

# WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 JANUARY 2002

**Present:** Mr Dennis, Mr Maynard, Mr Helliker, Mrs Lane, Mr Vearncombe, Mr Gooding, Mr Wills, Mr Spearing and the Clerk.

### **Apologies**

Mr Roberts, Mrs Barfoot and Mr Steele.

### **1. Mr Peter Brown – Mid Devon District Council**

Mr Brown gave an excellent presentation on Emergency Planning. Willand Parish Council needs to prepare an Emergency Plan for the village and the Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Mr Brown and Mr Maynard in due course.

### **2. Chairman's Announcements**

#### **a. Email Address**

The Clerk is now available via email on **willandparishclerk@supanet.com**

Those Councillors who wish to will be able to receive agendas and minutes via email in future. Mrs Barfoot's and Mr Steele's email addresses appear not work. The Clerk is to contact them both about this.

#### **b. Transco**

The contractors Morrison are about to begin works in Gables Road. It was noted that the Council was extremely disappointed at the lack of prior notice of these works. The Clerk is to contact Darrell Goddard at Transco to discuss this matter further.

#### **c. Fireworks Storage**

It has come to the attention of the Council that fireworks are being stored in Willand contravening relevant legislation. This matter is to be investigated by Mr Dennis and enforcement action has been taken.

#### **d. Jaycroft 30mph**

The clerk is to write to Mr Mitchard complaining about the time it has taken to arrange for the 30mph limit to come into force.

### **3. Recruitment of new Litter Warden**

It was agreed that due to the Christmas period, a decision on any applications received would be deferred to the February Council meeting.

### **4. Minutes of the Meetings and Matters Arising**

#### **a. Planning, Lighting and Transportation Committee on 10 December 2001**

The minutes were signed as a true and correct record.

#### **b. Finance and General Purposes Committee on 2 January 2002:**

##### **Matters Arising**

##### **a. Mrs Balaam's expenses**

It was agreed that a float of £20 would be sent to Mrs Balaam to ensure that she was not out of pocket with regard to the Parish Magazine expenses. On presentation of the receipts, the float will be replaced.

##### **b. Rockers Toddler Group**

It was agreed that £150 would be spent on items for the Toddler Group and would be presented by Willand Parish Council with press coverage. The Clerk is to discuss the size of gym mats required with Mrs Taylor.

##### **c. Magazing advertising**

It was agreed that the magazine should be kept to a maximum of 48 pages. Regarding cost savings, reducing the amount of posted copies was discussed, but it was concluded that the amount of posted copies could not be reduced. In terms of the price of stamps, the cost would only be reduced if the magazine was only 36 pages.

##### **d. 30 day Interest bank account**

It was agreed that an account should be opened. The bank account request form was signed by Mr Dennis, Mr Vearncombe and Mr Maynard. The Clerk is to arrange for the account to be set up.

**e. Asset Register**

It was agreed that an asset register must be created as soon as possible. The Chairman asked that all Councillors give serious thought to the matter and that they come prepared to discuss the matter in more detail at the next full Council meeting.

**5. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 December 2001**

These minutes were signed as a true and correct record.

**6. Matters Arising:**

**a. Devon and Cornwall Police**

For some reason, no report was forwarded to the Clerk. Mr Dennis is to write to the new inspector and invite him to the next meeting.

**b. Devon County Councillor**

Mr Berry provided a general update for the Council. Exeter airport has now been given European recognition that should lead to more destinations being available. The North Devon Link Road is shortly being taken over by Devon District Council and it was agreed that Willand Parish Council would write to Mr E Charlton requesting that it become a dual carriageway, in the interests of safety and congestion. School transport is currently being reviewed to try to reduce the amount of cars used. Discussions have also taken place about vetting school bus drivers as well as giving them more responsibility towards badly behaving children.

**c. Internet site for Willand**

Nick Quinn of Mid Devon District Council will provide a demonstration of the website at the Council meeting on Thursday 14 February.

**d. Millennium Clock**

Mr Maynard is to contact Ken White signs for the original Willand artwork.

**e. Parish Boundaries**

The final draft of this document is to be reviewed by Mr Dennis.

**f. Cemetery Notice Board**

Mr Maynard is to chase Ken White signs as to when the main sign will be fitted and Mr Dennis is to follow this up with Mr Flint regarding the directional sign.

**7. Mr Snow's caravan**

It was agreed that Mr Snow's second caravan should now be moved as the Foot and Mouth restrictions have been lifted. Mr Dennis is to organise this.

**8. Spearings Coaches**

Mr Spearing declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion. Concern had been raised as to whether and number of Spearings coaches should in fact be parking in the lay-by on the Wellington road. DCC Traffic Commissioners are not concerned about the issue. Mr A Mitchard has also stated that there appears to be no problem with the vehicles parking there. Mr Mitchard stated that he would check with the PSU Licensing Board to determine whether or not the siting of the coaches is in breach of any highway regulation. It was agreed that Willand Parish Council was also happy with the situation.

**9. Queen's Golden Jubilee – Meeting arranged Thursday 24 January 2002**

A number of representatives from local organisations are attending a meeting to discuss ways in which Willand can commemorate the Jubilee. Mr Dennis and Mr Maynard will also be attending.

**8. Precept**

The Precept proposed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee was discussed by the Council and was voted upon. The vote was carried with seven votes in favour with one abstention. The Clerk is to complete the official Precept form and return it to Mid Devon.

It was decided that the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting should discuss the allocation of the balance of funds which is expected to be in the account at the end of the financial year. Specific projects should be identified.

**9. Quality Parish and Town Councils – Consultation Paper (response by 14/02/02)**

With the assistance of Mr Dennis, the Clerk is to arrange for a response to be despatched prior to the deadline.

**10. Correspondence**

**a. Mid Devon Rural Transport Partnership – Transport Development Officer.  
What are the transport needs of Willand Parish?**

It was agreed that Willand's transportation system would be greatly improved with a bus route at night, improvements in the Sunday service and the timely link with Tiverton Parkway which is currently hopeless. The Clerk is to prepare a response.

**b. Local Govt White Paper – Strong Local Leadership / Quality Public Services**

Mr Dennis briefly presented this paper to the Council. The issue is to be discussed at the February meeting.

**c. Bus Information Strategy**

Mr Dennis gave a brief overview of the draft document received from Devon County Council.

**d. Devon Day Rover**

It was agreed that the consultation letter received should be displayed on the Parish notice board by the Clerk.

**e. Data Protection**

The Clerk is to check with Denise Rushton if Willand Parish Council fall within data protection legislation.

**11. Accounts**

The accounts were agreed as a true and correct record.

**12. Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**13. Date of next meeting – Thursday 14 February 2002 at 7pm**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.