

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING
ON 14 NOVEMBER 2002

Heart of Devon – Enterprise Agency

PRESENTATION by Denise Coulter, Business Adviser. The presentation provided information on the free service available to small businesses. Clerk to put information on the notice board.

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Vearncombe, Mr Wills, Mr Street, Mr Hancock, Mrs Lane, Mrs Crook, Mr Helliker, Mr Dennis (District Councillor) and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Mr Bush, Mr Roberts, Mr Spearing and Mr Berry (County Councillor).

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

• **Inspector Parsons letter**

The Clerk read out the letter received which was welcomed by the Council. Mr Dennis has had a subsequent meeting with the Police and updated the Council. He met with Inspector Parsons' direct superior, Inspector Jarrold. Inspector Jarrold is based in Tiverton and the Clerk is to advise him of the Parish Council meeting dates to the Tiverton.

• **Crime Report for last month**

Crime reports for both months were read out. The Councillors were dismayed by the number of crimes particularly for September/October.

• **Councillor Dennis Knowles – request to attend a meeting**

The Clerk is to invite to the January meeting as soon as possible.

• **B3181 – 40mph limit – Update and Public Notice**

A formal notice has been displayed on the notice board regarding the reduction of the speed limit to 40mph.

• **Community Safety Partnership – Campaign and Handyman Scheme**

A letter has been received from the Community Safety Officer reminding the Council of the services that are available to the community. The Council were requested to place posters for the service and also for the handyman scheme which is a free service for the elderly. The Clerk is to contact the Officer to offer a place in the magazine.

• **Publication Scheme – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

The Clerk is to arrange for a separate meeting to be held to discuss the matter further. The Clerk is expecting the full pack in due course. **DEADLINE 31 December 2002.**

• **Cullompton & District Funeral Services – Apology**

The letter of apology was read out which had been received from Mr Goffey.

• **Willand Methodist Church Carol Service 8 December**

It was decided that "O Little Town of Bethlehem" would be suggested. This year the service will be in the Village Hall. The Clerk is to respond.

• **Mid Devon District Council – playing field entrance**

Mr Maynard updated the Councillors that Mid Devon District Council would be providing a hard entrance to the playing field.

- **St Mary's Church Warden – Funding**

Entrust seem to be funding but placing the final funding on the Parish Council. Mr Maynard stated that having visited the Church, it would appear that the roof does need repair. The money is not available in this year's precept. It now appears that the Church will be paying towards the repairs which the Parish Council were not aware of before. Mr Hancock proposed, Mrs Crook and Mr Street seconded. The Clerk is to write and confirm that the payment will be made of £440.00.

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

- **Planning, Lighting and Transportation Committee** on 23 October
- **Environmental Committee** on 7 October 2002

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 October 2002** (Mr Hancock)

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record with the exception that Mr Vearncombe be added to those present for that meeting.

5. **Accounts**

- **Cheque signing** – The cheques were signed.
- **Formal acceptance of monthly accounts** – The accounts were approved.
- **Portman Investment Account** – Mr Spearing, Mrs Lane are still to produce identification for the account.
- **Lloyds Bank** – The four new Councillors signed the form to add them to the account with the exception of Mr Bush who was unable to attend the meeting.
- **Willand Primary School – funding towards Nature Reserve Project**

The Chairman has been approached by the School to set up a nature reserve project and require funding from the Parish Council. The Parish Council feel that it is an excellent idea but would be concerned about public access to the site, in particular to vandalism. Mr Maynard is to ask whether it is a community project. The Devon Local Network information should be passed to the School by the Clerk for them to approach for funding. The proposal is to be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **Matters Arising**

- **Mid Devon District Councillor**

Stan Robinson – A pink sheet has been received. Eddie to call it in as Willand Parish Council's final view was missed.

The area's council housing would like to sell off to a housing association. Local tenants will be consulted. The final decision will be made by the Mid Devon District Council in consultation with the tenants.

DEFRA Problems - A joint meeting will be sent up with DCC, Mid Devon District Council and the Licencing officer from Bristol. A letter will be sent to the Clerk reporting on the progress made at the meeting.

Party Wall Act problems – always look at party wall problems.

There have been 70 objections to any future build on the Allotment site as detailed in the Local Plan Revised Deposit.

Southview Close Play Area – the residents would like revamp the play area in Southview with a new piece of equipment. Mr Dennis is to pursue this for under 5's.

The whole of the proposed industrial estate will belong to Willand Parish Boundary.

Somerlea flowering cherry tree – a member of the public hit there head on it and a planning application is forthcoming.

Helens Diner – the owner is expected to forward an application. A letter has now been written by Mid Devon District Council to the land owner as ultimately it is there responsibility. Mid Devon District Council have instigated legal action as no response has been forthcoming.

- **Devon County Councillor**

Apologies received.

- **Devon & Cornwall Police**

See above Crime Report under Correspondence.

- **Millennium Plaque**

The plaque has now been received and a cheque was written out at the meeting in payment to Ken White Signs.

- **Bus Shelters / Youth Bus Shelter – Dave Flint’s email**

The youth shelter has now had the Perspex removed and the bill for the work has been paid.

With regard to the proposed shelter in the Old Village, Dave Flint sent an email to ask if there have been any objections to the public notice.

- **Allotment Association – Water Trough, final decision to be made**

A number of Councillors have reviewed the gate and the unauthorised access. The Clerk is to ask Brian Bussell to look at the gate to see if it can be prepared. If not, quotations are to be acquired with a view to replacing it. With regard to the unauthorised access, it was agreed that some form of temporary hurdle should be placed with new planting either side to prevent people going through until such time as growth can be established. Brian Bussell is to be asked to purchase the hurdle from Mole Valley and arrange planting, for example Blackthorn.

The water trough has a number of variables to consider. Willand Parish Council do not know how long Willand United Charities will be renting the allotment grounds for. Also the new Council will be elected in May 2003 and as it is such a large financial commitment, it should be left to that Council to make a final decision. However, it was agreed that an amount would be put aside in the Precept preparation in January in readiness for the new Council. The Clerk is to put the paperwork in the Precept file in readiness for the Precept meeting in January.

Mr Haldane asked Willand Parish Council to consider requesting a seven year rental agreement from Willand United Charities.

- **Recycling – Cllr Bush’s email**

Mr Dennis is pursuing this with Mid Devon District Council.

Public Questions

Date of the next meeting – Thursday 12 December 2002.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.