

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

HELD ON THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2004

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Street, Mr Perrett, Mr Hancock, Mr Mander, Mr Betsworth, Mr Dennis, Mr Berry, Mrs Harrogate, Mr Tancock and the Clerk.

Apologies:

John Adair, Matthew Burgess, Andy Bush, Ros Crook

Chairman

Dave Maynard was proposed by Nich Street and unanimously agreed.

Vice Chairman

Tony Mander proposed Nick Street, seconded by Roger Perrett.

Committee's

Agreed same as they are at the moment. Anyone wishing to change can do so at the next meeting. Agenda item in May.

Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

- **Draft Guidance to Monitoring Officers**

The Clerk to ask all Councillors to look for the documents.

- **Kitbag Equipment Loan Scheme**

To go up on the notice board.

- **Devon Play / The Playing Field**

Disability Act to be covered during the next ROSPA inspection. The Clerk to ask them to include consideration for disability for the next inspection once the play area equipment has been installed.

- **Highway Maintenance in Devon**

B3181 four cross way to Waterloo Cross is in the pipeline for replacement according to Mr Berry.

- **Culm Valley Car Scheme – Letter of thanks**

A letter of thanks has been received regarding the donation due to be made.

- **Willand Tennis Club – Letter of thanks**

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- **Countryside and Rights of Way 2000**

A letter has been received showing boundaries and common land. The map clearly marks the parish boundary in red. The Boundaries Commission need to be pushed. Cllr Dennis by way of update mentioned that Halberton parish covers a huge land area which comes very close to Willand. The main concern is the Halberton Parish could decide to build more housing that could be 100 yards outside Willand, which would seriously impact infrastructure in Willand. Mr Dennis to photocopy the map and circulate to members.

- **Devon Playing Fields Association – Membership renewal**

It was agreed that £15 would be paid. The Clerk to organise.

- **Dti – Rural Broadband**

It is available here providing that you are not too far from the exchange. The majority of Willand can receive Broadband.

- **Annual Meeting of Town and Parish Councils – Thursday 29 April, 7pm**

The Clerk will attend if possible.

- **Annual Meeting of the District Council – Wednesday 5 May, 7pm**

It was agreed that Tony Mander would attend. The Clerk to respond.

- **Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership Request**

The Clerk was given permission to join at the cost of the Council £80. The Clerk to organise.

- **Halberton Road Restrictions**

Restrictions for the Mid Devon Show to reduce traffic congestion.

- **Code of Conduct – Applying for a review of a referral decision**

An update on the Standards Board complaints procedure.

- **New Development Funding**

A leaflet has been sent identifying new grants available. The information was passed to the Parish Plan Steering Group via Tony Hancock.

- **Diggerland**

Plant hire still appears to be moving in and out of the site, which does not appear to be under the current Planning Permission. Cllr Dennis to investigate at Mid Devon District Council. Verbeer's licence has lapsed but apparently drinks can be purchased by the back door. It is believed that it has been sold to a franchise to run as a restaurant and bar.

Minutes of the Meeting held:

- **Full Council held on 11 March**
- **Planning Committee held on 29 March**

- **Annual Parish Meeting held on 31 March – update only**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

Accounts/Cheques

All cheques were duly agreed and signed.

Matters Arising:

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

Mr Dennis:

Mid Devon Local Plan – it closed last week and we await the inspector's report, which will be recommendations only. Mr Dennis stated that affordable housing will be built outside the settlement area. Willand does need affordable housing.

Pharmacy – will open 9 to 6.30pm, closed during 3.15 to 4.15pm for four years unless a new building comes up earlier.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry**

County Council Elections – There will be a new ward next year covering Willand.

Gypsy/travellers – DCC will now have to find areas for such people with provisions for toilets and washing facilities.

Virador Broadpath – hope to be producing electricity from the methane gas, but will have to go to Hemyock due to capacity.

Recycling area for Cullompton.

Exeter airport has increased by 35% in the last 5 years.

GM Crop – GM crops are not to be grown in Devon due to the high number of organic facilities in Devon. Good notice of such GM crops must be given.

Tel 01392 382865 for information Community Strategic Partnership Policy for Devon.

The Clerk to obtain a copy and circulate to all councillors.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Apologies from PC Davies for missing the Annual Parish Meeting. Since the last meeting only one crime, youths throwing a stone at a bus today. One person will be arrested for the crime. Seven day notice has been placed on a red van abandoned in the old village.

- **Parish Plan Steering Group**

A successful meeting was held 31 March which was well attended. We are in with a chance as the application has now been submitted to the Countryside Agency. The application has been acknowledged but there is no further information. £5 per head course, and one at £35 per head. There are 2 people interested in the £5 course. It was agreed that this would be funded by Willand Parish Council. Next meeting 5 May at 7.30pm.

- **Emergency Planning update**

The Clerk advised that there has been no update as yet, but would endeavour to be on target for the meeting scheduled in May.

- **Play Equipment update**

The Clerk stated that ROSPA had incorrectly gone ahead with the inspection and that the invoice sent would be cancelled by ROSPA. A number of items highlighted are due to be addressed by the forthcoming overhaul. The equipment must be in for the summer holiday. The Clerk to contact Miracle to chase installation.

- **Speed Gun – Cullompton Town Council**

The Clerk to copy PC Davies on any correspondence. It was agreed that further details need to be identified

- **Email** – Clerk's email is not yet functioning and the laptop is being repaired.

- **The Gables**

Met with Mr Leach from Social Services this afternoon. Following the last meeting, it will cease to function as a children's home. A small annexe may be used for one child as an emergency basis only. It will be closed for a short period until it is decided what should be done with the facility. A conference or administration centre may be a possibility. It is now not intended to be used as a children's home in the future. Cllr Dennis would like to safeguard the facility from housing development. It has been suggested that it should be listed which would then protect the building from development. Cllr Dennis to investigate.

- **Police Authority Letter**

The Clerk to enhance and send off the letter kindly prepared by Roger Perrett.

Public Questions

No public questions.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Planning Meeting Monday 19 April at 7.00pm. Clerk to prepare an agenda.