

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**draft**  
**MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2006**

**Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Mander, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crook, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Davis, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess, County Cllr Radford, John Holmes, 1 member of the public and the Clerk.**

**1. Apologies: Cllr Bush, Cllr Adair, Cllr Tancock, PC Davies**

**2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:**

- **SWAN Community Council of Devon – Parish Plan Grant reconciled**  
Correspondence received confirming that the finalised accounts and supporting paperwork has been received regarding the Parish Plan. There has been an under spend of the grant allocated to the amount of £291.21. The Parish Council are able to retain this money providing that the amount is spent on initiatives to support the Parish Plan. It was agreed the money should be used towards the Village Planters. The Clerk to inform.

- **Devon Calor Village of the Year Competition 2006**

It was agreed not to take part in this year's competition.

- **CCD Access & Awareness Workshop – Advice & Funding for the DDA**

A series of workshops are available to support management committees with their responsibilities around the Disability Discrimination Act. The Clerk to pass on the relevant paperwork to Tony Wills, Village Hall.

- **Society of Local Council Clerks – membership renewal form 2006**

It was agreed not to renew this year's membership. Subscription could be renewed later in the year if it was felt necessary.

- **Local Council – December update**

An update was provided. Copy taken by Cllr Davis who informed the Council that he found the handout very informative.

- **DAPC Newsletter – Jan/Feb 2006**

Copies handed to Cllr Crook and Cllr Crawford.

- **Orchard Lea Consultation - 13 January 2006**

All Councillors were previously informed of the meeting. Cllr Maynard had planned to attend but was informed that due to the correspondence previously sent by the Clerk no further representation would be required. Dist Cllr Dennis informed the Council that the Cullompton Town Council's meeting was met with a lot of opposition from members of the public to the closure that meant the meeting was changed from a Council to Public meeting. Talks between Dist Cllr Dennis and Mr Neil McNeil, County Council Health and Social Director for Mid Devon has arranged a public meeting for the 19 January 7pm at Sunningmead Community Centre in Tiverton. Local authorities will be present. Cllr Crook is hoping to attend.

- **Local Development Framework Consultation –Core Strategy/Statement of Community Involvement**

The Core Strategy will provide a vision and overall strategy for the sustainable

development in Mid Devon between 2006 and 2021. Response forms were handed out to Councillors Maynard, Crawford, Perrett, Crook and Mander and District Councillor Dennis. No formal response was made by the Parish Council. Further response forms are available to download from [www.middevon.gov.uk](http://www.middevon.gov.uk)

- **H Radford – letter of thanks**

A letter of thanks was received for the gift of £20 received for the upkeep of the container boxes in Silver Street

- **Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – grant request**

Correspondence received requesting a donation. It was agreed to send £100. The Clerk to arrange

### 3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council Meeting 8 December 2005**
- **Planning Meeting 8 December 2005**
- **Finance meeting 5 January 2006**

Cllr Crawford has asked to attend the meeting along with Cllr Perrett, the School and DCC regarding the proposed MUGA on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006.

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record

### 4. Accounts

- **Cheque Signing**

2079.75	Torbay Displays	Christmas Lights
131.05	Cottage Garden Nursery	Village Planters
95.00	Brian Bussell	Additional work
819.00	Brian Bussell	Grass Cutting Contract

An invoice to the value of £91.25 has been received from Torbay Displays for the cost of connection by SEC. The Clerk was not aware that this charge would be made but was informed by Torbay Displays that the Council were informed verbally at the FC meeting attended by Stephen Holdup. No recollection of this was made by any of the Councillors present at this meeting. The Council felt that a principle was involved and further discussions would be taken before a decision would be made. The Clerk would request a more detailed account in the future.

- **Income this month**

Income has been received from Parish Magazine £392.00

- **Precept Proposal – to be finalised during the meeting**

The Finance Committee recommended a precept figure of £28710.00. This was unanimously agreed at the meeting and the Clerk is to complete the relevant paperwork as soon as possible.

### 5. Matters Arising

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

**Dist Cllr Dennis** reported that the portacabins have been removed from the front of Bramber Trailers and are now sited at the back of the premises. A new planning application is required. A revised planning application has been received for 22 Chestnut Drive but unfortunately it did not meet the necessary criteria, the time has since expired and a new planning application is required. The Volvo car parked along Willand Moor Road will be removed. Dist Cllr Dennis has requested the

planning application for the Southern Distribution Road comes to Willand for a response.

MDDC approved the development of Junction 27 against the advise of Local Government. The Government Inspector now challenges the decision made by MDDC. The Government Inspector acknowledged that to develop employment land at Junction 27 might be in conflict with national policy. DCC and MDDC have enforced a restriction on all spending.

Cllr Maynard asked if the planned highway improvements to Staunch Hill would still go ahead. Dist Cllr Dennis confirmed all work planned would still go ahead but no new work would be undertaken.

**Dist Cllr Burgess** confirmed that all organic waste was still going to Newton Abbot. Over half of all household waste collected is now being recycled. Cllr Perrett asked if the Council had considered the collection of household batteries. Cllr Burgess replied by saying he believed it was a condition of the new contract but would report back at the next FC.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford** reported that DCC is a four Star Council- one of the top in the country. DCC and MDDC are working on a 5% increase to prevent the threat of being capped. They are £1.5m short of budget. 1% of the budget represents £2.5m in revenue. The education budget has an increase of 6.7%. People living in Devon get £50 less per head from the government than the national average. The Parish Council have asked for the support of County Cllr Radford to protect the weight restrictions in the village. The weight limit of 32 tonnes was given when the population was 600 and now with 5K people in the village it is even more important to keep.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Total of 9 Crimes reported between 8 December and 4 January, total reported incidents 40. A male has been charged for the burglary at the Willand Post Office.

- **Health and Safety issues reported**

Cllr Mander reported that 7 streetlights are not working along Willand Moor Road. When reported to the organisation responsible for Street lighting they could not offer any help due to the fact that the road was not yet adopted. Dist Cllr agreed to chase.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

The overgrown hedge by the Bus Stop still remained uncut. A previous email from DCC informed the Council that it was the responsibility of the landowner to maintain. The Clerk to chase.

- **Village Enhancements**

Mr John Holmes was present at the meeting to put forward his ideas for the coming year. Mr Holmes was congratulated by all the Councillors on all his hard work and dedication towards the planters. Mr Holmes reported no vandalism, and felt that a change of some plants would be required for the next season. The Council proposed to site 3 new planters, Dean Hill Road, just past the telephone box in Silver Street and at the junction opposite The Gables. Cllr Maynard hoped that Mr Holmes would agree to plant all the planters, but as organisations and individuals hoped to adopt various planters there would be no extra work involved in the maintenance. Mr Holmes requested a floral site be sited at the junction to Orchard Way along with extra compost for the Silver Street Planter. Cllr Mander to approach the Composting Association to supply all the compost required. The Clerk to obtain the necessary

quotes for the sleepers ready for siting by the end of March. The Clerk to contact Highways to confirm that the sites are suitable.

John Homes congratulated the Parish Council on its display of Christmas Lights and to the efforts being made in reducing speed along Silver Street. Dist Cllr Dennis to chase the Parish Councils request for the Covert Box.

- **Natural Wood Roundlog Fitness Trails – information update**

The Clerk provided information on Natural Wood fitness trails. It was agreed by the Council not to pursue. However if an individual wanted to start up a running club to raise funds the Willand Parish Council would offer their full support.

- **Willand Allotment Association – correspondence received**

Correspondence received thanking the Parish Council for their cooperation and help in collecting membership fees. The Clerk to confirm that the trimming of the boundary hedge is in hand and work should be undertaken later in the month. .

- **Birdscape Nest Box project - project expansion**

The School have requested 2 nest boxes for the environmental area. The sites to be confirmed with the School before siting. Sue Lane has recommended that we erect nesting tubes to establish the presence of dormice. Cllr Crook has taken the report away to read. The Clerk to inform Birdscape to carry out this additional work.

## **6. Public Questions**

A hole in the road along Somerlea has been reported. The Clerk to inform Highways. Cllr Maynard to check the Salt Box at the Subway.

**Items to be tabled:**

**Meeting closed at 8.26pm**