

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2005

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Adair, Cllr Davis, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Bush, Cllr Crook, Cllr Tancock, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess, County Cllr Radford, Sue Turner 5 x 30 Project Culompton Community Activator, three members of the public, the Clerk.

1. Apologies: Cllr Mander, Cllr Crawford, Dist Cllr Ward, PC M Davies, Justin Roxborough, Falcon Rural Housing.

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

- **Housing Needs in the Willand Community – report by Falcon Rural Housing.**
Apologies were received by Justin Roxborough. The results of a comprehensive assessment of affordable housing needed in Willand has shown that Willand is in need of 9 affordable homes. Falcon Rural Housing carried out an analysis of the 7 sites identified in Willand. The Council discussed each site, but it was agreed the matter should be added to the next planning agenda so that all Councillors were given time to visit each site to discuss their suitability. The Clerk to inform.
- **Willand Housing Needs Survey Report – Cathrine Simmons MDDC**
A copy of the report was handed to each Councillor prior to the launch of the Parish Plan, when Cathrine Simmons attended and gave a presentation of her results.
- **5 x 30 Physical Activity for Health - promotion project**
Ruth Tucker, Cullompton Community Activator, attended the meeting to present the 5x30 Project. It is a new project aimed at promoting physical activity in the area. Joint funded by MDDC, Mid Devon Primary Care Trust and West Devon Borough Council it aims to encourage physical activity within the community from walking groups to aerobics classes. Information was handed to each Councillor.
- **Viitalise – letter of thanks**
A letter of thanks was received for the donation of £100.00. Newsletter taken by Cllr Hancock.
- **Devon Playing Fields Association Newsletter – Autumn 2005**
Copy taken by Cllr Davis
- **Local Council Update – October 2005**
Internet access available to all Councillors.
- **Guidance on Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act**
Defra has issued a consultation paper on the proposed guidance related to the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The consultation document can be viewed on Defra website nectar www.defra.gov.uk. The Act gives Parish Councils new and extended powers to tackle local environmental quality. From April 2006 Parish Councils are able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for litter, graffiti, fly posting and dog offences. Before anyone can issue a FPN on behalf of the Parish they must have successfully completed an approved training course.

Jaycroft fitness trail – copy of letter

Correspondence received suggesting that keep fit equipment is installed along Jaycroft. It is hoped to promote fitness in all age groups but particularly adults who regularly exercise in the area. The Council agreed that the idea should not be dismissed but considered Jaycroft was not a suitable location. Councillors supported the idea in principle. The Clerk to obtain details of more natural products.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

Full Council Meeting 13 October

Planning Meeting 13 October

Planning Meeting 27 October

Rev Keith Horsfall retired on the 6th November. Mr Tom Penny would be taking the Remembrance Service on Sunday. Cllr Maynard reminded the meeting that Councillors were invited to attend. Start of Service 10.45am.

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Accounts:

£500.00	Donald Barr	Work on Parish Plan
£69.35	Mid Devon District Council	Cemetery Wheeled Bin
£12.01	J. Oliver	MVF Bulbs for Planters
£30.48	J. Holmes	Village Planter Expenses
£10.80	J. Oliver	Stamps
£78.69	B. Westcott	Parish Plan Cheese Wine
£325.00	Antony Pipe	Birdscape
£831.02	Astra Printing Group	Parish Magazine

The cheques were signed at the start of the meeting.

• Income this month

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £782.00, Cemetery £670.00, Allotments £12.00. The Clerk requested that £5,000 be transferred from the Business 30 Day Notice Account.

5. Matters Arising

• Mid Devon District Councillors Burgess, Dennis and Ward

Dist Cllr Dennis has received reports that youths are hanging about in the Churchyard. Damage has been caused. The Clerk to inform PC Davies. Tesco's application for a store in Cullompton has been approved. The old Tesco store in Tiverton will become an Argos store. A new surgery has been granted for Cullompton. This does mean Willand will lose its surgery. The new site in Cullompton will open longer and over the weekends. There is no intention to lose the Willand Pharmacy. Its licence will remain. The vote to transfer Mid Devon's Housing Stock will now be in January 2006. MDCC admit mistakes to its changes in the refuse collection. You cannot collect from 25,000 homes without problems. MDCC are successful in the amount collected.

Dist Cllr Burgess reported that due to the success of the Organic Waste collection more households are now using their black box's causing problems for Mid Devon Community Recycling. This could mean a change of collection days for householders. Willand will remain unchanged. Cllr Adair asked if the new collection dates would be introduced before the 2006 calendar was received. Culm Valley Adult Learning Centre is undergoing restructuring. There is a drop in learners and tutors. The centre could possibly fold. There is a search for sponsors and funding. Composter now planned for May/June.

Dist Cllr Ward Apologies received

- **Devon County Councillor Radford** reported that not much interest was shown in Devon–In-Touch. Halberton Parish Council recommended a link joining the two Industrial sites in Willand. The signs for Staunch Hill are under design and should be completed by March. Cllr Maynard reminded Cllr Radford that plans were agreed to extend the double white lines in the centre of the road. There was no easy answer to the traffic flow experienced from Stag Corner to Cullompton. When the Northern Distribution Road was completed it was expected to make things easier.
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**
The Clerk read the report from PC Davies. A total of 10 crimes were reported between 12th October to 10th November with a total of 51 reported incidents. On Saturday 29th October waste paper was moved from the Village Hall area and set alight within the Youth Shelter. There was no damage to the Youth Shelter and the fire was extinguished by the Devon Fire and Rescue Service. Correspondence sent by the Council to Chief Inspector Terry, PC Symons and PC Davies was acknowledged regarding the Speed of Vehicles travelling through Willand. A request was made for meeting dates in 2006.
- **Health and Safety issues reported**
Cllr Maynard has discussed the problems of speeding vehicles in Willand with a DCC Officer. The problem has been identified. Three speed checks have recently taken place in the village with 51mph being the top speed recorded. A covert box has been requested. With this evidence the Willand Parish Council can then take action. HGV's are still travelling through the Village. Dist Cllr Dennis has asked to be kept informed.
- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**
There is an overgrown hedge up from the Post Office. The bushes overhang the Highway and need to be trimmed. The Clerk to inform.
- **Launch of the Willand Parish Plan – update of meeting**
The findings of the Parish Plan were made public at its launch on Friday 4th November. The Parish Council felt that it had already taken action to lots of the problems identified. The Clerk to arrange a meeting between MDDC, DCC, PC Davies, County Cllr Radford and the Parish Council to act on the information gathered. It was agreed the meeting should be arranged when information was available from the data collected by the covert box. Dist Cllr Dennis informed the meeting that the information gathered from the Parish Plan was superb and would provide invaluable information to MDDC. The Steering group was thanked for all their hard work. The Clerk to obtain a copy of the plan for Cllr Tancock.
- **Multi Use Games Area – meeting arranged for 17 November 7.30pm**
A letter was hand delivered to each household whose property resides on the periphery of the Parish Field informing of the meeting. Local organisations were also informed. The Clerk to arrange a notice for the Parish Boards. The aim of the meeting is to gather views and ideas about the facility and its preferred location and to form a working party. A draft copy of the Consultation was handed to each Councillor.
- **Parish Field – Youth Shelter**
The Bench and Picnic Table have been ordered with delivery expected within the next four weeks. *Delays to the promised In line Skateboarding equipment have since been rectified. Equipment to be sited soon.*
- **Willand Christmas Lights – update**
Torbay Displays are to mount the illuminations towards the end of November with the switch on arranged for Friday 2nd December to coincide with the Schools Christmas

Fayre. Lights are to be on between 3pm to 11pm daily.

- **Parish Councillor Applications – information update**

Applications have been received from Stan Michaux and Sue Marrow. Sue Marrow was in attendance and gave a short introduction. A decision was made during Part 2 under the Local Administration rules.

6. Public Questions

It was reported that HGV's were using Somerlea and Fir Close to deliver to the School. The kerbs had recently undergone repair but had now broken down. The Council felt this was an issue to take up with the School. It was agreed all parties were interested in the safety of the children and it was not the preferred route of the driver. Dist Cllr Dennis to report to Highways. It was agreed that now the matter was brought to the Council's attention to the Clerk is to inform the school.

Councillors contact details were given to all Councillors for internal circulation only.

Items to be tabled: No items received

Meeting closed at 8.40pm