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**WILLAND**  
  
**PARISH**  
**COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2007 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Davis, Cllr S Marrow, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr C Davey, Cllr R Perrett,  
Cllr T Mander,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 Parishioner, Cllr B Hull, Cllr R Chesterton, Cllr D Brandon. Mrs  
P Harrogate (Parish Clerk).

**1. To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllr K Taylor, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr A Warne, Cllr N Crawford

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

- Full Council 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007
- Planning minutes 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007
- Planning minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007

All agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising**

• **Walking bus - Willand School**

Marcus Lang from Willand School attended the meeting and gave a brief explanation of plans for a 'walking bus'. All helpers have been trained by DCC transport dept, with additional input from the police and the road safety officer. The project requires 2 volunteers each time - a conductor at the front and someone at rear. Several bus stops have been incorporated into the journey to collect children, the bus will start at the top of Jaycroft/Foxglove Chase, along Orchard Way into Plum Way and cut through over Silver Street pelican crossing to school. It has the most number of bus stops in any walking bus in Devon.

Each journey is limited to 16 children. Hoping to incorporate other areas of the village once any teething problems have been ironed out. Initially it will run only on Wednesday mornings - starting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Silver street pelican crossing - speed issue on Silver Street - it has been intimated by DCC that the pelican crossing may be upgraded to a puffin crossing - this takes away the flashing amber light and monitors people crossing and won't change signal until everyone is across.

The school have also requested that the police use mobile speed camera as often as possible.

The council enquired whether a lollipop person would help the traffic situation on Gables Road - Mr Lang stated that no funding was available but may be possible to use a volunteer. He will enquire at the next school governors meeting and advise the council whether he wishes for an article to be placed in the Parish Magazine.

- **Youth Club Extension - update**

Plans viewed - recommendations to be made at next planning meeting.

- **Youth Shelter - update**

Councillor Perrett proposed that the Parish Council write to MDDC to advise that the council are currently strongly opposed to any youth shelter in any other park in the village, due to the ongoing problems with the existing shelter.

**Agreement - unanimous. Clerk to action - copy to District Councillors and Youth Workers.**

- **Update on skateboard park**

The Clerk reported that the existing ramps in the parish field are to be changed in the New Year.

- **Sun dial repair in cemetery**

Mr Dean has offered to undertake the work free of charge. Clerk to write a letter of thanks. Article to be placed in Parish Magazine to advise parishioners of works to take place.

- **Land ownership at Meadow Park - Cllr Mander to report**

Silver birch trees - Cllr Mander reported that information can be obtained from the MDDC website at a cost of £25 for the copy of map. It was proposed that the Parish Council ask MDDC if we can get information as a Parish Council free of charge. District Cllr Chesterton to try to obtain information and advise clerk.

- **Update on Local Plan**

No update available from MDDC at this time. Dave Scott to advise of updates when available.

- **Discussion regarding policing in Willand**

Mrs Lane reported that there was increased concern about burglaries, bogus callers and general crime within the village. Questions to be put to Chief Inspector Nye at the next meeting.

Cllr Perrett confirmed that money contributed by Willand residents to the Police Service through Council Tax payments was £154,579.00.

- **Reply from Edward Chorlton regarding highways issues**

A letter has been received regarding specific issues questioned by the Parish Council, Cllr Davis to write an article for the parish magazine to advise parishioners about highways issues, Clerk to send a copy of the letter to Parishioners who had enquired about specific matters.

- **Reply from Liz Pickering regarding TPO requests**

MDDC do not consider that any of the trees warrant tree preservation orders. All trees requested by the Parish Council are outside or on the boundary of the settlement limit and there is no reason to believe that the trees will be felled. Clerk to write to parishioners with particular interest in this matter to advise of response from MDDC.

- **Response to 'volunteer event' letter from local clubs**

6 positive replies. As Cllr Warne is leading on this initiative the matter will be deferred until the next meeting

- **Path in parish field**

Insurance assessor has visited the site and the clerk reported that a written report is pending. Clerk to write to school governors to request that they open the gates at either end of the school until a medium term solution has been put into place. Clerk to ask for quote for a temporary measure, i.e. hardcore placed next to path. All in agreement. Clerk to ask litter warden and school about the practicality of putting salt on the path on icy school mornings.

- **To set a date for finance committee meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> January, 19.00 - Cllr Davis, Cllr Mander, Cllr Perrett, Cllr B Taylor.

- **To set a date for village 'walkabout'**

Cllr B Taylor is leading on this initiative and the matter will be deferred until the next meeting.

#### 4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Report from PC Davies and PCSO Smith read out.

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

Cllr Chesterton reported that the issues brought up at the last meeting regarding trees are being looked into by MDDC. The Chief Executive of MDDC visited the Parish last week and it was reported that the old village enhancement scheme was not likely to happen short to medium term. He was shown Broadpath landfill and composting and Lloyd Maunder. Cllr Brandon reported that Nick Sanderson has advised that regarding bus shelters, there is no budget to buy or maintain. The Parish Council can purchase one through Mid Devon at a cost of £1800 including vat and

installation. It was suggested that as part of the *Green travel plan*, the Parish could ask developers on new industrial estate to make a contribution towards a bus shelter.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Exeter did not get unitary status, boundaries commission will be looking into boundaries across the county. DCC need 15 million pounds to balance their budget. Devon have the best rights of way in the country. Request from preschool and youth club for locality budget. Parking restrictions - DCC are delegating powers to MDDC. Mrs Best - slipped outside Bramber Trailers - DCC will make good the area by the pathway through to Fir Close. Highways and traffic orders committee on Monday - bollards at end of Jaycroft. County Cllr Radford to enquire about permission for the snack bar that is parked in the lay-by at the entrance to Willand. Bus stop sign on the Uffculme straight (and on opposite side of the road) - County Cllr Radford to chase.

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

Lights in park between Victoria Road and Blenheim Close not working - clerk to report. Overhanging bushes - Five ways cross to Culm Vale garage.

**5. Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet)	£ 23.99
P Harrogate (stamps)	£ 4.80
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£ 26.25
Langmead Memorials (war memorial cleaning)	£ 528.75
DCC Lantern replacement	£ 991.50
Gillett & Johnston (parish clock annual service)	£ 139.83
Willand Rovers (sponsorship)	£ 75.00

- **Income this month**

Parish Magazine £1386.00

- **Bank transfer to 30 day notice account**

None

**6. Correspondence Received:**

- **South West Water consultation**

Deferred to next agenda - Cllr Davis

- **Allianz insurance regarding parish path**

Noted

- **DCC minerals and waste development framework consultation**

Deferred to next agenda - Cllr Mander

- **Campaign to Protect Rural England**

Cllr Davey to complete form

- **MDDC - standards committee**

Noted

- **MDDC - election accounts**

Noted

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association**

The allotment holders association have written to the Parish Council to advise them of their concerns about trespassing and petty theft at the allotments. Report to Chief Inspector Nye, ask allotment committee whether the petty theft is being reported. Write to Uffculme School and P.C.S.O Mel Smith. Clerk to reply to Bill Hadane.

- **Grant request - Mid Devon CAB**

Cllr Mander proposed £100 - all in agreement.

- **Emails of thanks from Mr Dennis, Cllr Crawford & Mr Jarrett**

Noted.

- **Emails regarding second youth shelter**

Noted and discussed in Matters Arising

## 7. **Public Questions**

Fir Close car park - closed half of the car park with no explanation to residents. District Cllr Hull advised that MDDC should have written to Fir Close residents to advise them. District Cllr Chesterton to follow up with MDDC and advise the clerk.

### **Items to be tabled:**

**Clerks and councils direct**

**DCC In Touch**

**MDDC - standards committee**

**Devon Rural Transport Partnership**

Noted

Meeting closed: 21.14