

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**draft**  
**MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2005**

**Present** Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crawford, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess, Cllr Davis, Cllr Bush, PC M Davies, Chairman of MDDC Cllr Lee, Mr Stephen Holding of Torbay Displays, Mrs Bridget Westcott, representing the School, 1 member of the public, the Clerk

**Apologies** Cllr Harrogate, Cllr Adair, Cllr Tancock, Dist Cllr Ward.

**Councillor Michael Lee, Chairman of Mid Devon District Council attended the meeting.**

**Mr Stephen Holdup of Torbay Displays attended the meeting to discuss Christmas Lights for the Village.**

The Willand Parish Council has agreed to mount Christmas displays on six columns: Single columns 25, 27 and 28 and the double column 26/26a. It has been agreed not to arrange a string of lights within the trees in Meadow Park, as concerns were raised by the Woodland Trust as to whether the extra light would cause a disturbance to the bats. 2 columns will be chosen from either end of the village. The Clerk to arrange.

An 8ft conventional coloured Christmas tree is to be mounted on the double column 26/26a and a modern tree at each end of the village. Displays with white lights, and shooting stars will be sited in the centre of the village mounted on columns 25, 27 and 28.

The decorations will be installed in November and the switch on will take place on Friday 2nd December to coincide with the School Christmas Fayre. The clerk has confirmed the date with the school. Lights will be on daily between the hours of 3pm to 11pm.

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

• **Cllr Michael Lee, Chairman of Mid Devon District Council**

Councillor Michael Lee, Chairman of Mid Devon District Council attended the meeting. Cllr Lee is pleased to be able to represent MDDC for a second year. Cllr Lee hopes to attend each Parish meeting at least once during his term in Office. Cllr Lee welcomes any nominations from people in the parish who make a significant contribution to the community.

• **DAPC May / June Newsletter**

An update was provided. Copy taken by Cllr Crawford and Cllr Davis.

• **Proposed Modifications to the Mid Devon Local Plan First Alteration.**

A copy of the proposed modifications to the Mid Devon Local Plan was made available. Documents available on Mid Devon's website [www.middevon.gov.uk](http://www.middevon.gov.uk) within the planning pages. The Clerk to resubmit the letter raising concerns of Junction 27.

• **The Playing Field Newsletter Spring 2005**

Copy was taken by Cllr Davis.

• **Mr H Radford – letter of thanks**

A letter of thanks was received from Mr Radford for the £20.00 gift voucher he received from the Parish Council for tending the planters.

• **Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – letter of thank**

Thanks were given for the £100.00 received towards the Culm Voluntary Car Scheme.

- **Youth Club – letter of thanks**

Thanks were given for the £500.00 received towards the Willand Youth Club

- **Invitation received from Willand Pre-School**

Willand Pre-School invite representatives from the Parish Council to their celebration of 40 years of Willand Pre-School, on Friday 8 July. 4 couples wish to attend. The Clerk to arrange. Cllr Maynard and Cllr Perrett to attend the Willand Pre-School AGM on the 24 June 2005.

- **Village News - June issue**

A copy was handed to every Councillor

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

Correspondence was received from the Allotment association requesting that the cost of water provision should be included in the annual rental of the allotment plot. The Parish Council could see no reason to change the current agreement, and water deposits would continue to be collected as new tenants joined the association.

- **The Countryside Agency – map of registered common land**

Correspondence received along with a map showing the boundary of Willand

## **2. Minutes of the Meetings held:**

- **Full Council meeting 12 May**

- **Planning Committee 12 May**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

Cllr Maynard to contact Lionel Persey to carry out the work to the hedge to prevent further damage to the Tennis Courts.

A meeting took place between Dist Cllr Dennis, Mr Justin Roxborough of Falcon Housing, the Planning officer and the developer. Due to the close proximity to the M5 Mr Roxborough was not interested in developing the site. One Stop Housing Association is now working with Mid Devon to take forward.

## **3. Accounts:**

### **Cheque signing**

Gross	Details	
634.97	Mole Valley Farmers	Village Planters
The above cheque was signed on the 8 June 2005		
390.81	MDDC	Siting of Dog Bin
73.13	British Telecom	The Clerks phone line
110.90	British Telecom	N.Ashley & Call Divert
107.12	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Addition premium

These cheques were signed during the meeting

## **Income this month**

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £462.00, Cemetery £60.00, Allotments £102.00

## **4. Matters Arising**

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

- **Dist Cllr Burgess** reported that details of the organic waste collection would be known shortly. A copy of the letter sent to Mr B Bradshaw was handed to each Councillor, concerning the removal of proposed fees for the community composting projects.

- **Dist Cllr Dennis**, on behalf of MDDC, gave his *sincere apologies* for the state of the grass around the village. The volume of grass is greater in Willand than in many other Parish. Not satisfied with the 1<sup>st</sup> cut arranged for today, 9 June, Cllr Dennis has arranged for a second cut Tuesday/ Wednesday of next week. A meeting has been arranged between Cllr Dennis and the contractor Chris Moore to review the grass cuttings in the village.

The Bus stop will appear next week at Willand Moor Road. The Planning application made by Mr Spearing has been deferred until the flooding problems in Somerlea have been sorted. As a result of the meeting between Cllr Dennis and a Highways Officer the speed of traffic is to be monitored along the B3191, with the intention to reduce speed from 50mph to 40 mph and then 30mph as you head towards Uffculme.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

County Cllr Radford introduced himself at the end of the full council meeting. Cllr Radford thanked everyone for his election, and promised to do his best for the community of Willand. It was his intention to attend every Parish meeting. The Council felt that boundary changes needed to be expanded due to the development of the village. Cllr Radford stated he would act in the best interests of Willand when it was time for review.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

The number of crimes reported since the last meeting is 51. There is a new licensee at the Verbeer Manor, which is re-opening on the 18 June. Observations are ongoing re the problems of the bridge at the Esso Garage. Dist Cllr Dennis will make DCC aware of the situation. Police are waiting for a response from the Traffic Safety Officer regarding the speed of cars travelling from Willand Old Village towards the cemetery.

- **Health and safety issues reported - Dog Fouling**

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village. An email was received by Cllr Adair requesting that notices should be put up asking dog owners to pick up their animals waste. No notices can be erected until the road is adopted.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

The clearing of the footpath leading to the Industrial site has in the past been maintained by MDDC. Responsibility has now passed DCC, and Willy Pike has been informed. The two dead Horse Chestnut trees will be removed. Although the hedge in Gables road has been cut the new road layout sign has not been removed. The Clerk to inform.

- **Parish Plan – update**

Most of the Data has now been sent to Donald Barr. The Parish Council will receive a copy of the results as soon as it is available. Sue Turner will write a report. A meeting is to be arranged by the Steering group for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November, at the Village Hall, when everyone from the village is welcome to attend. The Parish notice boards will be used to advertise the meeting. Once the Parish Council are made aware of the results, and see what the public see as a priority the Council are keen to invite Jan Shadbolt or Peter Hancock from MDDC to a full council meeting to help implement the plans finding, ready for precept. Next meeting dates are to be held on the 30 August and 27 September.

- **Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch meeting arranged for June 23 in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Everyone Welcome.

- **Affordable Housing in Willand - update**

Discussed by Dist Cllr Dennis earlier. A reply is awaited to the letter sent to Catherine Simmons. The Clerk to chase.

- **Youth Shelter / Goal Posts / Play area seat**

The Base is currently under construction. The Youth Shelter should be sited early next week. The Clerk has arranged the necessary insurance cover.

- **Village Enhancement Planters – meeting update**

Mr Holmes and the Clerk have collected the plants from the supplier. Lionel Persey is to make the planters early next week. Should be ready for planting next weekend.

- **Village Grass Cutting**

Discussed by District Cllr Dennis earlier. An e-mail received by Cllr Adair requested that nettles were cut down when the grass was cut on the parish field owned by MDDC, to prevent nettles growing through the fence to the warden controlled bungalows. It was agreed that it was up to the residents to cut down their own nettles.

- **Brian Bussell – Grass/Hedge cutting**

Due to failing health Mr Bussell is finding it harder to commit to the various jobs required around the village. It was agreed to ask Rex Saunders to take away the heap of soil in the corner of the churchyard and to tidy up the area in the churchyard near the kitchen. The Clerk to arrange.

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

Cllr Davis, Cllr Perrott and Cllr Crawford presented the proposal. It was agreed that although the plan was ambitious, it was achievable. The committee proposed the best location for the MUGA would be on Mid Devon land to the left of the Tennis Courts. This would prevent problems with access and car parking. Tony Churchill is happy to attend meetings on behalf of the School. Any major funding given to the School, from the Football Foundation, would be made available to the Muga. Dist Cllr Dennis took away the plans to run pass the ideas with Planning and Highways. The Council agreed that planning permission could be applied for before the next council meeting. The Committee were congratulated on their hard work.

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association – update**

A quote has been submitted by Barry Croucher who will carry out the work required to the allotment hedge at the cost of £240.00 plus materials. The Council agreed to accept. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Litter Bin Discussions – update**

Dist Cllr Dennis to chase. Item to be discussed at next months full council meeting.

- **Mobile Skate Ramp – update**

The skate ramp has been sited and is being used by the youth in Willand. The Clerk to contact MDDC to arrange for a changeover of equipment, in August, ready for the school holidays.

## **5. Public Questions**

The Council were asked if they were concerned over the possibility of 40 caravans regularly travelling through the Village. In response the Council stated they already had major concerns with the amount of traffic including HGV's that were already passing through the village. It was reported that plans were under way to change the road layout.

### **Items to be tabled**

- **Mid Devon Talk Summer 2005**
- **What's On In Devonshire's Heartland - June 2005**
- **Rural Transport Partnership – Spring Newsletter 2005**

The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm

