

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JULY 2005

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Adair, Cllr Crook, Cllr Davis, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Mander, Dist Cllr Dennis, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Tancock, Dist Cllr Burgess, PC M Davies, 4 representatives of Devonshire Homes, 12 members of the public, the Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Bush, Cllr Harrogate,

Guy Langworthy, Steve Russell of Devonshire Homes, Brian Moore of London Devonshire Trust and Katie Wood representing the Architects Penrose of Exeter, attended the meeting to make a short presentation on the proposed Industrial Site.

Plans showing the initial development of the proposed 11.7 hectare Industrial site for Willand were passed around the Parish Councillors and members of the public. The council expressed concerns that at this stage there was no provision to link the two industrial sites. The council explained that the planning application made by Lazonon was changed to allow access through to the proposed site. Devonshire Homes were not opposed to any link and would make adequate access to the site but pointed out they were there to develop the site and it was not their responsibility to provide a link. Guy Langworthy said that he personally felt that the widening of South View Road would benefit Willand as a whole a great deal more than providing a link between the two Industrial sites but it was up to the Parish and District Councillors to per quire the footbridge and the widening of the road to alleviate the problems of 38 ton HGV's using South View Road.

One member of the public said that no consideration was given to the residents of Muxbear Lane. In response it was stated that as far as possible quieter units would be allocated to land adjacent to Muxbear Lane.

The timescale for developing the site could mean that construction would start within the next 6 months. At present there were approximately 20 enquiries one being from DCC to provide an amenity site in the area.

The Parish Council felt that Willand required one industrial site with two entrances.

Guy Langworthy left the meeting saying that he had listened to the comments made and intended to arrange a further meeting where members of the public would be invited to an exhibition.

Willand Parish Council concluded that the planned development was good for Willand.

1. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

• **The Provision or improvement to playing fields and play areas**

Correspondence was received from MDCC requesting the Parish Council sent digital photos showing the improvements carried out to the Parish field. This was to enable them to give a presentation to the Devon Playing Fields Association. Dist Cllr Dennis to assist.

• **Mid Devon Local Plan First Alteration - Proposed Modifications**

Correspondence acknowledged

• **Cottage Garden Nursery – Spring Bulbs**

The clerk is to contact Mr John Holmes as to the quantity of spring bulbs he believes are required around the Village. The clerk to obtain quotes from The Cottage Garden Nursery and Mole Valley Farmers. Budget £150.00.

• **DPFA Annual General Meeting – Thursday 28th July 11am**

No interest was shown.

- **CCD 2005 Annual Conference – Wednesday 19 October**

Cllr Hancock to attend. The Clerk to arrange

- **Notice of intention to apply for the transfer of a Justices' Licence -
Jaqueline Mary Wheadon and Christopher Richard Erith**

No objections were raised by the council to the proposed transfer of licence in respect of the Verbeer Manor

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

Correspondence received by the Allotment Holders Association and Cllr Bush. It was agreed the Parish Council were to maintain the Jaycroft boundary hedge. The Allotment association wished the height of the hedge is reduced but Cllr Bush and other residents requested the height remain the same. The clerk to arrange a site meeting when the proposal will be made.

- **Culm Valley Community Plan – Document received**

Copy taken by Cllr Davis

- **DAPC Newsletter July /August**

Update was provided. Copy taken by Cllr Crook and Cllr Mander.

- **Local Council Update – July 2005**

Update was provided. No interest was shown.

- **Chairman's Receptions 2005**

The Chairman of the District Council, Cllr Michael Lee, is hosting three civic receptions. Cllr Maynard and Elaine Lane are to attend the reception at Magelake Hall, Uffculme on the 20 September and Cllr Crawford is to attend Bickleigh Village Hall on the 13 October. Mr Brian Holmes, Pauline Balaam, Mr John Holmes and Mrs Sally Holmes have been nominated by the council to attend the reception at Uffculme due to the significant contribution they have made to the community of Willand. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Mid Devon Supplementary Planning Guidance Meeting House Needs- Draft
for Consultation.**

Dist Cllr Dennis reported that Affordable Housing is important to everyone. 300 affordable homes are to be provided before March 2010, but at the same time it is important not to build on every piece of land available. Document available on www.middevon.gov.uk under planning. Deadline for comments is 16 August 2005.

- **Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06 (including Corporate Plan)**

Document available on www.middevon.gov.uk providing information about how the council performed last year and its targets for the future. MDDC welcomes Councillors views.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council meeting 9 June**
- **Planning Committee 9 June**
- **Planning Committee 22 June**

Cllr Crook was present at the Full Council meeting held on the 9 June.

3. Accounts:

- **Cheque Signing**

77.43 J Oliver
42.45 Symantec Ltd

Extra Plants from MVF
Antivirus Subscription

The above cheques were signed at the Planning meeting held on the 22 June

£8225.00	Stoneman Engineering	Youth Shelter, Goal Posts
£47.00	L Persey	Village Planters
£61.02	Viking Direct	Stationery
£143.95	Mr B Croucher	Repairs Allotment Hedge
£120.00	Mr J Lucas	Repairs Allotment Hedge
£8.84	South West Water	Cemetery and Allotment
£817.00	B Bussell	Grass Cutting Contract

The above cheques were signed at the end of the meeting.

- **Income this month**

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £378, Cemetery £430, Allotments £30. Thanks were given for the kind donation of £50.00 received from Wendy Kenyon towards the Willand Christmas Lights. This was a proportion of the amount raised from a stall held at the Schools Penalty Shoot Out. The Clerk requested that £3,000 to be transferred from the deposit account.

- ***Audit Commission Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2005***
Approval of Accounts

Accounts for the year ended 31 March were prepared by Nina Ashley. A copy of the Income and Expenditure Account was handed to each councillor. Cllr Maynard read the Statement of Assurance, which was approved by the Parish Council.

4. Matters Arising:

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

Dist Cllr Dennis along with Cllr Maynard were asking for ideas for the renaming of Subway Approach. Funds are available and provision has been made. Dist Cllr Dennis has been assured that the grass in the village is scheduled to be cut every four weeks. When the Northern Distribution road, Cullompton is linked the road will be revised with new weight restrictions. The Debate over the Cullompton Swimming Pool continues. It is now to be pursued as a training pool. The council tenants housing debate continues. The government has stated that it will not change its policy.

Dist Cllr Burgess informed the council that the official opening at Heathfield took place 2 weeks ago. The new wheelie bins will come into operation over the next bank holiday. Biodegradable bags will be available to households who for whatever reason cannot accommodate a wheelie bin, however the cost to households not wishing to have a 240ltr wheelie bin will be between £10-£15 annually.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

No apologies were received.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

A report was read by PC M Davies. A total of 7 crimes have been reported since 9 June to date with a total of 56 reported incidents. The new owners of Verbeer Manor have no plans at present to apply for a Public Entertainment Licence. There have recently been a number of burglaries in the Burlescombe, Holcombe Rogus areas during daylight hours. Vehicles were still parking along Willand Moor Road over the weight restrictions.

- **Health and safety issues reported - overgrown hedges in Parish Field**

Cllr Adair expressed concern at the overgrown nettles in the hedges near the warden-controlled bungalows of Somerville Park. The Clerk to contact the lengthsman. Cllr Crawford has asked for the tree in the school drive to be trimmed. The clerk to inform the school.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

The lengthsman is to be asked to remove weeds from Silver Street. The footpath from the Esso garage to the village is overhanging. The lengthsman is to be asked to cut the brambles not the hedge. The Clerk to arrange. Dist Cllr Dennis is to arrange for the trees to be trimmed between Webbers Walk and Jaycroft.

- **Village Enhancement Planters – update**

It was agreed by all the councillors that John and Sally Holmes are to be congratulated on all their hard work designing, planting and maintaining the Village Planters. The delightful floral displays have received many positive comments. It was suggested that Mr Holmes is asked to become the Village Planter Manager and should be allowed to decide on the future of the planters. Residents have asked if certain planters could be adopted. The decision will be left to Mr Holmes. The clerk to arrange.

- **Affordable Homes in Willand – update**

Correspondence has been received from Cathrine Simmons, MDDC Rural Housing Development Officer. A meeting was held with Justin Roxborough of Falcon Housing where it was agreed to support Falcon's bid to the Housing Corporation. Due to data protection details of residents interested in Affordable homes cannot be passed to the Parish Council. Cathrine hopes to present her Housing needs survey report to the Willand Parish Council in the near future. The Parish Council were originally informed that 6 homes would be provided at the Old Depot site but Catherine has stated MDDC are hoping to provide 4. Dist Cllr Dennis informed the council plans are on hold at the present time.

- **Multi Use Games Area – update**

Cllr Perrett, was advised to apply for a full planning application. Jonathan Guscott, Head of planning could see no problem with the application due to the area already having recreational use. Outline planning was required before funding can be obtained. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the cost of the Planning Application.

- **Common Players**

The contact has been signed and publicity received. Cllr Harrogate requested that the Councillors could perhaps hold a stall at the fair so that Parish members could meet the councillors and inform them of their views for the village. The Parish Council felt that everyone had a chance to air his or her views in the recent village plan. The Clerk to put a note in the next Parish Magazine giving dates and inviting members of the public to attend the Full Council meetings.

- **Vandalism in Cemetery**

Once again the Ball Cock has been removed from the cemetery. Cllr Maynard has suggested a grid is put in place to prevent further problems. The clerk to obtain a quote.

- **Neighbourhood Watch – update of meeting held 23 June 2005**

The Clerk has not received an update from Allison Evans, the local Neighbourhood coordinator, but believes 4 more co-ordinators have been found as a result of the NHW meeting. Cllr Maynard wants the council to be seen as pro-active and support NHW so has proposed that the council cover the cost of the signs. This was agreed by the Council.

- **Willand Village Hall – update of meeting attended by Cllr Crawford**

Cllr Crawford has attended 2 meetings since his election in April. At the next meeting Cllr Crawford is to inform the Village Hall committee that the Parish Council are still experiencing problems with the room being locked when they arrive for their meetings.

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association – Water Deposits**

Correspondence received from the Willand Allotment Holders Association requested that the annual rental should include the cost of water provision to the site. After listening to the views of Mr Bill Haldane, Secretary of the Willand Allotment Holders Association, it was agreed by the Parish Council to include the cost of water provision in the annual rental, but as the increase for 2006 has already been agreed, the cost of the water rates would be equally divided between the allotment holders in the coming year. It was agreed no refunds would be given. The Tenancy agreement is to be amended. South West Water allows one leak but the agreement will have to be reviewed should a second leak occur. Mr Haldane assured the council that the Association had no intention of changing their procedures and would still maintain regular checks and take every precaution to prevent problems arising. The clerk to arrange.

- **Youth Shelter / Goal Post / Seat - update**

The Shelter, Goal Posts and Seat were now installed. Dist Cllr Burgess informed the meeting that the Youth Workers had visited the site.

- **Litter Bin Discussions**

No plan has been sourced showing the siting of litterbins in the village. Mr Snell reported that the Litter Bins and Dogs bins had not been emptied week commencing 10 July. The Clerk had reported the matter to MDDC. Dist Cllr Dennis informed the meeting that should it happen again he was to be informed.

- **Parish Plan – update**

All data had been entered. No further update.

6. Public Questions:

A letter was read out from Rita Parish. Willand Tennis Club asked permission to hold a sponsored 24hour Tennisthane from 6pm Friday 23 September to 6pm Saturday 24th September, to raise funds for the club. The council could see no reasons why this event could not go ahead providing there were no real objections from the neighbouring houses. The Clerk to inform

Items to be tabled:

What's On In Devonshire's Heartland – July 2005
Devon Local Access Forum – Annual Report 2004/5

The meeting closed at 10pm