

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES  
FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2004**

**Present:** Mr Maynard, Mr Perrett, Mr Adair, Mrs Harrogate, Mr Dennis, Mr Ward, Mr Bush, Mrs Betsworth, Mr Hancock, Mr Mander, Mr Tancock, PC Simons, PC Davies and the Clerk.

**1. Apologies**

Ros Crook, John Berry, Nick Street.

**2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:**

• **Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – Funds Request**

It was agreed that £100 would be sent from Willand Parish Council. The Clerk to arrange.

• **Willand Tennis Club – Funds Request**

It was agreed that £200 could be available for the new tennis court on completion of the project. This was proposed by Mr Bush and seconded by Mr Hancock.

• **Fine Memorials – Headstone Safety Inspection**

The Clerk to file and keep in case.

• **Devon County Council – Jaycroft, new turning head construction**

Start date is imminent.

• **Mid Devon Local Plan – Progress of Inquiry**

Notification has changed to Phoenix Lane.

• **Devon County Council – Parish Plans Biodiversity Project**

Passed to Mr Hancock for the Parish Plan Steering Group

• **Mid Devon District Council – Memorial Safety Inspections**

Health and Safety concerns have been raised by the Diocese. The Clerk to liaise with Ian Quance to see if there is a programme available for Willand by Mid Devon District Council.

• **Uffculme Top School – Special Appeal**

The School needs to find £50,000 for help with their appeal to achieve their specialist status in information. It was agreed that £50 would be sent. The Clerk to organise. Mr Maynard and Mr Hancock withdrew from the vote due to an interest. Mr Mander proposed £50 which was seconded by Mr Bush.

• **TDCTA – Ring and Ride Financial Support Appeal**

Mr Bush proposed £150 which was seconded by Mr Adair. The Clerk to organise.

• **TDCTA – Parish Transport Grant**

Passed to Mr Hancock.

• **Common Players – Robin Hood and The Sherwood Experience**

It was agreed that they should be invited to Willand again this year. The cost will be £300 to Willand. Clerk to book for third week in July on a Sunday afternoon 4pm. ASAP.

- **Royal Garden Party – Nomination**

It was agreed that Mr Maynard should be nominated. The Clerk to organise.

- **Devon Structure Plan 2001 to 2016 – Proposed Modifications**

Anything relevant should be brought back to the next meeting.

- **Road Closure – Station Road 27 to 28 March**

The section of Station Road will be closed overnight underneath the railway overbridge.

- **Training Courses: Parish Plans 22 April, Planning Training 28 April**

It was agreed that Roger Perrett will check if he is available.

- **Trees**

The two trees have been placed now, a flowering cherry and a silver birch. The Chairman to liaise with Peg over a suitable plaque.

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

- **Full Council held on 11 December**
- **Extraordinary meeting held on 22 December**
- **Finance and General Purposes meeting 8 January**
- **Planning Committee Meeting held on 2 February**

The minutes were all agreed as a true and correct record.

**4. Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing** – The cheques were agreed and signed.

**5. PC D Simons – Police Road Traffic and Safety Department**

- **B3181 Black Spot**

PC Simons have suggested a few chevron boards on the way to Cullompton but otherwise feel that speed monitoring should take place. Some monitoring has taken place and evidence suggests that speeding is not prolific along that stretch of road. Accidents appear to occur to inappropriate driving. It was agreed that a speed warning sign could be erected or a new black box type that would accurately record speeding. It was suggested that a bend warning sign and concealed entrance.

There will be some impact on Willand and the B3181 when there is a road closure in Cullompton the last week in March.

PC M Davies stated that speed guns cost £1,600. It was suggested that a group of parish councils could club together and purchase one for their own use. The Clerk to write to Uffculme, Hemycok, Kentisbeare, Bradninch, Cullompton asking if they would be prepared to contribute. PC M Davies felt that it would be worth investigating.

- **Gables Road Crossing Point**

It was agreed that PC Simons will look into whether there has been any Police objection to the yellow zigzag lines opposite the school entrance. Mr Dennis mentioned that double yellow lines were now planned.

- PC M Davies provided an update on crime in Willand. 18 Offences since 22 Dec 2003 of which 3 have been detected. Two individuals have been arrested in relation to two incidents of criminal damage. Considerable house to house work has been undertaken. 7 reported related incidents which are minor incidents.

- An alcohol awareness evening is taking place on 19 February from 7-9pm at the Village Hall.

- Inspector Nevin Hunter is now Inspector for Cullompton but will be based at Tiverton. **Sergeant Dan Evans will be at Cullompton – all correspondence to be sent to him.**

Willand Moor Road is experiencing problems with parking on junctions and speeding times. Registration numbers could be taken by residents and reported to the Police.

Write to PC Simons and voice concerns about increased traffic through the new Willand Moor Road, residents of the Orchards will short cut through the new development. It is expected to have in the next few weeks.

There are concerns about lack of discipline at the Gables. Persons are going AWAL repeatedly and there appears to be no restraint on these individuals. The Gables is not occupied from Friday night to Sunday night. PC Davies is aware of the problem. The Chairman rose that if there are concerns then another visit should be made to the Gables if the problems continue over the next month. There are currently only 3 residents at present. More suitable accommodation is hoped for 2 out of the 3 residents.

**6. Youth Facilities – Clare Tucker, Area Manager of Youth Services will be joining the meeting**

What feedback or input is required? The Chairman stated that views and input on any subject would be welcomed. He also announced that MUGA would be available to organised groups. It was suggested that a new youth shelter could be installed – perhaps the youth should be involved in the design of a youth proof shelter.

Clerk to advise Clare Tucker when the next Planning Committee meeting will be.

A Youth Drop In Service could be held maybe in the Village Hall. This will be investigated by Clare Tucker.

**7. Matters Arising:**

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Burgess, Dennis and Ward**

**Mr Dennis:**

Subway approach – a light has been requested.

Estate roads in Willand require repair.

Graffiti has reappeared in the subway.

South View Close has experienced damage with large vehicles turning in it.

Budget applications – Mid Devon District Council 2.3%. Leisure and car parking to be increased. Cemeteries to be increased with a complete review.

Grants to be reduced by 10%.

Tourism budget has gone.

Mid Devon District Council will ratify 2.3% tomorrow.

**Mr Burgess**

Written about waste performance grants and community composting schemes. The Clerk asked Mr Burgess to email the relevant correspondence. Composter will be based at Broadpath.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry**

Mr Berry gave apologies. It was announced that DCC budget was expected to be increased by 5.25% although this figure does not include the Police or Fire Brigade.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

See above.

- **Parish Plan Steering Group – update**

It has been decided to ask all the Willand associations and organisations to put a representative forward.

- **Emergency Planning update**

Roger Perrett, Trish and John Adair, Dave and the Clerk.

- **Play Equipment update – Mid March / Field Reinstatement / RoSPA Inspection**

It was agreed that the quotation would be accepted for the heras fencing and field reinstatement. The Clerk to advise Miracle.

- **Devon In Touch Roadshow**

It is now Wednesday 10 March from 3 to 7pm.

- **Woodland Adoption**

The Clerk to chase.

**8. Planning – see separate agenda**

**9. Public Questions**

There was additional support from the public for the pharmacy  
One person asked about the fifth spur.

**Police**

Mr Perrett circulated a chart showing the alarming amount of money from Willand towards the Police. Willand was also promised a full time beat officer for Willand when only 10 hours per month is in fact offered. It was suggested that the Police Authority could be written to. Roger Perrett is to attend a forthcoming Police Liaison meeting.

The meeting was closed at 10.20pm.