

**MINUTES OF THE WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 19.00 AT WILLAND
VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr G Davis, Cllr T Mander, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr R Perrett, Cllr A Bush, Cllr A Warne, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr S Marrow, Cllr K Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk), 7 members of the public, Stephen Holdup from Torbay Displays.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

PC M Davies, PCSO M Smith, District Cllrs Hull, Brandon & Chesterton

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 13th September 2007
- Planning minutes 13th September 2007

Minutes agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Report from Devon & Cornwall Police

Report prepared by PC Davies read out.

Cllr Eschele, Cllr Mander and Elaine Lane attended the Police Liaison meeting in Tiverton and were told that the meeting was about Tiverton and that other questions could be taken but that the police in attendance did not know any of the history of other areas. Most problems reported were concerning problems with youth.

Clerk to write and state the council's distain in being invited to a meeting that is not of relevance to the Parish.

Cllr T Mander to attend Cullompton liaison meeting on the 25th October.

4. Matters Arising:

• **Parking restrictions - Willand Moor Road**

Letter has been sent from DCC Highways to ask the Parish Council for their views on the installation of double yellow lines where Willand Moor Road joins the Uffculme Straight. The matter was discussed in length with the cases being presented for and against.

Those in favour noted that;

- The junction was an 'accident waiting to happen';
- Drivers were encouraged to enter the junction on the wrong side of the road;

Those against noted that;

- The cars acted as 'traffic calming';
- Speeds along Willand Moor Road would increase considerably if the double yellow lines were implemented;
- Enforcement by the Police (and soon MDDC) would be sporadic at best;
- The Police stated that they did not support the proposal.

Cllr T Mander & Cllr R Perrett declared a prejudicial interest as members of the Residents Association and did not vote.

A vote on whether to support the request for waiting restrictions on this junction - 1 for, 6 against

Clerk to send necessary paperwork to DCC highways and inform County Cllr Radford of their decision.

- **Parish Plan update**

The Clerk provided a review of parish plan detailing what had been achieved, ongoing work and outstanding work.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

Member of public - post office parking, speed restriction of 20mph in Old Village. - Clerk to find out from Highways where we are on the list.

Update parishioners via Parish magazine - Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Radford will be asked to chase up the status of the feasibility study on the Somerville Road crossing.

Environment - move dog bin to where litter bin is in Jaycroft - **Clerk to chase MDDC.**

Bus shelter - Somerville Road and Silver Street. Ownership is in doubt and the Clerk will confirm.

- **Christmas lights**

Stephen Holdup from Torbay Displays showed a choice of displays for the 10 posts.

19.45 Cllr Davey arrived

5 m drop on lampposts - **agreed**

double cascading fountain on island with star flashers - **agreed**

To tie in with the School Christmas fayre, the 'switch on day' was agreed to be 30th November.

- **Youth Club Extension - update**

Arthur reported that the plans had been received and one estimate had been received for £72,850 (for extension and new floor in existing room). Cllrs to undertake some research about match funding. Next YC meeting is 13th November. Cllr Anne Warne to contact Paul Tucker at MDDC and liase between the Youth Club and the Parish Council.

20.10 Cllr Hull and Cllr Brandon joined the meeting

- **Update on skateboard park**

The project had ground to a halt, but plans are being prepared by another group of youths.

- **Update on Youth Shelter**

Youths would like a shelter in the playing field adjacent to Orchard Way. They would be prepared to raise funds and design themselves. Currently, litter is a problem in the park and also cars.

Lots of people think in terms of two sides of the village; if a youth shelter were located on the other side of the village it would encourage this attitude. The Parish Council wants to discourage the attitude about Willand being a split village.

No cllrs would support another shelter at this time, however the Park is maintained by MDDC and any discussions would be between the youths and them.

Funding has come through for the decoration of the youth shelter - £700 - no youths that are willing to undertake the task. Youth workers are seeking volunteers.

- **Tree Preservation Order - Meadow Park**

The length would proposed would be from the Woodlands trust area to boundary with the M5. A Guide to Tree Preservation Orders was presented to Cllrs.

Cllr Marrow abstained from the vote.

Cllr Perrett proposed to add the trees in The Gables to the proposal.

All in agreement

Cllr Perrett and Cllr Davis to prepare letter and send to Liz Pickering at MDDC.

- **Affordable housing update**

A letter has been received from Cathrine Simmons with an update about the sites in Willand. The car park in Fir Close has been valued at £200,000 and it was agreed by the Resources committee at MDDC that the land would be put up for sale on the open market.

Parish Council agreed to obtain Land registry details on the Bamber Trailer site - Clerk to follow up

- **Churchyard Adoption - update**

No update - defer to next agenda

- **Litter pick - 13th October - 10.30am**

To be held on Saturday, gloves, sticks and bibs collected from MDDC.

- **Litter warden contract**

Mr Snell has advised the Clerk that he is unable to return to his position as Litter warden.

The temporary litter warden John Holmes is happy to take on the position on a permanent basis - contract to be amended. **Clerk to write to Mr Snell thanking him for his good work.**

- **Local Bus services**

Still awaiting information - defer to next agenda.

- **Date for Environmental Sub-committee**

1st November - planning and environmental committee - 19.30

4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Brandon, Hull**

District Cllr Brandon advised that from May 2008 - on street parking was being decriminalised and would be taken on by Local Authority.

1st November would see the start of the new executive committee at MDDC District Cllr Brandon will be involved in the policy development group for managing the environment and the liaison committee for the tip.
liaison committee

Cllr Hull reported that there was now a new Chief Executive in place and he will be visiting all Parishes in due course.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Bus shelter at Somerville road may belong to MDDC - County Cllr Radford and District Cllr Brandon to liase with each other to find out who the shelter

belongs to in order for the roof to be repaired.

Feasibility study on Somerville road - Meg Booth - County Cllr Radford to chase

Chairman to write to Lester Willmington or Ed Charlton regarding highways issues.

Bus shelter for Uffculme and Willand passengers - hard standing in next years bid - will know in March 2008.

Cllr Radford has an individual budget of £8,000 for local causes. **Clerk to advise the Youth Club.**

- **Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention**
Parish Lengthsman has been working in village, several parishioners have commented on his presence. Write to DCC to thank him for his good work. A follow up article has been written for the magazine regarding overhanging hedges on footpaths and highways.

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

P Harrogate (office allowance and internet)	£ 23.99
P Harrogate (stamps)	£ 5.80
P Harrogate (BT Phone Bill)	£ 25.37
Astra Printing (flyer for parish mag)	£230.30
South West Water (allotments)	£ 5.15
Mike Philips (internal audit)	£ 30.00

To ratify

Ideal Office Solutions

(filing cabinet and chair) £151.57

The accounts were agreed and signed.

- **Income this month**

Parish Magazine advertising	£105.00
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Bank transfer to 30 day notice account

None

6. Correspondence Received:

- **Adopted Devon County Waste Local Plan**

Noted

- **South West Regional Assembly – review of additional pitch requirements for Gypsies and travellers in the South West.**

Noted

- **Devon in Touch – Unitary Update**

County Cllr Radford reported that DCC will know more in November. Exeter will get unitary status if their costing are correct – this is currently being questioned by the Government. If they do get the status – DCC will challenge it. The Chairman reiterated that the Parish support DCC's position that Exeter should not become a Unitary Authority.

- **Devon in Touch – Unitary Update**

Letter from John Fournier at Willand Rovers Football club requesting that the Parish Council sponsor a game on November 17th for £75 – agreed (unanimous).

7. **Public Questions**

Parishioner – tree in garden with TPO wants to top tree and on asking permission from MDDC was told no. Literature states that dead, dying or dangerous trees can be topped without permission. If the responsibility is removed from the owner who is responsible for the consequences? The PC recommended that legal advice should be sort.

Parishioner – hedge between park and Somerville Park overgrown – MDDC – District Cllr Chesterton to check ownership.

Parishioner – Bamber Trailers path up to Station Road – parish lengthsman – **Clerk to report**

Parishioner – footpaths on Somerville Park have been damaged by vehicles delivering goods for the development at Somerville House – County Cllr Radford to report to the Highways Officer.

Items to be tabled:

Devon in touch
Local councils update
Village green
Dapc newsletter

Noted

District Cllr Chesterton arrived.

Meeting closed: 21.25

