

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2005

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Crook, Cllr Davis, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Mander County Cllr Radford, Dist Cllr Burgess, Sue Turner and 2 members of the Willand Parish Plan Steering Group, the Clerk.

1.Apologies: Cllr Adair, Cllr Hancock, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Ward, PC M Davies.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Cathrine Simmons, Rural Housing Development Officer, of the Mid Devon District Council and Justin Roxborough of Falcon Rural Housing were unable to attend tonight's meeting to discuss affordable housing in Willand. However both hope to attend the next Full Council meeting on the 10 November 2005.

2.Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

- **DAPC – Newsletter September/October 2005**

Update was provided. Copy taken by Cllr Crawford and Cllr Davis

- **MDDC: Local Forum Tuesday 11 October 6.30pm, Magelake Hall, Uffculme**

Cllr Perrett attended the MDDC Local Forum and raised the Parish Councils concerns over vehicles travelling at speed through the village.

- **40th Anniversary of the Rev. Keith Horsfall.**

On Sunday 25th September Rev. Keith Horsfall celebrated the 40 years of his ordination. Many village members attended the occasion. Cllr Tancock represented the Parish Council. Rev Horsfall is due to retire shortly and the Council feel that because the village has grown by over a third in recent years it should have a designated Vicar to represent the Parish and should not have to accept a vicar as part of a circuit. The Clerk to write to the Diocese of Exeter and the PCC.

- **Improving Devon's Environment: Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2005.**

Copy taken by Dist Cllr Burgess

- **Local Council Update – September 2005.**

Councillors reminded that Internet access is available.

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

Information available on the Council's website, www.middevon.gov.uk

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

Correspondence received. The original water prepayments made by plot holders will include water provision until April 2007 when the annual rent will be inclusive of water. The Clerk to inform.

- **Gables Road Pharmacy –Haven Healthcare's application for a Pharmacy.**

Correspondence received asking the Planning Authority to reject the Haven Healthcare's application for a Pharmacy to protect the patient care in Willand. The clerk to write to the College Surgery stating that the Willand Parish Council is opposed to Haven Health Care. Willand Parish Council feel it is vital to keep services local and Willand are looking to expand their Health care facilities not loose amenities available to them. It was suggested that

if Cullompton didn't want the Haven Health Care Willand would be pleased to extend an invitation. Copy of correspondence to be sent to MDDC.

- **Willand Youth Club – Trimming of Tree**

The ownership of the tree is to be established. The Clerk to write to the Village Hall committee. If the Village Hall is in agreement and conformation is agreed in writing the trimming of the tree can be arranged.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

Full Council Meeting 8 September

Planning Meeting 8 September

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Accounts:

Cheque Signing

£300.00	The Common Players Ltd	Stormy Weather
£100.00	Vitalise	Donation
£103.18	Mrs P Balaam	Magazine Expenses
£8.02	South West Water	Allotments
£709.42	Mrs N Ashley	Maternity Entitlements
£62.75	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Grant of Exclusive Right
£6.52	South West Water	Cemetery
£128.08	Gillett & Johnston	Servicing of Clock

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

- **Income this month**

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £609.00, additional Car Boot money received from Margaret Dennis £7.16, Parish Plan Grant £1,000.00. On the 5th October the Clerk requested, and Cllr Maynard agreed, that £5.0000 be transferred to the deposit account.

5. Matters Arising

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

Dist Cllr Dennis, and Dist Cllr Ward, Apologies received.

Dist Cllr Burgess reported that many of the initial problems experienced with the recycling system have now been identified. A meeting held today with a Recycling Officer confirmed there has been a greater response than expected in the amount of waste collected. There are delays with the Composter until February. All organic waste is currently being transported to Heathfield. Costs are being covered by DCC. Housing Transfer issues are still ongoing.

Devon County Councillor Radford

Dr Philip Norrey has today been appointed as the new DCC Chief Executive. A grant has been given to the Northcott Theatre to improve access. Dist Cllr Radford is perusing Highways to link the proposed industrial site to the existing. The preferred site for the Recycling Centre is in Cullompton. Cllr Maynard has asked County Cllr Radford to chase the additional signage agreed by DCC between Willand Old Village to Stag Corner and for the Chevrons, promised by Alan Mitchard some 18 months, ago at Staunch Hill.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

The Clerk read a report. Total reported crimes 12 since last FC meeting. Total reported incidents 68. Speed was monitored along Silver Street and Gables Road on Friday 23 September between 10am and 11am. This was an information gathering exercise and no penalties were issued. No speeding vehicles in Gables Road but along Silver Street of the 75 vehicles checked 10 were found to be travelling at speeds between 30mph and 48mph. The Parish Council felt this was quite unacceptable and although they understood that the large signs had to be displayed they had obviously not acted as a deterrent. Councillors agreed the figures would be a great deal higher if they had not been displayed. The Clerk to write to the Chief Inspector and PC Davies, asking for a Data Box to be installed recording the speed and weight of vehicles travelling through the village.

- **Health and Safety issues reported.**

Willand School has agreed to remove the lower branches from a tree within the school grounds and to remove any brambles that overhang the path in Silver Street. Any concerns from Parents relating to the school should, in the future, be made direct to the school.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

The lengthsman will be working in the Parish between 24th – 28th October. The Clerk to report work to be carried out in the area between CVFS and the roundabout, the overhanging trees and moss on the pavement along Meadow Park. The sign showing the new road lay out can be removed in Gables Road. The Bus Stop in Uffculme Road is overgrown, as is the footpath between Fir Close and Somerlea. The area between Bramber Trailers and South View Road requires a general tidy.

- **One Stop Shop – Health and Safety Inspection update**

The manhole cover has been replaced, only to be damaged once again. A Health and Safety Inspection was carried out in May with a follow up visit carried out in September. A joint visit by a Health and Safety representative and a colleague from Housing was made again today. All underlying issues now seem to be resolved.

- **Litter Bin – Meadow Park**

Mr M Snell has requested for a larger litterbin at the Bus Stop in Meadow Park. The Council identified the problem. The Clerk to investigate as to whether a larger bin can be mounted on the pavement, or on the post, both in Meadow Park and opposite the Post Office.

- **Willand Parish Plan 2005**

Sue Turner of the Parish Plan Steering Group addressed the Parish Council with the key findings of the Parish Plan. The questionnaire was delivered to every household in the Parish at the end of February and collected early March. 653 forms were returned, representing the views of 1234 adults and 352 children. This response represents over half of the population of Willand. The results of the plan will be made available to the community on the 4 November at the Village Hall at 8pm. John Bodley Scott, the Community Development Officer for MDDC will be attending. The Clerk to ask Cathrine Simmons, Rural Housing Development Officer, of the Mid Devon District Council and Justin Roxborough of Falcon Rural Housing to attend the meeting so that any questions regarding affordable homes could be addressed. Cllr Maynard informed the meeting that the Parish Council were already addressing many of the findings and the issues concerning the Willand Moor Road could not be addressed until the road was adopted. The Willand Parish Council would prioritise the findings of the Parish Plan.

- **Willand Moor Road - update**

The adoption of the road has still to be completed. MDDC has promised to chase. A representative of Westbury Homes has spoken to a DCC Highways Inspector who is looking into the issue of the bank. For some time now they have been considering removing

the bank because they feel it should be a grass verge next to the Highway. Westbury have asked the Parish Council to be patient. A member of the public suggested the problem would get worse with the darker evenings. Cllr Maynard agreed but explained the Parish Council have no statutory powers until the road has been adopted. It was a problem between Highways and Westbury. An email received from concerned residents regarding the speed of HGV's using Willand Moor Road would be brought to the attention of PC Davies and Dist Cllr Dennis. No signs showing weight limits could be introduced until the road has been adopted. Part of the funds due from Westbury is for the siting of a Youth Shelter. This is hoped to encourage children from playing around the traffic islands.

- **Multi Use Games area - update**

Cllr Perrett informed the meeting that they were looking at the best ways to proceed forward. The committee were looking into holding an open meeting inviting all interested parties to attend.

- **Village Enhancements – Expenses**

Mr John Holmes was to be congratulated on all his hard work maintaining the Village Planters. It was agreed to cover his fuel expenses incurred over the recent weeks. In line with Local government guidelines £22.00 was agreed. The Clerk to obtain receipts for all other expenses, a cheque to be raised.

1. Parish Field – In Line Skate Ramp – Replacement Park Bench

MDDC has offered the Parish Council additional skateboard equipment for use in the Parish Field. The Clerk has informed MDDC of the area available. A visit from a MDDC safety Officer will take place shortly. We will see new equipment in the Parish Field within the next two weeks. It was agreed to purchase a Park Bench to replace the bench removed in September. A further Seat is to be purchased and sited in the Toddlers Park. Both will be made from recycled material and will match the current seat purchased in May. Budget £1000.00. The Clerk to arrange.

6. Public Questions:

The pedestrian barrier at the Bus Stop in Meadow Park has been damaged for many months. The Clerk to contact Willy Pike.

Items to be tabled:

What's On In Devonshire's Heartland