Council is happy with the concept but would be interested in increasing the coverage to help the Village Hall and playing field too. Clerk to notify Trish Harrogate about Ray Radford's funding.

- **MDDC – S106 Funds from Willand Moor Development – Update**

Clerk to chase again and contact Dist Cllr Dennis.

- **Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal**

All in favour. Clerk thanked the Council for their support on this renewal, as it provided legal services on the rare occasions when the need arose.

- **Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Victim of crime letter**

Standard letter received has been received and noted.

- **MDDC Standards Committee – Agenda**

Noted.

- **MDDC Parish Precepts 2007/08**

A Precept meeting to be held meeting Wednesday 10 January. Clerk to prepare sample Precept. Clerk to book hall for 7.30pm. All councillors are to think of any projects that could be pursued next year in advance of the meeting. Please email any ideas to the Clerk.

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association – Rental year**

Clerk to bill allotment holders for 18 months April 2007 to Oct 2008 and to include increases too. Clerk to ask Allotment Association for confirmation plus water rates. Clerk to write to Allotment Association.

- **MDDC - Proposals to bring forward Council owned land and buildings for development purposes**

End bungalow in Fir Close grass, poorly maintained by MDDC would be another possible site. Clerk to respond. It was stated that this could be done at the same time as the other Fir Close development.

- **MDDC – Gambling Act – Letter and supporting documentation**

Clerk to pass to Cllr Crawford. MDDC thanked the Parish Council for the response.

- **Mrs S Radford – Planters**

Mr Radford is now unable to tend the planters in Silver Street. John Holmes has now undertaken the maintenance of these planters. A nice thank you letter to be arranged and a £30 garden voucher to enhance his own garden. Clerk to arrange before Christmas, if possible.

- **MDDC Conservation Area Appraisal – Boundary changes**

Letter noted.

7. **Chairman's Announcements**

- **Churchyard Adoption – Agenda item next meeting**
- **Willand Village Hall Trustee – vacancy.** Clerk to check the terms of reference as nobody has offered to replace Cllr Crawford. Agenda item next meeting.
- **Parish Clerk – Broadband Request.** All in favour – Clerk to choose provider.

8. **Public Questions**

Items to be tabled:

Devon Rural Transport Partnership – Autumn Newsletter 2006

Mid Devon Standards Committee Bulletin – November 2006

Junkmail – Autumn 2006

The meeting was closed at 10pm.