

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 8 JULY 2004
THE CLUB ROOM**

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Street, Mr Perrett, Mr Adair, Mr Crook, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess, Mr Betsworth, Mr Harrogate, Mr Bush, Mr Hancock, Mr Mander and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Mr Tancock, Mr Ward and Mr Berry.

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

• **David Pugsley – Performance Plan – issues to raise**

The Clerk to email to all Councillors for discussion at the next meeting. Agenda item next meeting.

• **MDDC – Provision of Play Areas and Public Open Spaces – funding amount to be agreed**

The Clerk to obtain a breakdown of time deadlines for the funds available and to liaise with Sue Turner with regard to the response from the Parish Plan in terms of equipment required. Agenda item next meeting.

• **Campaign to Protect Rural England – New Housing Debate**

A Housing Exhibition was held at Phoenix House in Tiverton on 22 June.

• **Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – Letter of thanks**

A letter of thanks has been received regarding the donation made by the Council.

• **Disability Discrimination Act 1995**

To be passed onto the Village Hall by the Clerk for their information.

• **Police Authority – Letter of response**

The Chairman read out the letter which was considered rather unsatisfactory.

• **Luncheon Club – Funding request**

The lunch club was launched last year which is held in the Church Hall. Funds have been requested for games for the elderly. It was unanimously agreed that £100 would be donated. This caters for some 30 or so elderly people. The Clerk to arrange.

• **NHS Trust Funding – Request to attend a meeting**

It was agreed that a presentation was not of interest. The Clerk to respond.

• **Devon County Council – County supplies**

DCC have joined Parcellforce. The Clerk to look through their catalogue.

• **Junk Mail – Summer 2004**

This was passed to Mr Mander representing the Composting Group.

• **Winged Fellowship Trust – Letter of thanks and Newsletter**

A letter of thanks for the £60 has been received together with the latest newsletter.

• **Viridor Credits – Letter of thanks**

A letter of thanks has been received from Viridor regarding the £300 donation made towards the Environmental Project organised by the Willand School.

• **MDDC – Disposal of Willand Depot**

It was agreed to support the decision to sell the site. However, concerns were raised about the value of the land being priced by only one valuer. There should be an obligation to obtain the very best price and should perhaps be on the open market rather than earmarked for one developer. The Clerk to respond.

Devon Playing Fields Association

It was agreed that no one would attend this year.

3. **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 10 June**
Minutes of the Affordable Homes meeting 17 June
Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 21 June

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

Affordable Homes site meeting 25 June – update only

It was reported that the site meeting ended up rather negative and the representatives from MDCC were against that site for housing. Mr Rowe would have to place a planning application and Willand Parish Council would have to make a representation and Ward Councillors would have to make representations when the application went to committee.

4. **Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£870.00	Astra Printing Group	Parish Mag June/July
	£66.55	Mrs Pauline Balaam	Postage Receipts
	£17.64	Mrs Ashley	Stamps
	£3.96	South West Water	Water Cemetery Trough

A member of public asked if the Council could include a total for the month in the minutes for income received could be included. This was agreed. The Clerk to arrange.

5. **Matters Arising:**

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

Mr Burgess:

A Devon Composting Partnership meeting was held today and Culm Valley Community Learning were looking for a new site, the Gables was floated as a potential site, perhaps renting as a learning facility.

Mr Dennis:

Local Plan considers areas for development in the future in Willand. This planning process will be regional in time and will not be assessed on a local basis. All future local plans will only have a 6 week consultation. This process starts as early as next April.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry**

Apologies given.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Apologies given. A report has been passed to the Clerk that was read out at the meeting.

- **Willand Cemetery**

Mr Bush declared an interest before the meeting commenced to Mr Maynard and the Clerk.

The Police stated in their report that the Parish Council were no longer under investigation.

It was reported that 3 stones remain down and it is assumed that the relatives did not receive the letters sent by the Clerk. The Clerk is to make further attempts to locate the relatives. It was suggested that if the relatives cannot be contacted in due course then the memorials would need to be safely stored in the bier house at the cemetery

instead. The Clerk thought that a faculty would need to be applied for in that instance.

A member of the public asked if the Council thinks that all the steps were taken as suggested by the Police in their report. The Chairman said that the Council has taken all steps but agreed that more advertising could have been made.

The churchyard is still to be inspected officially and anyone wishing to attend the next inspection of the churchyard would be most welcome. The new measuring equipment has now been purchased by Mid Devon District Council and was briefly demonstrated during the meeting. It is understood that full training will be offered before the measuring equipment can be used in the churchyard. Willand Parish Council will arrange a date for the inspection of the churchyard once the training has been undertaken.

Further questions and debate followed. Finally, the Clerk stated that the matter had been discussed in full on two occasions now and that other business must now be addressed. The Clerk reiterated that she and Willand Parish Council were truly sorry for any upset caused by the inspection of the cemetery.

Response to Mrs Moore's letter

It was agreed that the Clerk would now send the response to Mrs Moore's letter now that the Police investigation had been dropped.

Response to Mr Ashwin's email

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• Health and safety issues reported:

Cemetery water trough – The Clerk stated that a quotation had been received from Stoneman Engineering for a grid to be placed on the water trough for £185 plus VAT. It was agreed that the water trough should remain accessible. The water in the pool in Westexe Park in Tiverton is open for access and the water trough posed now more risk than that. The Clerk had spoken with a number of District and County Council representatives on the matter.

Willand Moor ditches – It was suggested by Mr Dennis that the area should not be adopted until it is made safe. This is ongoing.

Street lighting: It was reported that the lights are not plugged in near Celandine Lawns and Campion Court. Mr Dennis to sort out.

• **Parish Plan Steering Group update** – next meeting Monday 12 July

• **Emergency Planning update** – No further update at this time.

• **Play Equipment update** – The wet pour safety surface under the flat swings has been vandalised. The Clerk has asked Miracle for a quotation. In the meantime it was agreed that Mr Snell should be asked if he would be prepared to patch the worst of it with Mr Maynard. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Snell and obtain the resin from MDDC. The Clerk reported that the antiwrap tots swings have been wrapped up on the cross bar. This is to be reported to Miracle and investigated to see if other shackles could be fitted to prevent this happening again. It was also reported that there were holes under the wet pour surrounding the tots rockers. This is also to be reported to Miracle.

• Robin Hood event marketing / other organisations stalls

The Clerk stated that notices will be placed in the Farm shop, dentist, doctor, pharmacy one week before the event. It was suggested that the notices be taken down straight after. The Chairman formally thanked Mr Street for the fantastic boards advertising the event which will be placed and chained in three locations around the village the weekend before. It was suggested that the toilet facilities must be offered this year by the Village Hall which was refused last year. It is anticipated that more

people will attend this year, probably with small children and toilet facilities really were required. Mrs Harrogate offered to keep an eye on the facilities during the show periodically and to clean them after. The Clerk is to speak to Brian Thomas and request that the annexe toilets be available during the show.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Meadow Park, Silver Street, Orchard Way kerb weeds, hedge along Silver Street towards the Esso Garage. Somerlea to One Stop overgrown weeds on small pavement. The Clerk to organise.

- **Village Hall Committee Loan – representative to attend**

No attendance.

6. Questions

No further questions.

7. Date of next meeting – Thursday 12 August at 7pm

8. Planning – see separate agenda