

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**draft**  
**MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2005**

**Present:** Mr Maynard, Mr Perrett, Mr Hancock, Mrs Harrogate, Mr Bush, Dist Cllr Ward, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess, County Cllr Berry, Mr Mander, Mr Davis, Mr Crawford, Mrs Crook, Mrs Oliver and the Clerk.

**1. Apologies**

PC M Davies, Mr Tancock and Mr Adair.

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

• **Member's Code of Conduct Training – 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

Mr Davis and Mr Crawford have attended a training course as well as Mr Dennis.

• **A Community Plan for the Culm Valley – Document received**

This document was passed to Mr Bush for reading.

• **National Memorial Safety Survey – on line questionnaire to complete**

The Clerk to complete and return.

• **A Code for the Future – Consultation document**

Mr Crawford, Mr Davis took the form for completion. Mrs Oliver took one for reference. One copy to be filed by the Clerk.

• **Finding Funding Workshop Series – afternoon workshops available**

There are a number of workshops available. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

• **The Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Legal Update**

This document offers a scale of charges relating to providing information under the Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk is to file this document with the other Freedom of Information Act documentation.

• **Orchard Way Traffic Concerns**

An email has been received from a local resident expressing concerns about the size of one vehicle in particular using the new road between Orchard Way and the new development. Cars are also reported to be going very fast along there too. Mr Dennis stated that this has yet to be agreed. PC M Davies and DCC are to be copied on this for their action. County Cllr Berry was asked to investigate from a DCC point of view.

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

• **Full Council 10 February**

• **Planning Committee 10 February**

• **Village Enhancement Committee 24 February – notes only**

• **Planning Committee 24 February**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

**4. Accounts:**

• **Cheque signing**

Number	Gross	Details	
	£257.70	British Telecom	Clerk phone and box inst
	£87.89	Pauline Balaam	Parish magazine expenses
	£100.00	Brian Bussell	Mole Contract 2 yrs

These cheques were signed during the month.

Number	Gross	Details	
	£210.90	Inland Revenue	NIC and Tax
	£23.52	Mrs Ashley	Stamps
	£100.30	British Telecom	Mrs Oliver phone line
	£178.74	Willand Village Hall	Meeting room hire

These cheques were signed during the meeting.

- **Income this month**

£189.00 has been received from Parish Magazine, £49 from Cemetery and £45 from Mr and Mrs Lane as a donation towards the cost of a bat box inspection.

- **Lloyds TSB mandate – Mr Davis and Mr Crawford to complete new forms**

The Clerk explained that Lloyds had sent out the incorrect forms and that new legislation meant that further details were required for Mr Maynard. Mr Davis and Mr Crawford were given new forms to complete and take with them to any Lloyds TSB branch.

## 5. **Matters Arising:**

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

**Mr Dennis:**

DCC have agreed to do a feasibility study at Stags Cross to monitor the situation that the area appears to have become a rat run. One idea is to extend the 30mph limit. Motorway bridge is being used as a children's den which has been reported to the Highways Authority. This has been reported to the Police twice. Graffiti by top bridge near Esso needs reporting. Lloyd Maunder Road two trees and holes in fence needs to be reported again to Bob Wigley.

MDDC has set its budget at 4.1% (£6 per house for band D properties). 3.85% overall budget increase. DCC is 3.5%.

J27 in Local Plan – the motorway service area is due to be extended with an industrial site being earmarked behind. 7 April is the deadline for comments after which a recommendation will be made. The plans are available at Phoenix House for anyone that is interested.

**Mr Burgess:**

Councillors cycling to meetings are offered 40p per mile to encourage people to use their bike rather than their car. Local Communities Sustainability's Bill would like to be signed up to. Not much green material is arriving at Broadpath although that should improve with the season.

Community Services Committee meeting next week, there are reports available on car parking, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill.

Organic Waste Collection – Broadpath will start operating in November now, which will lead to a delay in collection now until September to prevent any interim problems. Timetable will be to offer talks to Parish Councils, a press Conference in July and roadshows over the Summer to promote the project. August to September there will be a second information leaflet to be distributed.

- **Devon County Councillor Berry**

Broadpath has been accepted and put forward now. MDDC is consultee with the authority being DCC. A recommendation of approval has been offered subject to there being no major objections to the project. This recommendation has to be ratified by MDDC's Planning Committee.

Post Cross was turned down 5 to 3 and DCC has to reassess this issue and to target a new site which might involve compulsory purchase. Turned down on the basis of the privacy of the caravan park, road networks and the environmental issues.

The Clerk to send a letter to Devonshire Homes (Guy Langworthy) and David Valentine at MDDC.

Council tax 3.5% increase for DCC. Increases in education of £22m.

Ambulance service at Cullompton will be lost but a medical car will be serviced by a trained paramedic. A car will still run from the doctors surgery. This information is contrary to information published in the local paper. More fire crews will be trained as paramedics in future. The Clerk to write stating that this is a reduction in service not an increase in service that is definitely required.

The Gerswin Report – DCC needs a 3 year efficiency plan saving.

Exeter Airport is up for sale the purchaser to be announced in a couple of months.

Better school meals are being pursued at the moment across Devon.

Speed restrictions are to be looked at again where there is 40 to 30mph reductions in villages.

Fly posting is to be banned in future as it would be classed as fly tipping.

Harpitt Close some trees blew down and Highways undertook some tree surgery which was rather poorly done. Mr Berry to investigate.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

PC M Davies has been on compassionate leave recently and sincerely apologised to the Clerk for missing this and the last meeting. He also apologised for being unable to prepare reports in time for both the meetings. He is very much hoping to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 March though. A comprehensive report will be provided for the Annual Parish Meeting.

- **Health and safety issues reported**

No new items reported.

- **Parish Plan Steering Group update**

Questionnaires have started coming back in.

- **Parish Lengthsman– areas for attention**

The Clerk to report that the village signs need cleaning.

- **Youth Shelter/Goal Posts/Play Area Seat – update**

Manufacture has started, installation has yet to be confirmed. Siting still to be agreed.

- **Village Enhancement Planters – proposal to be agreed**

A site meeting needs to be agreed with Willy Pike, John Holmes, John Adair and Mr Maynard shortly. All councillors to be emailed about the time.

- **Willand Fair / Common Players**

Meeting next Tuesday 15 March at 8pm. Please support this meeting if you can.

- **Emergency Plan Final Draft – adoption**

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the plan. The Clerk to contact Peter Brown.

- **Councillor Stationery Expenses – Mr Adair**

It was agreed that stationery allowances would not be made but a pack of paper could be provided for any councillor wanting one. Please contact the Clerk for one.

- **Multi Use Games Area – meeting update**

Mr Maynard and Mr Perrett attended the meeting with Sue Calderbank and Jill Borrow. It was reported that only 17 of 27 projects have been started. The money has run out and Willand will not get a MUGA from that source. DCC provided some ideas for funding, Football Association (50% funding) and Entrust (10% funding). A MUGA looks very unlikely for Willand now as the cost would be in the region of at least £70k unless a substantial amount of funding could be sourced. Detailed plans are to be investigated with costings. Sandra Phillips at Entrust, 9 The Square, Uffculme should be contacted. The land value plus the amount set aside for lighting might be enough to get the ball rolling. Jill Borrow is meant to be providing detailed plans to the school, which are then to be passed to the Parish Council. Mr Davis offered his assistance on this project. Sue Craythorn at DCC might be able to offer

funding. Steve McLellan at Tiverton Police Station may also offer funding. Agenda item next meeting.

The Gables was also discussed and a response it still awaited.

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association – correspondence received**

A letter has been received stating that the boundary hedge needs maintenance. The bottom corner is the main problem. It needs blocking off and decent substantial planting. Mr Dennis will investigate additional heras fencing plus substantial planting. The Clerk to write back to that effect.

- **Proposed Litter Bin sited outside the Post Office – correspondence received**

The Post Office has responded to the request about the bin outside the premises. There are some concerns that a bin would not be suitable. Perhaps a bin should be placed at the bus stop opposite to encourage a cleaner village. The Clerk to organise and write to Mrs Lane with an update.

The Parish Council wanted to formally thank Mr and Mrs Lane for their £45 contribution donation towards the bat box inspection. A letter of thanks has already been sent by the Clerk.

**6. Cemetery Charges – April 2005 charges to be agreed**

Proposal: increase charges by 20% overall for all cost centres.

Alteration to Proposal: collect data from a number of other parishes in Culm Valley. There were 3 votes. Proposed by Mr Davis and seconded by Mrs Crook. Against 4 votes.

Original Proposal: increase charges by 20%, proposed by Mr Bush and seconded by Mrs Harrogate. For 6 votes.

The Clerk to amend the figures and distribute to funeral directors and stone masons. The charges to age 16 to be waived completely and to be removed from the charges sheet.

**7. Public Questions**

**Items to be tabled:**

**Village Green (one for each Councillor)**

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.