

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Adair, Cllr Davis, Cllr Crook, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Bush, PC M Davies, Cllr Tancock, Cllr Mander, Dist Cllr Burgess, County Cllr Radford, 5 members of the public and the Clerk.

1.Apologies: Cllr Hancock Cllr Crawford, Dist Cllr Dennis,

2.Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

- **In Remembrance of Gladys May Godfrey 1916 – 2005**

Councillor's remembered the late Gladys Godfrey, a Parish Councillor for 20 years, and Chairman for 12 years. As a mark of respect a minute's silence was observed.

- **The Playing Field Newsletter - Summer 2005**

Copy taken by Cllr Davis.

- **Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill**

Correspondence received asking all Parish Council's to support this campaign to put a stop to the closure of local amenities. It wants to see more power given to local communities. The Council resolved to support the Sustainable Communities Bill. The clerk to send a letter of support.

- **DAPC Annual General Meeting – Saturday 1st October 10.30 – 4pm Exeter**

No Councillors expressed an interest to attend. It was felt all Councillor's were up to date with information due to be discussed at the seminar.

- **Society of Local Council Clerks – Sunday 9th October, Stratford upon Avon**

The Clerk was unable to attend.

- **Vitalise – Essential breaks for disabled and carers**

Winged Fellowship Trust has been re-launched as Vitalise. All Parish Council's were mailed to ask for donations to provide breaks for disabled people and their carers. The Willand Parish Council have previously given support and agreed to donate £100.00. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Devon County Waste Local Plan: Objections to the First Deposit version**

Copies were previously handed to every Councillor who attended the Planning meeting of 8th August. Representations were previously made regarding the First deposit Version of the Waste Local Plan. The clerk to inform DCC that the Council wish to sustain their first recommendations, but wish to withdraw their second.

- **Mid Devon Local Plan – Junction 27**

A reply received by RBS, the developer, in response to the Parish Council's letter to MDDC regarding Junction 27. Willand Parish Council opposed the proposed development, as it would compromise a prime Greenfield site without any firm commitment of providing significant employment. It was felt the location of the proposed site would be detrimental to the countryside. The Parish Council felt the 11.7 hectares, brown field site, available in Willand, would be an ideal alternative. RBS assured the Council the area would be well landscaped and the area was well suited to attract businesses to locate in the area and suit the local employment needs.

Members of the Public present at the meeting were strongly against the change of land usage and felt a development of this nature should go public. They were residents of Burlescombe and felt that their Parish did not represent them. Willand Parish Council continued to object to the development.

- **Willand Moor Road**

Concerns of Willand Moor Road residents continue over the safety of children playing on the traffic calming islands, adjacent to the playing area. A request was made for a possible planting scheme to resolve the problem. Dist Cllr Dennis sent correspondence to the meeting explaining planting was previously in place but had been damaged to such an extent that it is now almost extinct. Cllr Adair informed the meeting that children were attracted to an overhanging tree, but removing the damaged tree was not going to resolve the problem. It was felt parents have the first line of responsibility Children as young as 3 played in the road. There was nowhere on the estate for older children to play. Cllr Maynard reminded the council that although the adoption of the road was imminent it was still not a Willand Parish Council matter. However if it were a safety issue the council would be prepared to spend money in the area. It was agreed the clerk would bring the matter to the attention of the developers, who could offer a resolution to the removal of the tree. The clerk to contact Adrian Cook, at MDDC, as to the timescale of adoption and to bring to his attention the concerns with safety issues. In response, two members of the public present at the meeting suggested that there was a fatality waiting to happen.

- **Willand Youth Club – Funding to assist a new extension**

Correspondence received by Willand Youth Club asking the Parish Council to assist with the funding of modernisation to the existing building. Funds from the Westbury development were for the Youth of the Village and while it was suggested that it was used to fund an extension to the Youth Club it was felt improving the current facilities would be far more beneficial. The Council hoped some of this money could be used towards improvements. The Clerk to inform.

- **Willand Community Composting Committee – Donation received**

The Willand Community Composting Committee enthusiastically support the Parish Council's plans for Christmas Lights and kindly donated £250 towards their costs. A letter of thanks has been sent by the Clerk.

- ***Correspondence received by Cllr Harrogate***

Cllr Harrogate has decided to resign from the Parish Council. She expressed the good leadership and commitment from the Chairman and acknowledged the great work carried out by other Councillors. The Parish Council wish to thank Cllr Harrogate for her contribution made during her time spent on the Council and wished her all the best. The vacancy will be advertised. The Clerk to arrange.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council meeting 14 July**
- **Planning Committee 14 July**
- **Planning Committee 22 July**
- **Planning Committee 8 August**
- ***Planning Committee 1 September***

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Accounts:

- **Cheque Signing**

30.00	MJ Phillips	Audit of Parish Accounts
75.00	RT Usher	Children's Entertainer Fair

The above cheques were signed at the Planning meeting on the 8 August

87.68	British Telecom	Clerks Phone
50.25	British Telecom	Mrs Ashley Call Divert
97.00	PA Sound Hire	PA System Summer Fayre
19.56	J Oliver	Clerks Stamps
36.00	J Oliver	Home Allowance
885.00	Astra Printing Group	Parish Magazine

The above cheques were signed on the 23 August

34.90	T Harrogate	Willand Fair Advertising
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The above cheque was signed at the Planning meeting on the 1 September

831.00	Astra Print Group	Parish Magazine
817.00	Brian Bussell	Grass Cutting
2.59	R Perrett	Rule
3.07	J Oliver	Drain cover for Parish Field.
20.00	Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Assoc.	Neighbourhood Watch Signs

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

- **Income this month**

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £462.00 Cemetery £315.00. Willand Community Composting Committee £250.00, Car Boot and Summer Fair £501.96. This figure included the kind donation of £230.48 received from Margaret Dennis towards the Willand Christmas Lights. This was the amount collected from the Car Boot Sales held at the Cottage Garden Nurseries.

5. Matters Arising:

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

Dist Cllr Dennis – Apologies were received.

Dist Cllr Burgess reported that the area's organic waste collection would begin on 19th/21st September. The whole of Willand and Uffculme Road is considered suitable for this collection. It is considered a good scheme in principle however the frequency of collections should be increased. It was suggested that more detailed information should be addressed. Over 1,000 calls were received daily. Cllr Crook reported that normal household waste was not always collected along Uffculme Road. Cllr Burgess to investigate. Black bins are available at the cost of around £30.00. The Recycling contract is coming up for renewal.

Dist Cllr Ward – No apologies received.

Devon County Councillor Radford wanted to congratulate the Lengthsman for carrying out a good job. The Willand Parish Council agreed the area was well served. The clerk was informed of County Cllr Radford's new e-mail. The Parish Council would still like to see an amenity skip and asked Cllr Radford to be their representative at any meeting he attended when the proposed industrial site was discussed. It was felt the area was an ideal spot to serve the Culm Valley, Kentisbeare and Cullompton districts. Cllr Radford was also asked to back up the Parish views in requesting that Willand should have one industrial site and not two. Cllr Maynard explained that Devonshire Homes had plans drawn up with no road linking the proposed site to the existing industrial site.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

A total of 25 crimes reported. PC Davies reminded the meeting that the figures were for 2 months. Beware of distraction burglaries, mainly targeted at the elderly. Mini Motor Bikes continue to cause a disturbance. PC Davies warning all owners to use on private ground. Allison Evans is no longer the Neighbourhood watch coordinator for Willand. A coordinator is required for the Chestnut Drive area. Please contact Julia Ryder her replacement. Children of Willand Moor Road continue to cause an obstruction with bikes blocking the road forcing motorists to drive on the wrong side of the road. Discussions concerning Willand Moor Road were made at this point.

- **Health and Safety issues reported**

Cllr Perrett expressed concerns of local residents as to the speed of vehicles travelling along Gables Road. Various calming measures were discussed. It was decided against speed humps in the roads because although it was not a route used by emergency vehicles they were generally considered unsuitable. Speed along Silver Street was also considered a problem The Clerk to contact Alan Mitchard, DCC, regarding the Safety Camera Partnership scheme.

The problems regarding the manhole cover outside the One Stop Shop still remain unresolved. The Clerk to ask MDDC to carry out a Health and Safety Inspection.

The Clerk has asked Brian Bussell to repair the area of land that has been disturbed in the Parish field. A cover has been fitted to the drain hole in the basketball area of the Parish Field.

- **Areas of land suitable for Affordable Homes in Willand**

Areas in Willand, considered suitable for affordable housing, were agreed to be the under used car park area in South View road and the area of land adjacent to a bungalow in Fir Close. The land owned by a local resident was also discussed. It was agreed to use wasteland and not a green belt area and that open space in Willand was at a premium.

Cathrine Simmons, MDDC, wished to attend the next Full Council meeting. The Clerk to contact Cllr Hancock to confirm that the results of the Parish Plan has been finalised. Justin Roxborough had also been in contact with the Clerk. Falcon Rural Housing has sent out their own surveys and Justin expressed an interest to attend a Full Council meeting to discuss the results. Once more he confirmed Falcon Rural Housing wanted quality Affordable homes in Willand. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

The area of land between the Culm Valley Filling Station and the roundabout is overgrown and needs trimming. The Bus stop at Uffculme Road is overgrown. The new road lay out sign still remains in Gables Road. The Clerk to inform.

- **Multi Use Games Area – update**

Cllr Perrett reported a lively planning meeting on the 1 September, and was disappointed more councillors were unable to attend. It was a productive meeting, many concerns were raised and Cllr Perrett promised the residents of Gables Lea that the Council would examine other options. At this stage outline planning has been withdrawn, but can be resubmitted any time prior to 17 August 2006. Cllr Crawford was following up finances, but the location had to be found before agencies could be approached. A very favourable response was received by Tony Churchill, representing Willand School. Cllr Dennis had addressed all errors by MDDC and had letters hand delivered to all residents of Gables Lea. Copies of letters sent to MDDC would be made available to the Parish Council. Cllr Perrett was to be congratulated on the way the meeting was handled.

- **Common Players – Summer Fair - Car Boot – event update**

It was agreed the Car Boot sale and Summer Fair was a success. The amount raised towards Christmas Lights to date, totalled £65.08, with a further £60.00 promised. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Harrogate and Mrs Dennis.

- **Parish Field – Park Bench /Youth Shelter**

Brian Bussell has removed the Park Bench in the Parish Field, which after many years service had seen better days! Dist Cllr Burgess is to obtain contact details regarding the removal of graffiti from the Youth Shelter. The Clerk to contact the Village Hall regarding the hole in the village hall fencing.

- **Village Enhancement – Planting of Spring Bulbs**

Mr J Holmes has agreed to become Planter Manager. John and Sally Holmes declined the Willand Parish Council's invitation to attend the Chairman's Receptions. They did not undertake to take care of the planters for any recognition, they were just thankful to live in such a lovely area. Quotes had been received from both The Cottage Garden Nurseries and Mole Valley Farmers for Spring Bulbs. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Christmas Lights – contract received**

The Clerk has received a contract for their supply. The costs of displays were covered in the Council's precept. The contract was duly signed by Cllr Maynard. The Clerk to arrange.

6. Maternity Leave Timescale and Cover

Correspondence has been received by Mrs Ashley who intends to extend her maternity leave until 17 April 2006. The Parish Council has agreed to this and Mrs Oliver has agreed to continue giving temporary cover. Employment contract amended and duly signed by Cllr Maynard and the Clerk. It was agreed to continue with the telephone line, on call divert, at the home of Mrs Ashley. The Clerk to inform.

7. Public Questions:

Members of the Public were encouraged to participate in any concerns throughout the meeting.

Items to be tabled:

- **What's On In Devonshire's Heartland**
- **Devontalk**
- **Working for Devon**

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm