

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2007

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

1. Apologies

PC M Davies, Sgt Kitcherside, Julia Ryder, Dist Cllr Ward, Cllr Crawford.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 11 January**
- **Planning Committee 11 January**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

- **Willand Moor Development Adoption**

It was agreed to push on with the adoption. South West Water still have to CCTV survey the drains before the area can be adopted.

S104 Funding – agenda item next month. Clerk to invite Julie Lester of Youth Club and Dave Scott from MDDC.

- **Willand Moor Development Anti Social Behaviour – update**

Julia Ryder has organised a Working Party on 15 February. Skate board ramps from MDDC have been ordered for the Willand playing field and the Parish Council's ramp should be repaired shortly.

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

It was reported that the land is paid for now and that Mr Leitner will put an application in shortly. Fir Close is being investigated including the garages area for redevelopment.

- **Youth Shelter – update**

The Clerk to chase Clare Tucker on this. Agenda item next meeting.

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

Cllr Mander to ask Martin Gill about a suitable location for the bench and advise the Clerk.

- **Picnic Bench – Playing field, update**

This has now been ordered with a dedication to Gladys Godfrey

- **Willand Preschool CCTV – update**

Cllr Maynard has requested 3 quotations. 3 cameras on top, 1 to parish field gate, 1 to youth club and 1 to village hall and car park. Camera to cover porch of preschool. Cameras in pods by the door. Monitoring could be limited to an authorised few and up to 5 people. A computer and recording device will also be required. Estimated cost will be £2,449.00 plus VAT, plus broadband and dedicated computer. Cllr Davis recommended acceptance, seconded by Cllr Mander – unanimous, all in favour. Village Hall will be asked to contribute £750 to the project. Broadband on costs are to be considered also.

The Clerk to chase increased lighting for the youth shelter as recommended by Martin Gill.

- **Bus Shelter – review and forward strategy**

There is some community funding from 2008/09 for bus shelters. Ray Radford to put Willand on the same funding stream if at all possible.

Silver Street bus shelter needs replacement as well as Somerville Road. Discussions took place to approach companies for sponsorship. Adshell to be contacted by the Clerk.

Repairs are required to the bus shelter roof in Somerville and new one opposite is required. Clerk to contact DCC to notify that the existing roof of the Somerville bus shelter is unsafe. Clerk to send supporting paperwork regarding passenger figures to DCC requesting funding.

- **Somerlea Road Resurfacing – update**

Cllr Davis' report has been forward to DCC but the road has only been patched. The work is not good enough. Clerk to report again and chase a response to the formal report on Somerlea Road. One Stop bit has sunk now too.

- **Churchyard Adoption – update**

Adrian Cook MDDC tried to investigate if it was possible for MDDC to adopt the churchyard but still permit family burials with Dist Cllr Burgess. He has written to the Institute of Burials about the situation to see if burials can continue. Bill Allan was asked about costings for Willand Parish Council which would be about 10 cuts per year at £80 to £90 per cutt. Clerk to ask DAPC about this issue and the Diocese. Clerk to investigate if the current grass cutter could be retained – Dist Cllr Burgess to find out.

- **Cemetery Extension – update**

Next meeting agenda item.

- **Parish and Town Councils Election – Councillor Vacancies**

Twelve councillors would need to stand in order for an election to take place. There was some concern that there may not be enough councillors to enable an election.

4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

18 crimes reported and 50 associated incidents. 5 criminal damage at village hall and Gables Road area. Antisocial behaviour - 7 people were discussed at a recent meeting. All 7 have been issue with ASBO letters and one has signed a contract.

Please report all problems to PC Davies. Willand Moor seems better now. Skate boarders were invited to attend the meeting but were unable to attend.

PC Davies feels that parental control is very important in tackling issues around the village.

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

Dist Cllr Burgess – Clerk to arrange for a note to go in the parish magazine reminding people that batteries can now be included in the recycling black bins.

Dist Cllr Dennis –

Dist Cllr Dennis reported that 24 people are being made redundant on a voluntary basis at MDDC in order to make budget cuts.

The planning application at 22 Chestnut Drive has been refused which will probably mean an appeal.

Budgets and grants are to be looked at next week. Bus concessions may need to be

reviewed as they are costing far too much.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Budget school grant 5.7% increase this year. There will be a 4% increase to the general fund as the costs are increasing by more. Employees are being offered 2% increases. £16-17m deficit forecast. Council Tax will increase by 4.9% this year. DCC has achieved a 45% recycling rate now which is well above their targets.

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

Lime Close and Oak Crescent trees overhanging the footpath. Clerk to report.
Dean Hill Bridge, the fence has gone down so you can get straight onto the railway.
Light no 2 in parish field is on all the time now.
Damaged litter green bin in Meadow Park. – agenda item next meeting.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Pot holes!

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£1,555.94	DCC	Xmas lights switches
	£300.00	Willand United Charities	Allotment Rent
	£293.75	Audit Commission	2006 audit fee
	£39.49	Nina Ashley	Expenses
	£98.00	Mr Hutchison	Perspex for notice board

These cheques were agreed and duly signed at the meeting.

- **Income this month**

Income of £515 has been received from the parish magazine and £75 from the cemetery.

6. Correspondence Received:

- **Parsons Brinckerhoff – Burnrew Railway Overbridge**

Works are shortly commencing to ensure this bridge is safe. The details were viewed by Councillors and no adverse comments were noted.

- **Calor Village of the Year 2007**

Cllr Davis proposed that the form is completed this year. All in favour.

- **DCC Local Service Group Review**

New ways to contact the LSG has been sent to all parish councils.

- **Exe Valley Plan Launch – Tiverton Hotel, 10am on 24 February**

Cllr Davis may go if he can.

- **DCC – Climate Change Roadshow**

Cllr Marrow to forward to Willand School.

- **Mr B Mort – Allotment shed request**

All in favour. Clerk to arrange.

- **Devon Wheels 2 Work CIC – Funding request**

It was proposed to find out how our Willand residents would benefit from this programme.

Clerk to chase. Agenda item next meeting so that we can decide if we want to fund.

- **DCC – Devon Countryside Access Forum**
Pass to parish magazine and place on notice board.

7. Public Questions

Suzannah Billiter requested a central traffic island at Somerville where it joins Park Street to assist children and elderly and to reduce the current trend of cutting the corner by cars. Clerk to liaise with DCC Highways. All in favour.

Rubbish bins have still not materialised. Dist Cllr Dennis to chase Adrian Cook as they were ordered well before Christmas.

Items to be tabled:

The Playing Field – Winter 2006/07

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.