

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING
ON 11 JANUARY 2001**

Present: Mr. Dennis (Chairman), Mrs Barfoot, Mr Gooding, Mr. Helliker, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Maynard, Mr Steele, Mr Spearing, Ms Palmer, Mr Berry and the Clerk.

Public: Mr. Lehner

1. **Apologies.**
Mr Roberts, Mr Vearncombe.

2. **Chairman's Announcements.**
 - a. Mr. Dennis welcomed Mr Berry, a candidate in the forthcoming County Council elections, and Mr Lehner to the meeting.
 - b. There has been no reply from the Chief Education Officer to the letter of support for The Gables.
 - c. An article appeared in the Express and Echo stating that the application for the Verbeer Manor was for a residential complex. They accept that the information was wrong and will print a retraction.
 - d. Jaycroft will be closed for a further 4-6 weeks as problems have been caused by excess water.
 - e. Concerns have been expressed about the frontage and footpath outside One Stop. It has been established that repairs are the responsibility of the tenant/occupier of the property. A letter has been sent to them asking for the repairs to be done.
 - f. Mr. Dennis received a leaflet outlining what to do with waste from Christmas i.e. Christmas cards, trees etc. He will send it to Mr. Holmes for inclusion in the magazine in time for next Christmas and Mrs Lane will display it in the Post Office.
 - g. Mr Maynard queried the availability of season tickets for children using the bus to get to school. Mr. Dennis gave him a letter outlining the fares that are available.

3. **Minutes of the Meetings and Matters Arising.**
 - a. **Finance and General Purposes Committee** on 11 December 2000
 - b. **Finance and General Purposes Committee** on 8 January 2001

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 December 2000.**
The minutes were approved and signed.

5. **Matters Arising.**
 - a. **Flashing lights at the entrance to the school**
No reply has been received although Mr Dennis has spoken to Mr Mitchard who does not think that there will be a problem.
 - b. **Modernising Local Government Finance: A Green Paper**
The finance systems would be controlled by Devon County Council, which would provide a reasonable degree of predictability and stability. Councils would have more say in how the money was spent and there would be more consultation with the Council Tax payers. There would also be a partnership working between the District, the County and Parish Councils.
 - c. **Fencing on cycle way.**
No reply has been received.



d. Millennium Clock.

A letter has been sent to Rydon signs asking for the clock to be updated. No reply has been received.

e. Response from Miracle Europe.

The latest position is that they are asking for an extra £1300 for the work that was done, but the final invoice has not yet been received. ENTRUST have stated that they will give an extra £1075, leaving a balance of £225.

f. Review of Parish Boundaries.

As the proposals have been rejected the Council can write directly to the Secretary of State stating the case for Willand. Mr Dennis and Mr Steele will do this.

g. Mr Snow.

Mr Steele has spoken with Mr Snow who says that he was given permission to put his animals on the Triangle to graze in order to keep the weeds down. He felt that the pigs would do a better job at rooting down and getting rid of the weeds. By law he is obliged to give them some protection from the elements and so he has erected a shelter, which is not a fixed building. They will be there for 3-6 months. Mrs Lane was concerned that the pigs may be able to escape, but Mr Steele pointed out that the area was fenced with pig wire. It was reiterated to Mr Snow that once work to improve the Triangle started he would no longer be able to use this land.

His caravan has been vandalised. He has been given a replacement, which at the moment is in the lane. Once the weather improves the old one will be demolished and the new put in its place. Lorries delivering stones to be used as a hard standing under the caravan have cut up the track. He has also asked visitors not to park on the grass.

He has cleared the ditch along the track from the Woodland Trust area to the field as he has found a spring, which he is hoping to use as water for the animals. Possibly as a result of this there has been no flooding this year in nearby gardens. Mr Steele will look into who owns the rest of the ditch as it would be beneficial if it was cleared along the field.

There was total support from the Council for Mr Snow and all that he does for the community.

h. Devon and Cornwall Police.

There was no report from PC Davies, but the Council was saddened by the recent vandalism of the Tennis Club and the lights on top of the Village Hall. It is incomprehensible that people could use this time of year for such vandalism.

6. Devon County Councillor.

- a.** The situation with Plus One is being kept under review. There has been a planning application from the pick-your-own farm near Cullompton for a unit to accommodate 12 children with special educational needs. These would all go to Cullompton School, although there has been no liaison with the school.
- b.** The Council tax rises will be in excess of 5%. The Government has redirected the extra money given to rural areas to the South East and passed a 7% increase directly to Devon County Council. The final figure has not yet been set but at the moment Devon is spending 6% above funding with Social Services coming under particular pressure.
- c.** For any places where freezing on the roads is a persistent problem a bag of grit can be provided by Mr. Mitchard. Mr. Dennis will notify him about Dean Hill Road.
- d.** Mr. Maynard stated that the section of the motorway that runs through Willand is still concrete and if there was any funding available to remedy this then Willand should be eligible. Ms Palmer did not know of any funding but advised the Council to contact Edward Chorlton at DCC. The Clerk will write.

7. **Precept.**

(See Finance and General Purposes Committee 8 January 2001)

The items that were recommended for inclusion in the 2001 Precept were discussed and carried with 1 abstention.

The matters outstanding from the current precept were also discussed. It was decided that the shelter, lighting and levelling of graves should be undertaken as soon as the bill from Miracle Europe has been paid.

The Play Area Grant form will be used to request new football/rugby posts and the marking of the pitch.

The recommended revision of the Cemetery fees was approved.

8. **Correspondence**

a. **Mid Devon**

i. **Mid Devon Association of Local Councils**

This has now been established and the first meeting has been held. Mr Maynard will attend the next meeting.

ii. **Mid Devon Community Planning Alliance**

This is an alliance of all the agencies working together. A copy of the minutes will be sent to all Councillors.

iii. **Society of Local Council Clerks.** Noted.

iv. **Mid Devon Contract Monitoring Monthly Checklist**

Mr. Dennis will complete the form for this month but members should bring suggestions of areas that need attention to each full Council meeting.

b. **DAPC**

i. **Letter from the Chairman.** Noted.

ii. **Policy Statement.**

The Rural White Paper will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. **CPRE**

i. **The Future of Devon Villages.**

CPRE are against the haphazard development of villages and want to improve the situation using the Village Design Statement principles.

ii. **Best Kept Village Competition.** Noted.

iii. **Village of the Year Competition 2001.**

In view of the success of the entry last year it was decided to enter again this year.

d. **South West Forum News.** Noted.

e. **Health and Safety law.** Copy to all Councillors.

f. **DCC – Travelling on Devon's Roads.** Copy to all Councillors.

g. **RoSPA – Children's Playgrounds Annual Inspection 2001.** Noted.

h. **Glasdon – Product Selector for Local Councils.** Noted.

i. **Edge Designs Limited – Newsletter and Accounts Assistance.** Noted.

j. **Mid Devon Rural Transport Forum**

The Forum tries to improve the transport system, particularly for the elderly and disabled, with a very limited budget. The next meeting will be held on 16 January 2001 and Mr Dennis urged Councillors to attend.

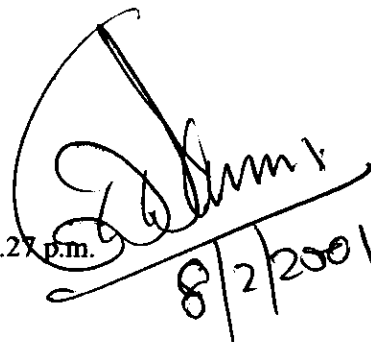
9. **Accounts**

(See Attached)

10. **Public Questions**

None.

Closure: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.


8/2/2001

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary between 1st April, 2000 and 11th January, 2001 inclusive.

Balances at 01/04/2000

Treasurers Account	7051.92
TOTAL	7051.92

RECEIPTS	Gross	Vat
Council	18000.00	0.00
Allotment	213.00	0.00
Cemetery And Churchyard	1456.85	0.00
Playing Field	150.00	0.00
Administration	4251.58	0.00
Total Receipts	24071.43	0.00

PAYMENTS	Gross	Vat
Council	0.00	0.00
Allotment	253.00	0.00
Cemetery And Churchyard	1522.20	10.52
Playing Field	9230.69	563.79
Administration	13088.12	178.77
Total Payments	24094.01	753.08

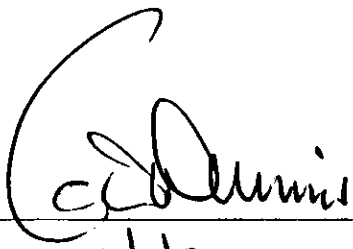
Closing Balances at 11/01/2001

Treasurers Account	7029.34
TOTAL	7029.34

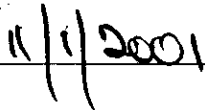
PENDING EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

Number	Gross	Cheque	Details	
21093	6.00	000806	Devon County Council	Concessionary Fares
21096	8.10	000807	Inland Revenue	Income Tax for A Hills
21098	23.68	000808	A S Hills	Postage and stationery
21099	736.00	000809	Astra Printing Group	Printing of December Magazine
21100	60.00	000810	Plus Publishing Servi	Local Councils Update
21101	29.46	000807	Inland Revenue	National Insurance
21102	15.00 20.00	000812	Community Council Of	Village Design course
Total	883.24			

Signed



Date



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