

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

ON THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2004

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Street, Mr Perrett, Mr Adair, Mr Mander, Mr Tancock, Mrs Crook, Mr Betsworth, Mr Bush, Mrs Harrogate, Mr Dennis, PC Davies, Sgt Evans and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Mr Tancock, Mr Ward, Mr Berry and Mr Burgess.

2. Paul Holtham – CADI – Introduction of CADI

The Cullompton Area Development Initiative representative gave a brief update on their activities. Tourism, Leisure and Economic Focus Groups have been very active and have identified projects that are required. A residents' handbook is due to be issued to help local residents find events, classes and doctors surgeries etc. for the whole Culm Valley area. A "what's going on" leaflet will also be issued across the Culm Valley. The main thing that has come out of the study is that there is insufficient communication amongst organisations and villages across the Culm Valley.

The transport Focus Group has been looking at traffic congestion, rural access, bus services and have identified 3 projects that are to be prioritised. A free local guide showing all forms of transportation, public and community transport routes as well as cycle paths etc.

Mr Holtham suggested that Willand Parish Council ask for any help or would welcome input.

3. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

- **Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Consultations Documents:
Draft Guidance to Monitoring Officers
Local Investigations of Allegations of Misconduct
Response Deadline 18 May 2004**

It was agreed that this is an important document and will be circulated by the Clerk. Next Agenda for feedback.

- **Mid Devon Local Plan – Postponed Inquiry Close**

There is a contentious appeal pending and Mid Devon District Council used documentation that they should not have used, hence the delay.

- **Allotment Policy**

It was agreed that the Allotment Association should manage the issuing but a policy should be issued for discussion. The Clerk to liaise. Willand Parish Council should only be contacted in the event of a dispute or appeal situation.

- **Allotment Request – Additional Fencing**

Steve Betsworth and Eddie Dennis to try to arrange some extra heras fencing from the new housing developer.

- **Orchard Way Resurfacing Request by Gordon Davis**

One resident has complained about the Orchard Way road condition. Clerk to agree to Alan Mitchard and respond to the resident. Mr Dennis updated that DCC has not got the money but that we need to keep on about the state of the roads.

- **UNITE – Carers Support Line – Funds Request**

It was agreed that £75 would be sent. Proposed by Mr Adair and seconded by Mr Bush.

- **Parish Lengthsman**

A letter of thanks should be sent to Mid Devon District Council thanking the Parish Lengthsman for his efforts in Willand just recently.

- **Mid Devon District Council – Local Forum**

Wed 17 March 7pm at Padbrook Park, Cullompton

- **Mid Devon District Council – Public Scrutiny Panel**

Anyone interested in being nominated should contact John Joule on 01884 234332.

- **Mid Devon Association of Local Councils**

Next meeting Thursday 18 March at 7pm at the Council Chamber, Tiverton Town Hall for anyone interested.

4. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council held on 12 February**
- **Planning Committee held on 12 February**
- **Emergency Planning held on 3 March – update only, no minutes**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Cheques were agreed and duly signed. The Clerk advised that a transfer will need to cover costs until the Precept comes in.

6. Matters Arising:

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

Mr Dennis:

The old church hall planning application has been approved.

The Planning Dept has two officers off with long term sickness, 3 that are leaving and another leaving in 6 weeks time. The Deputy Prime Minister has issued new guidelines which takes the consultation process away from Parish Councils.

There is a big turning head in Jaycroft.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry – not in attendance**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police:**

PC M Davies introduced Sgt Dan Evans who is now based at the Cullompton office. A crime report was provided to the Clerk.

It is expected that a crackdown on vandalism in the village will take place in the near future. PC Davies is due to be trained on the speed gun very shortly.

Sgt Evans gave an overview of the Police set up in the area. Willand has experienced considerable disorder. A high visibility crackdown is due in the next few weeks which is expected to lead to arrests. Feedback from the Council will be welcomed after the crackdown.

- **Parish Plan Steering Group – update**

A very successful meeting has been held having invited the local organisations. Next meeting is planned for 31 March 7pm. The Clerk is to liaise with Sue Turner as Willand Parish Council was hoping to hold the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm that night. The Steering Group could perhaps join our meeting once they had finished theirs.

- **Emergency Planning update**

Mr Adair updated the meeting on the progress. The Clerk is to prepare a draft Emergency Plan.

- **Play Equipment update –**

Mid March – Should start 29 March.

RoSPA Inspection – Cannot take place in March now due to installation delay so will need to take place in April which will cost more.

Lighting Adoption – It was agreed that this should take place with the MUGA.

- **Devon In Touch Roadshow – Feedback**

It was agreed that it was a successful event and even had a 97 year old resident using the internet.

- **Robin Hood Common Players – Sunday 25 July 4pm – Booked.**

7. Police Authority Letter

Willand Parish Council is very pleased with the efforts of PC Davies, but feel that 8-10 hours per month just is not what has been promised by the Police Authority. It was agreed that the Clerk and Mr Perrett will liaise to produce a final draft of the letter.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 31 March, Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm in the Club Room of the Village Hall.