

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2002

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Spearing, Mrs Crook, Mr Hancock, Mr Wills, Mr Roberts, Mr Street, Mr Dennis, Mr Berry and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Mrs Lane, Mr Bush and Mr Helliker.

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

• **Devon County Council - B3181 Five Bridges**

A letter has been received stating that the double white line idea that Willand Parish Council suggested would not be suitable for the stretch of road. Apparently none of the accidents that have occurred on the road have been due to overtaking. It looks as if the 40mph may go ahead although it is understood that Cullompton has objected as well.

• **Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Letter of complaint response**

A disappointing letter has been received from the Police in response to our complaint regarding the difficulty in contacting the Police to report the vandalism to the youth shelter.

Willand Parish Council has also been sent a flyer for the Police Liaison Meeting on 29 October at 7.30pm at Bampton Public Hall. The Clerk will place the flyer on the notice board.

• **Devon County Council - School Lights/Crossing**

Letter has been received which appears to misunderstand Willand Parish Council offer of funding. Willand Parish Council cannot afford to commit to a 3 year period for a lollypop person. It was also noted that as a result of a survey it would appear that only 22 children cross the footway link to Chestnut Drive. Therefore, Devon County Council cannot justify the provision of a school crossing patrol in that area. Marion Deacock will be providing further details regarding the children's mode of transport and which crossing points they are using. The Clerk is to liaise with Mr Maynard regarding response to the School following the letter from Devon County Council.

• **Devon County Council – Bus Shelter, Somerville Road**

A letter has been received for information only from Devon County Council requesting permission to put a bus shelter on Mid Devon District Council's land to prevent buses parking up opposite each other which would then block the road.

• **Culm Area Development Initiative**

The Clerk is to request the frequency of the distribution to be done before Willand Parish Council considers two volunteers for the job. The Initiative are asking for two volunteers to distribute surveys to and collect them from 240 households in Willand.

• **Culm Area Committee Newsletter – September 2002**

Mr Maynard reviewed the newsletter. It was noted that the document did not cover Willand.

• **Mid Devon District Council – Supplementary Planning Guidance**

This is a draft document regarding planning guidance for telecommunication systems applications. A copy has also been distributed to Mr Roberts, the current Chairman of the Planning Committee.

- **Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003**

Devon Association of Parish Councils has written enclosing a copy of the draft regulations for consultation. It was agreed that a response would not be required from Willand Parish Council.

- **DAPC AGM 28 September – Nick Street**

Mr Street provided a brief synopsis on his attendance at the conference which gave him a good insight into the grander scale of things. The main issues that were discussed were mast applications, affordable housing and the issue of local councils becoming less influential. Mr Spearing suggested that the Council should thank Mr Street for giving up a day to attend the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the Meetings and Matters Arising**

- **Planning, Lighting and Transportation Committee** on 12 September 2002

- **Planning, Lighting and Transportation Committee** on 30 September 2002

Mr Dennis provided an update on the Canteen at Brambers Engineering. Apparently the applicant has sold the entire unit. There is a 7 day notice for the applicant to resolve the issue.

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

- **Environmental Committee** on 7 October 2002 – points arising only. Clerk to issue the minutes as the Chairman approved them at the meeting.

Points arising as follows:

Cullompton and District Funeral Services

The Clerk explained that this organisation had recently behaved unprofessionally and illegally in dealing with a recent burial and interment of ashes. It was agreed that it would be recommended to full Council that a letter be sent to the organisation in question stating the rules and any further similar problems will lead to the organisation being banned from using the Cemetery.

New Westbury Estate – Recycling

The reason that recycling is not collected is because the estate has not been adopted yet.

Mrs Trump – Mrs Trumps has asked if a small oak tree may be planted in memory of her late husband in the Cemetery. As the roots would be far too invasive, it was agreed that the Council would have to decline the offer. However, the Clerk is to suggest a bench instead as one does need replacing.

4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 September 2002**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

5. **Accounts**

- **Cheque signing** – All cheques were signed.

- **Formal acceptance of monthly accounts** – Agreed.

- **Portman Investment Account** – The Clerk is to return the ID as soon as possible to those Councillors who did bring ID as requested. The Clerk still requires ID from Mr Wills, Mr Spearing, Mr Helliker, Mr Roberts and Mrs Lane in order that the account can be opened. All Councillors needs to sign the application form now as well.

6. **Matters Arising**

- **Mid Devon District Councillor**

TDG Parking – Car parking has become a problem with cars parking on the grass now that the parking is restricted on the industrial estate. This is to be dealt with shortly.

Westbury – The sale of the land issue is being pursued by the legal department. Westbury's admit that they have sold the land to the residents nearby. Willand Parish Council can argue that under a S106 agreement that we can ensure that the landscaping is kept up and maintained well. It is moving forward very slowly.

Motorcross – Only 14 complaints were received this year. It was a successful event and the organisers have decided to move the next event to Mountstephens Farm instead which will be a little further away from residential areas.

David Valentine – Mr Valentine would be very keen to attend a meeting to make a presentation on Planning to the new Council. The Clerk is to invite to a future meeting. (It has now been arranged for Monday 4 November at 7.30pm).

- **Devon County Councillor**

World Heritage Site – This is the first English Heritage site. Clerk to ask for additional copies to distribute to all Councillors.

Foster Parent Drive – A new leaflet has been produced to encourage more people to consider fostering..

Tiverton Police Station – The Police will be advertising for a co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the whole of Devon. Anyone interested should contact the Police Station in Tiverton.

- **Devon & Cornwall Police**

No attendance, apology or report. The Council were very disappointed.

- **Millennium Plaque**

Mr Maynard reported that the plaque was now on order.

- **Bus Shelters / Youth Bus Shelter**

The Clerk has chased Stoneman's to get the Perspex removed from the youth shelter.

- **Allotment Association – Gate. Access. Trough**

The Allotment Association made a presentation to the full Council.

Request for a Main Water Water Trough

The Allotment Association have investigated the total water cost of a 12 month period would like cost £60 to £70 based on Tiverton's experience. A set of costings have been produced. Costing for the water to the gate would be in the region of £150. Installation would be a cattle drinking trough with 150m of pipework with a stop valve pipe. Buckets would be dipped into the trough. Estimate will be £560.

Mr Maynard stated that the Council had discussed the issue at length at previous meeting and that a substantial contribution could be made to the set up costs but that the running costs could not be paid for by Willand Parish Council due to the potential expensive of water leaks which can be extremely expensive. This will be an item on the next agenda for final decision.

Willand Parish Council would like to thank the Allotment Association for their comprehensive presentation and costings in formation.

7. **Planning Application**

Mr M E Collins, 17 Tamarind, Willand, Ref 4/59/2002/1940

- a) Use of land for the siting of a portacabin (for business catering use) and retention of porch.
- b) Land area used with lapsed planning for garage to be reapplied for at a later date.

Willand Parish Council recommends refusal based on the fact that this is a residential area not an industrial estate and the applicant should be given a reasonable amount of time to remove the portacabin and set up alternative premises. This is also a retrospective planning application. The applicant should have applied before introducing the portacabin to the site. Willand Parish Council would also like to point out that a rather large shed has also now appeared in the garden that would appear to require planning permission. The Council would like to remark that parking has now become a big problem as well as offensive cooking fumes which are in excess of those expected from a residential property.

Public Questions

There were no further public questions.

**Date of next meetings: Full Council Thursday 14 November 2002 at 7.00pm
Please note that there will be a presentation at the
meeting by the Heart of Devon Enterprise Agency.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm