

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

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Davis, Cllr Mander, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Bush, Cllr Tancock, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Ward, PC M Davies, 2 Youth Workers, 1 member of the public, the Clerk.

1. Apologies: Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crook, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Adair,

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

• Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor Sue Marrow

Cllr Maynard welcomed Cllr Marrow to the Parish Council. Cllr Marrow read a declaration of acceptance.

• New Medical Centre Development - Correspondence received

College Surgery Partnership acknowledges the concerns regarding the New Health Care Centre in Cullompton. Meetings held between Dist Cllr Dennis and Dr Andrew Smith, Executive Partner of the College Surgery Partnership, have resulted in agreement that the Pharmacy will not close and there is to be a review regarding the medical centre in Willand.

• DAPC Newsletter – November/December

Update provided. Copy handed to Cllr Davis and Cllr Marrow

• New Councillors Training Course - 27 February, Torrington

It was agreed that Cllr Marrow would attend the next available local Training Course. The Clerk to contact the DAPC for information.

• Gillett and Johnson - Annual service to the Village Clock

The annual service was carried out on the 29 November.

• Overgrown Footpath at Bramber Engineering

It is the intention of DCC to upgrade the pathway and install Street lighting. It will then be added to the DCC grass cutting programme. The Clerk to contact DCC.

• Youth Matters – DfES Publication

A summary of the government green paper "Youth Matters" was discussed at the meeting. Following an action plan it is hoped to incorporate findings as identified in the Parish Plan

• DC Waste Local Plan: Proposed Pre-Inquiry changes & Omission Sites

The three changes recommended by the Willand Parish Council have been upheld in the published proposed Pre-Inquiry Changes and schedule of Omission Sites.

• Birdscape Nest Box Project – Report received

24 Bird Boxes and 10 bat boxes were inspected. Two large Tawny Owl Boxes were installed. Of the 24 bird boxes inspected 11 showed evidence of nesting. This was considered a high return for the number of boxes provided. It was the first inspection of the 10 bat boxes since they were erected in 2001. No bats were present and only 2 boxes from the group showed any evidence of bats. We were asked not to undervalue the boxes

as other animals use them as well. A copy of the report is to be sent to Brian Holmes for the Parish Magazine, Sue lane, and Willand School. The Parish Council is keen to expand the project further and will add to the precept. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Tiverton & District Community Transport Ass. – Correspondence received**

A Ring and Ride service is available four times a week in Willand providing a lifeline for residents who are not able to use public transport. £100 was donated in May to the local Culm Voluntary Car Scheme. The Parish Council wish to continue their support and will precept in the next financial year. The Clerk to inform.

- **Local Council Update – November 2005**

Councillors reminded that Internet access is available. Cllr Davis was handed the paper Copy.

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

Correspondence received acknowledging the support of the Parish Council. A copy of the Parish Magazine is requested along with problems facing the local community in terms of community decline. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association – letter of thanks**

A letter of thanks was received by the secretary thanking the Parish Council for the erection of a fence earlier in the year. A record of water usage was also supplied. Usage was lower than last years due to the wetter season.

- **Willand Allotment Holders Association – Allotment Association annual subs**

It was agreed by the Parish Council to collect the annual subscriptions on behalf of the Allotment Associations if they are collected at the same time as the plot rentals. The Council will not be responsible for subscription fees not paid. The date of Allotment Rentals are to remain the same, with plot holders being invoiced early April. The Clerk to inform.

- **Village Green**

Copy handed to each Councillor

- **Orchard Lea Cullompton – Consultation Document**

Correspondence received by DCC regarding the review of Orchard Lea. Option 1 is to redevelop the site with a third party care provider. Option 2 is to sell the site and use funds to support the elderly in their own homes. The Parish Council are totally apposed to this closure. Correspondence to be sent by the Clerk.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council Meeting 10 November**
- **Planning Meeting 10 November**
- **Planning Meeting 17 November**
- **Multi Use Games Area Project Meeting Consultation 17 November**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record

4. Accounts

- **Cheque Signing**

86.51	British Telecom
49.77	British Telecom
49.94	Sue Turner
14.56	J Oliver
18.00	J Oliver

Clerks Phone
N Ashley Call Divert
Parish Plan Stationary
Stationary
Home Allowance

185.00	Avocet Press	Parish Plan Printing
293.75	Audit Commission	Audit Fees 2005
907.24	Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd	Picnic Bench and Seat
20.00	H Radford	Planters
21.02	J Oliver	Wine and Mince Pies
71.77	Devon County Council	Parish Plan Photocopies

The above cheques were signed on the 9th December.

- **Income this month**

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £398.00, Cemetery £345.00.

- **Lloyds TSB mandate – Cllr Marrow to sign**

The necessary forms were completed by Cllr Marrow to become a signatory for the Parish Council.

5. Matters Arising

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

Dist Cllr Dennis informed the council there would be a reduction in grants. From 1 April free bus travel would be available to the over 60's after 9am. MDDC have a deficit of £500k and will subsequently mean cuts to services. 50 Staff will be made redundant. There will be no increase to car parking fees over the 5 hours duration.

Dist Cllr Ward – nothing further to add

- **Devon County Councillor Radford** – no apologies received

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

A total of 6 crimes reported between 10 November and 8 December, total reported incidents 36. Four youths are likely to be charged for the burglary at the Post Office. PC Davies expressed concerns relating to the Paper Shed. A second fire in the Youth Shelter occurred on Wednesday 23 November using paper from the storage shed. PC Davies is to instruct the Community Partnership Officer to remove the graffiti from the shelter using the graffiti blaster. There is a delay in obtaining the requested covert box. A high percentage of locals contribute to vehicles travelling at speed in Willand. This is unacceptable. The change in licensing laws appears to be working at the moment.

- **Health and Safety issues reported**

A member of the public reported that deliveries to the School were made using the entrance in Somerlea. A letter was sent to the School as a result of the last FC meeting. No reply has been received to date. The Clerk to inform DCC of the large hole in the centre of the road approaching Staunch Hill.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

The Village Hall sign needs to be tightened. The Clerk to inform. The dog bin in Jaycroft is inaccessible due to the recent heavy rain Dist Cllr Dennis to arrange.

A request for a Dog Bin has been made for the Park area in Victoria and Blenheim. Cllr Maynard agreed to precept.

- **Multi Use Games Area – update of meeting 17 November**

Dist Cllr Dennis congratulated Cllr Perrett, Cllr Davis and Cllr Crawford on all their hard work and excellent Power Point presentation. Cllr Perrett has been invited to attend a meeting with the School and DCC on the 23 January

- **Parish Field – Youth Shelter - In line Skating Equipment**

Details of the Youth Shelter Fire previously reported by PC Davies. The additional In Line Skating equipment should be sited 9th December. The Clerk to obtain quotes to site the Picnic table and Park Bench.

- **Litter Bins – update**

Larger litterbins have been sited opposite the Post Office and in Meadow Park.

- **Village Planters – update**

John Holmes has planted the spring bulbs and pansies in the planters sited around the village. The Cottage Garden Nursery has kindly donated addition plants. A letter of thanks to be sent by the Clerk. Daffodil bulbs have been planted along various locations around the village. The Clerk to invite Mr Holmes to the January meeting allowing Mr Holmes to put forward his ideas for the following season.

- **Willand Christmas Lights – update**

Problems experienced with the Christmas Lights have now been rectified. The shooting star in Silver Street is now working. The flasher has been removed from the rope light Christmas tree display. The disappointing centre display of conventional Christmas trees have been replaced with a giant star.

6. Public Questions

Two youth workers requested that an additional rubbish bin was sited in the Parish Field. Cllr Maynard explained that this would not be encouraged due to the recent fires started by the Youth at the Shelter. A request was made to open a Drop in Centre for the Youth of Willand: Starting Mid January, under adult supervision. The Parish Council offered their support and instructed the representatives to contact the Village Hall Committee.

Items to be tabled:

Devontalk,

Junk Mail,

What's on In Devonshire's Heartland Dec 05 – Jan 06

Meeting closed at 8.25pm