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COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
8TH NOVEMBER 2007 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr G Davis, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr A Bush, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr C Davey,
Cllr R Perrett, Cllr T Mander, Cllr S Marrow, Cllr A Warne.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllrs Chesterton, Hull and Brandon, County Cllr
Radford, 2 members of the public, Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllr K Taylor, Cllr S Eschele

2. **Minutes of the Meetings held:**

- **Full Council 11th October 2007**
- **Planning minutes 11th October 2007**
- **Environmental Committee minutes 1st November 2007**
- **Planning minutes 1st November 2007**

Agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

3. **Matters Arising**

- **Youth Club Extension - update**

The Youth Club committee have asked that the Parish Council arrange for the tree behind the existing building to be taken down in order that the extension can be built.

Brought forward letter from Tennis club regarding sycamore tree. The tennis club committee are requesting permission to fell the sycamore tree behind the new tennis court as there are concerns about the roots of the tree destroying the new court.

Clerk to write to the tennis club to give permission for the felling of the tree on the condition that at least 2 other significant trees are planted in its place. Clerk to get a quote for two trees to be taken down and suggest to the tennis club that the costs be shared. Agreed - UNANIMOUS

- **Youth Shelter - update**

Romala reported that they are still looking for a group of children to paint the shelter now that the funds are available. **Clerk to put article in next magazine asking for youth volunteers.**

Youths in the Orchard Way park area are in talks with MDDC over a new shelter for that area.

- **Update on skateboard park**

Romala stated concerns about the parish council skateboard ramp - needs resurfacing and a rail is needed on the back of it - The Parish council requested that a sketch be prepared and sent to the Clerk before the next meeting by the youths - **clerk to contact Stoneman Engineering for costings.**

Mid Devon ramps have not been rotated for some time - **Clerk to arrange.**

- **Land on South View Road**

Bramber Trailers are purchasing the land to use as a permanent site. Cllr Davis and Cllr Perrett possibly to visit the owner. Awaiting current ownership details from Land Registry - **Clerk to chase.**

- **Highways Issues - bus shelters, feasibility study, letter to DCC**

A letter has been written to Ed Chorlton prompted by a letter from Brain Badcock and items regularly discussed at Parish Council meetings. County Cllr Radford reported that he had had a meeting with Tony Matthews and the following responses had been obtained;

1. Mobile speed warnings signals - no funding available for permanent signals - cost about £5000 - The Parish Council could offer to pay towards it.

2. Traffic calming Orchard Way - this may be looked at if it was attached to the local school travel plan but the consensus was that it was too far away from the school.

3. Pedestrian crossing Somerville/station road - no funding cost about £20000 to £30000 - DCC see as unjustified. Further into Somerville Road it would be possible to drop the curb and put in a crossing - this is a cheaper option.

4. Cycleways to Uffculme and to Cullompton - priority is being given to routes included in the National Cycle Network.

5. Village centre enhancements - District Cllr Chesterton to take to MDDC - DCC will work with MDDC if an enhancements scheme is required. This issue of conservation has been raised before by MDDC.

6. Bus Shelters - it has been established that these are owned by MDDC. No budget from MDDC for bus shelter repair. If there are health and safety issues it will be removed rather than repaired. Cllr Bush suggested that if MDDC replace the shelter the Parish Council could offer to maintain them. All in favour of asking MDDC to replace, District Cllr Brandon to ask Nick Sanderson at MDDC.

7. Review on speed limits.

DCC are currently reviewing all speed limits in line with Govt. requirements.

8. Weight restriction

DCC fully support the views of the parish council on this issues and will retain the weight restriction.

9. Back road to Cullompton

It is anticipated that once the relief road is built this will no longer be an issue.

District Cllr Hull reported that she had put in a request for a 'No through road' sign to be erected at the end of Jaycroft.

- **Churchyard adoption - update**

MDDC are sending assessors to look at the churchyard on Friday 16th November at 13.00. Cllr Mander to attend.

- **To report on the litter pick**

Cllr Crawford reported that bulb incentive scheme initiated by MDDC was no longer in place.

- **Benches in parish field**

The back was cut in half and the other bench had rotted. If the bench could be repaired it could be put back into the play park. Unanimous. New bench as an item on the precept.

- **Path in parish field**

Drop on path between gates and width of the path is causing problems as closure of the school gates is forcing parents and children to use the parish field path to enter and exit the school.

Clerk and Cllr Davey to meet with the insurance assessor at 2pm on 9th November to discuss health and safety issues.

- **Local Bus services**

Deferred to next meeting. Bus stop at Uffculme Road - no stop on opposite side of the road - PC to take forward with bus consultation. Spearings bus parks over the junction - to be brought up during consultation.

- **Litter bins/Dog waste bins**

Clerk to ring MDDC to ensure that dog bin at Victoria Close is put at the crossroads of the paths.

Cllr Marrow and Cllr Warne to assess dog waste bin locations near the Woodland Walk and report back to next meeting.

4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police - report on liaison meeting from Cllr Mander**

No report received from D & C Police. Cllr Mander was unable to attend the liaison meeting.

Dst Cllr Hull took the letter from the parish magazine to the meeting and gave a copy to the Superintendent.

Dst Cllr Chesterton reported that Anti social behaviour was main issue raised.

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

Dst Cllr Chesterton - there will be changes to the way the planning working group takes place. The planning committee have decided that in all planning working group meetings the parish council, district council, any objectors and the applicant will all be invited to attend.

Dst Cllr Brandon and Dst Cllr Hull - are on policy and development group for managing the environment as part of the new executive.

Waste - Eddie Dennis and Matthew Burgess worked hard to get recycling commitments - Cllr Perrett asked that the pressure be kept on by our District Cllrs to extend and improve existing services.

Cllr Mander asked whether MDDC are pushing for a Culm Valley recycling centre - Cllr Hull reported that it had been discussed

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Regarding a Culm Valley recycling centre, wrote to Ben Jennings to ask for progress report as it had been discussed 3 years ago and Willand had been a potential site.

- **Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention.**

Wire fencing along Silver Street - in front of the bungalows - report to Mid Devon - Cllr Brandon to report.

Bollards broken off - end of Jaycroft - clerk to report again

Willand Moor Road - prickly bushes - clerk to check.

Street lighting - Victoria Close - clerk to report to SWEB.

Willand Moor Road - adjacent to playing field - Beech Hedge.

Footpath from Fir Close to Silver Street clerk to report

Silver Birches on Meadow Park - Cllr Mander to find out who owns the trees.

Clerk to write to Mr Day to say that the council are taking action to establish ownership.

Leaning tree - Cllr Chesterton to bring to the attention of MDDC.

5. **Accounts: Cheque signing**

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet)	£	23.99
P Harrogate (stamps)	£	4.80
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£	24.56
P Harrogate (telephone/answering machine)	£	56.99

Astra Printing group (magazine printing)	£ 885.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00
Willand Allotment Association	£ 108.00
Playlines (repair to wetpour in parish field park)	£ 317.25
DCC (donation towards footpath on School Drive)	£1,000.00
Stoneman Engineering (removal of benches)	£ 80.78
MDDC (cemetery bin collection charge)	£ 86.15

Agreed

- **Income this month**

Parish Magazine £ 168.00

6. Correspondence Received:

- **Letter from Tennis Club**

Taken forward

- **Postal naming at Mid Devon Business Park**

Willand primary school was asked to submit names for roads. The chosen name for the road accessing off Four Cross Ways roundabout is Four Cross Avenue and the first area of development is to be named - Ethmar Court.

Parish Council in agreement of road names - 6 for, 1 against. Clerk to respond to MDDC.

- **Campaign to Protect Rural England**

Unanimous vote against joining.

7. Public Questions

None

Items to be tabled:

DAPC newsletter

Meeting closed - 8.45pm