

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2004**

Present: Mr Maynard, Mr Perrett, Mrs Crook, Mr Hancock, Mr Mander, Mr Dennis, Mrs Harrogate, Mr Tancock, PC Davies, Mr Lee, Mr Burgess and the Clerk.

District Councillor Michael Lee joined the meeting from Mid Devon District Council and was welcomed by the Chairman.

Mr Lee gave a presentation to the meeting. His job is to visit the parishes and attend receptions and offer a listening ear as much as possible. He also likes to recognise local people that offer exceptional services to the community then a letter of thanks goes to the person concerned and can be invited to the Chairman's Receptions. Mr Lee also tries to visit as many local businesses as possible.

Fifth spur – Mr Lee agreed to investigate the opening of the fifth spur and liaise with RABI contacts.

1. Apologies

Mr Betsworth, Mr Adair, Mr Street and Mrs Harrogate, Colin Ward, Mrs Lane.

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

- **Mid Devon District Council – Licensing Consultation, response to send**
Mr Street has read the document and Mr Maynard and Mr Dennis will attend the forum on this matter. A response can be formulated after the forum.
- **Mid Devon District Council – Licensing Consultation Forums**
See above.
- **Mid Devon District Council – Chairman's Receptions update**
Mr Maynard and Mr Tancock attended the Kentisbeare evening. Mr Dennis, Mrs Harrogate and the Clerk to attend the Templeton evening next week.
- **Devon Association of Parish Councils – Financial Planning Statement**
End of year figures have been received for perusal of the Council. Willand Parish Council is a member currently.
- **Devon Association of Parish Councils – Draft Charter of Devon**
Charter is from Devon County Council and drafts out what everyone wants in Devon.
- **South West Regional Assembly – Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation**
The Regional Assembly is trying to review RP10. Mr Perrett took the paperwork to review.
- **Herbie Radford – Plant Containers**
It was agreed that the Council would send vouchers in the sum of £20. The Clerk to organise.
- **Dave Scott, MDDC – Wet Pour Grant Request**
It was agreed that the Clerk is to claim the £1,480.99 towards the cost of the wet pour under the flat swings. The Clerk to arrange.
- **Police Liaison Meeting – 14 October 7.30pm, The New Hall, Tiverton**
Mrs Lane has attended the meeting tonight. Hopefully an update can be provided at the next meeting.

- **Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Countryside Watch**
The police are keen to encourage people to be aware that they should keep their property secure and prevent thefts occurring. Telephone number for PC Gill is 01884 244637.
- **Victim Support Devon – letter of thanks**
A letter of thanks has been received thanking the Council for the donation made.
- **Wicksteed Leisure – Guide to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995**
A guide has been received to help Councils through the Disability Act. It was noted that Adrian Cook has offered to look at the play area to see if it complies. The insurance company may also be able to assist in this.
- **Devon Chestnut Appeal – Test the County Quiz**
Willand Moor residents have put forward 4 teams already. There was no further interest.
- **Mid Devon District Council – Local Development Scheme – response deadline 22 October**
Mr Perrett stated that he had read the document and felt that a supplementary document should be forwarded for inclusion. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter stating that the document is inadequate in its current state and does not in any way address Willand and surrounding villages. Affordable housing has not been addressed and the Council does not find this acceptable. This document is unacceptable as an addition to the local plan. A detailed response to the plan needs to be formulated but this cannot be done within the timescale offered. The Clerk to respond as soon as possible. The Clerk is to ask Simon Thornley to attend the November meeting.
- **Councillor Vacancy**
Mr Betsworth has offered his resignation as a Parish Councillor as his work commitment has now taken him away from the area. It was agreed that the Council would not like to see him go but accept his resignation. The Clerk to organise legalities and advise Mr Betsworth.
- **Bier House quotation**
The Clerk and the Chairman have organised 2 quotations for repairs to the Bier House. One quotation was for a complete new roof and fascia boards £1,800 and another quotation was for corrugated sheeting and cladding £496. It was agreed that the cheaper quotation is to be accepted. The Clerk to organise.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 9 September**
- **Planning Committee 9 September**
- **Emergency Planning 7 October – this meeting was cancelled.**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£100.00	Mid Devon District Council	5X30 Project Donation
	£35.00	Rex Saunders	Grave digging
	£2,421.50	G B Sport and Leisure	Swing Wet Pour
	£17.64	Nina Ashley	Stamps
	£5.67	South West Water	Cemetery water
	£978.00	Astra Printing Group	Parish Magazine Printing
	£80.42	Viking Direct	Stationery
	£745.00	Brian Bussell	Grass and hedge cutting
	£55.40	Allianz Cornhill	Clock insurance update

£128.08	Gillett & Johnston	Servicing costs
£18.00	South West Water	Allotment
£300.00	Mid Devon District Council	Common Players
£293.73	Audit Commission	Audit 2004 Year End

The cheques were duly signed after the meeting. It was agreed that one youth connected with regard to the water trough vandalism should receive a bill for water leakage as requested by his mother – the Clerk to send a bill for £2.67.

- **Income this month**

Income this month was £42.00 for Cemetery, £772.00 for Magazine.

- **Parish Magazine**

The Clerk is to invite Brian Holmes to the meeting to discuss the agreement with regard comments made about the Parish Council and formalise the arrangement. Clerk to organise.

5. **Matters Arising:**

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

Matthew Burgess:

There have been discussions to ensure that housing stock is only taken on by those having lived in the area for at least 10 years. The Council have written to the Government outlining their opposition to the ban and seeking compensation for those who will lose their livelihoods.

Recycling and community composting – Willand Parish Council has written expressing concern about the retention of the Willand Composting Scheme.

Defra has been putting out a consultation paper about the future of recycling credits and how they will be awarded. Mr Burgess has responded to this document.

Recycling centre at Post Cross Industrial estate could serve as a recycling tip Cullompton and surrounding villages.

Eddie Dennis:

Mr Dennis attended a meeting with Lloyd Maunder with regards to fumes monitoring, new legislation meant that piping works have been taking place and they are awaiting the licensing since this work has been completed.

One Stop had a container storing fireworks outside the shop. The container requires planning permission and will be moved very quickly and the resurfacing will be completed shortly.

Willand Moor is due to be resurfaced and adopted soon but highways are not happy with the manholes. This is still ongoing.

Willand Moor bus shelter – DCC are not keen to provide a shelter due to youths hanging about in the evenings. It was agreed to wait until next year to see how many children from Willand go to Uffculme and monitor the need for a bus shelter.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry**

Absent.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Since 9 September 10 offences have been reported in the village. Of those 2 have been detected. Enquiries are continuing. A total of 47 associated other reports have been made. Criminal damage on the 2 August at Willand Cemetery. It is not conclusive as to whether a conviction will be made but this is ongoing. Youths on Willand Moor estate have caused concern. Damage to the school has been reported relating to thefts of golf balls at the driving range.

People are experiencing trailer and motor vehicle thefts in the area. Mark it, lock it, protect it is the general advise. The police are trying to encourage people out in the dark are visible to traffic, this includes joggers and people walking dogs.

- **Planning Committee – 2 new members required please**

It was agreed that Mrs Harrogate and Mr Hancock to join the meeting. The Clerk to amend the committee list and circulate.

- **Health and safety issues reported**

No issues reported. Mr Dennis to chase up the tarmac problems at One Stop tomorrow.

- **Parish Plan Steering Group update**

There were some pilot questionnaires completed and a few changes will be made. Next meeting 8 November at 7.30pm. Emails to Tony Hancock please from all Councillors willing to help with collection. The Clerk to remind Councillors.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention. Visit planned 15 to 19 November**

Weeds in Somerville Park, Somerlea, Somerville Road, Park Street, Barnes Road. The Clerk to advise.

- **Risk Management**

No update as yet.

- **Youth Shelter**

Clare Tucker, one colleague and 3 youths attended the meeting.

A conversation then took place with the visitors are to what sort of shelter the youngsters would like. They suggested a draft and rain proof shelter to fit 15 to 20 youths would be the ideal. PC Davies stated that it is essential that youths come forward if they witness vandalism to recreational equipment. Enclosure down to the floor to prevent vast drafts would be preferred although some drainage would need to be allowed. Siting needs to be carefully considered. It was also stated that the goal posts needed to be higher. A bin needs to be sited near the shelter which would need to be vandal proof. The suggested plans received from Stoneman Engineering were circulated during the meeting. The youths at the meeting are to make sensible modifications to the drawings and return then to the Clerk in time for the next meeting.

Skate pad ramps with “hook ins” could be attached to a larger tarmac area. Mid Devon offer temporary moveable skate ramps but Willand’s current tarmac is not big enough. The Clerk to be advised by Clare Tucker on dimensions required.

Jumps for BMX need to be built up higher. The Chairman agreed that this would be acceptable provided that the insurance company agreed the height.

6. Public Questions

There were no members of public at the end of the meeting.

Items to be tabled:

Local Councils Update – September 2004 and October 2004

What’s On in Devonshire’s Heartland – October/November 2004

The meeting was closed at 9pm.