

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2007**

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Bush, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr Crook, Cllr Hancock, Dist Cllr Dennis, Cllr Crawford, Dist Cllr Burgess, Cllr Mander, Cllr Maynard, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr Marrow and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

PC M Davies, Cllr Perrett, Cty Cllr Radford.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 14 December 2006**
- **Planning Committee 14 December 2006**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record subject to one amendment as Tony Hancock is not a trustee of the preschool. The Clerk will alter the minutes.

3. Matters Arising:

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

No update

- **Willand Moor Development Adoption – Update**

No update – the Clerk to chase DCC about this again as the development was due to have been adopted last November.

- **Youth Shelter – Update**

Clare Tucker has this project in hand for the Spring. A paving slab walkway is still being considered from the tarmac section to the youth shelter. Clerk to chase the quotation for repair of the skate board ramp.

- **Picnic Bench – Victoria Close park, update**

The Council decided that a metal picnic bench would be ordered. The Clerk to arrange with Adrian Cook and Stoneman Engineering. 10 in favour - unanimous.

- **Picnic Bench – Playing field, quotation received**

It was proposed that a metal picnic table be purchased for the playing field. 10 in favour – unanimous. It was proposed that the bench be dedicated to Gladys Godfrey (engraved). The Clerk to liaise with Stoneman Engineering about this.

- **Willand Village Hall Trustee – update**

Cllr Crawford kindly offered to continue as trustee until May only, after which time the newly elected council will need to appoint a replacement. Clerk to notify Tony Wills.

- **Willand Preschool CCTV – meeting to be held 17 January**

The Clerk has done some research into CCTV systems and has spoken to Martin Gill of Devon and Cornwall Police (who will be attending the meeting next week), Nick Sanderson of MDDC and Judy Morris, Town Clerk for Cullompton. A number of concerns were raised.

Cllr Bush, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Maynard and Cllr Hancock offered to sit on the sub committee. The most important decision to be made at next week's meeting is what does the group want to achieve from any CCTV system and whether a CCTV system would actually achieve that.

4. Items to be reported:

• **Devon and Cornwall Police – Retirement issue**

(Cllr Bush declared an interest).

PC Davies will be retiring in approximately 5 months time. Willand Parish Council is concerned that a replacement will not be forthcoming. The whole issue of policing in Mid Devon is under review.

Willand Parish Council feels strongly that police replacement is required. Write to Chief Constable, MP. Clerk to liaise with Dist Cllr Dennis.

PC Davies kindly prepared a report stating that there had been a total of 18 offences reported since the last meeting, as well as 38 associated incidents.

Anti social behaviour – a total of seven people will be discussed at the next Anti Social Behaviour meeting this month, with a view to sending appropriate letters

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

Dist Cllr Burgess reported that batteries are now collected which is great news and all credit to him for organising this crucial recycling.

Dist Cllr Dennis explained that Willand Moor residents are very concerned with youths in the area displaying anti social behaviour and using the development as a skate board park and are endangering themselves in the road in a very irresponsible way.

A gentleman has been passing alcohol to under age drinkers and is being dealt with.

Cameo had problems with youths running into a meeting which has not happened before.

Fir Close development with affordable homes encompassing the existing garages is looking as though it will move ahead quite quickly.

Somerlea garages revamp could offer more affordable homes too. Consultation process will follow.

22 Chestnut Drive – went to committee. A new application has to be submitted as the plans were incorrect.

Gypsy legislation – 1 Oct onwards all gypsies or travellers will be treated the same under new planning legislation.

• **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Cty Cllr Radford was not at the meeting but the Clerk is to ask him to help pursue bus shelter improvements and installations from DCC.

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

Black and white bollard leaning over road near the welcome to Willand sign. Cllr Maynard to investigate and report to the Clerk.

Orchards play area bin is too mobile and not secured properly. The Clerk to report to Adrian Cook of MDDC.

• **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Nothing to report. The Clerk to chase items from village walk list.

5. Accounts:

• **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£10.79	South West Water	Cemetery water trough
	£255.24	Inland Revenue	Tax & NIC
	£95.00	SLCC	Membership renewal
	£90.41	Nina Ashley	Stationery, stamps and exp

£1,007.25 Astra Printing

Parish Magazine

These cheques were agreed and signed during the Finance meeting on 10 January.

- **Income this month**

Income of £210 has been received from Parish Magazine, £180 Cemetery Grant from MDDC and £485 from Cemetery.

- **Precept 2007/08**

It was agreed that a Precept of £29,948 would be requested from MDDC. The Clerk to email a copy of the Precept to the editor of the Parish Magazine.

6. Correspondence Received:

- **MDDC – Litter Pick Certificates**

A letter has been received thanking the community for all their efforts during the litter pick. Certificates have also been sent for each litter picker which will be handed out at the next meeting.

- **MDDC – Emergency Planning**

A letter has been received encouraging councils to prepare an emergency plan. Willand Parish Council already has one.

- **dti – Post office future**

A letter has been received from the dti stating that our comments were welcomed encouraging the government to maintain rural post offices. The letter did state that nationally there had been a decline in usage of rural facilities due to online banking and email.

- **The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Action groups**

The meeting dates for this partnership for the year are 17 January, 14 March, 16 May, 18 July, 12 September and 14 November. All these meetings will commence at 10am and will be held at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre in Tiverton.

- **Parish and Town Councils Election – May 07**

A pack has been received to enable the Council to start thinking about the next election in May. Agenda item for next meeting.

- **Developing a Senior Council for Devon**

It is hoped that older residents in Devon will be given more voice with the development of a Senior Council, which is aimed at people aged 50 and over. If you are interested in further information, please contact David Hess on 01837 83818.

- **Litter Collection – Dist Cllr Dennis**

The litter warden has advised the Council that the two bins near the One Stop tend to get rather full. It was agreed that the Clerk is to order an additional bin at the One Stop end of Somerville Road.

- **MDDC – Allocation of development land**

MDDC are currently investigating different options for their Area Development Plan Documents which look to allocate land for different types of development. MDC are hoping to prepare three such documents to cover the whole district and form part of the Local Framework for Mid Devon. MDDC will be consulting with their first draft of these documents in June.

7. Chairman's Announcements

• Churchyard Adoption

Some time ago the Council considered whether it would be appropriate for MDDC to adopt the churchyard. Whilst the churchyard is already closed to new graves, some family members are allowed to be buried in existing family graves. If the churchyard was adopted by MDDC it has been suggested in the past that no further burials of any kind would be permitted by MDDC. After much discussion it was agreed that Dist Cllr Burgess would check if no further burials would be permitted by MDDC if adopted. Agenda item next meeting.

• Cemetery Extension

Last year the Clerk was asked to check if documentation relating to the extension could be revisited to ensure that the Council was up to date with the Council's legal position. The Clerk reported that the paperwork dating back to 1984 was in order but that one document appeared to be missing. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk is to contact the solicitor to find out how much a copy of the relevant letter would cost. The Clerk stated that it was important that this issue is resolved.

8. Public Questions

Willand Moor:

Some residents of the Willand Moor development joined the meeting to inform the Council that for the last four weeks an increasing number of older children on skateboards have been causing problems, displaying anti social behaviour and intimidating local residents. The children are skateboarding in the road and playing 'chicken' with oncoming vehicles. Cars are finding this a safety issue. The Police have been informed. Local younger children are also being intimidated. There is a daily problem of wooden debris from broken pallets that are being used as skate ramps. One residents stated that he felt it was becoming a local skate board park. The Clerk is to liaise with PC Davies.

Another problem facing the Police is that the estate still has not been adopted. This cannot go on as the Police cannot operate properly. Clerk to contact DCC, Cty Cllr Radford, Persimmon and Dist Cllr Dennis for urgent support in getting the development adopted.

It was agreed that this matter needed further discussion at the next meeting and that the Clerk is to invite Romala Woodger from Youth Services too.

Pot Holes:

Somerlea and South View Road really bad now and are beyond pot hole repairs. IT was agreed that the Clerk to speak to the Parish Lengthsman again, MDDC and DCC. Cllr Davis to photo main problem areas and make a report for submission to DCC highlighting the need to action.

Items to be tabled:

Local Councils Update – Dec 06

DAPC Newsletter – Jan/Feb 07

Regional Spatial Strategy – Update Nov 06

DCC – Achievements 2005 and summary of accounts

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.