

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES
FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 11 MAY 2006

Present: Cllr Maynard (Chairman), Cllr Perrett (Vice Chairman), Cllr Crook, Cllr Bush, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Adair, Cllr Mander, Cllr Davis and the Clerk. Cty Cllr Radford, PC Davies and Mrs Lane were also in attendance.

Julia Stuckey and Lorraine Durrant from MDDC made a short presentation on the new organic waste collection scheme and provided an update on how the scheme is going. MDDC want to encourage Litter Picking Groups and in return MDDC will give out free bulbs etc for villages that take part. Currently MDDC think that the scheme has been very successful and complaints are much reduced now. Corn starch wheeled bin liners are for sale to enable residents to keep their bins cleaner and fresher, especially in Summer months. They will be advertised in the local press once the price has been decided for them. They should be available from MDDC, local leisure centres and newspapers. The Chairman thanked the speakers for their presentation.

1. Apologies

Dist Cllr Dennis, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Tancock and Dist Cllr Ward.

2. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

1. Environment Agency – World Environment Day, 5 June

The Environment Agency would like people to make a contribution to World Environment Day on 5th June by taking part.

2. MDDC Standards Committee Guidance Note – Friends

A guidance note has been issued as to exactly what constitutes a “friend” for the purposes of declaring an interest under the Code of Conduct that governs Councillors. Each Councillor received a copy. Clerk to send copy to Cllr Tancock and Cllr Crawford.

3. Local Government Alert – HPAI Outbreak Roles and Responsibilities

A document has been received on the current protocol regarding the unlikely occurrence of bird flu outbreak.

4. Willand Magazine – Annual Income and Expenditure Account

Mr Holmes and Mrs Balaam kindly sent their calculation for the Annual Income and Expenditure Account. The Council would like to thank them for their continued dedication to the publication of the Parish Magazine.

5. Local Authority Byelaws in England – A Discussion Paper

The deadline for comments on this discussion paper is the end of June. It was agreed that Cllr Bush would complete on behalf of the Parish Council.

6. Skylight Cinema

This company offer an outdoor cinema experience throughout Devon. It was agreed that the Clerk to ask for an information pack.

7. MDDC – Annual Meeting, 3 May – update

At the meeting held on 3 May, Cllr David Pugsley was elected at Chairman of MDDC, Cllr Eddie Dennis was elected as Leader of the Council and Cllr Derek Thomas was elected as Vice Chairman of the Council. Cllr Davis provided an update on the evening.

8. MDDC – Standards Board - How to make a complaint

A leaflet has been received detailing how to make a complaint if members of the public or other councillors are unhappy about the way that a councillor of a local authority has behaved. The guide that will be kept on file by the Clerk gives guidance as to what constitutes a breach of the code.

9. MDDC Request – new litter bin at Jaycroft up near the dog bin

Teresa Dawe from MDDC has requested that the Parish Council consider placing a new litter bin near the dog bin currently situated along Jaycroft, new the Willand Moor Road entrance. It was agreed that the Clerk could pursue, although it was agreed that it would be better placed on the cobbled area in Jaycroft instead.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 13 April**
- **Planning Committee 13 April**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Gross	Details	
£19.27	Mrs J Oliver	Salary final payment
£700.00	Tennis Club	Donation
£35.00	Data Protection	Renewal
£70.85	Nina Ashley	Stationery and stamps
£1159.90	Cornhill Insurance	Annual premium
£56.35	British Telecom	Mrs Oliver's Phone Line
£225.00	Lionel Persey	Root removal and sleepers
£9.96	David Maynard	Cartridges
£885.00	Astra Printing Group	Parish Magazine
£3,161.33		

These cheques were all signed during the meeting. The Clerk to despatch.

- **Income this month**

£130.00 has been received from the Cemetery, £189.00 from the Parish Magazine, £453.00 from allotment holders and £345.45 refund from Mole Valley Farmers. A VAT return has also been submitted for £2,531.51 the repayment for which should be received shortly. The Precept of £28,227.00 has also now been received into the bank account. A transfer of £20,000.00 is suggested to the Business account, which was agreed at the meeting.

5. Matters Arising:

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

No District Councillors were present this month.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Cty Cllr Radford provided a brief update.

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

There have been a total of 8 crimes since the last meeting on 13 April. There have been 47 other reported incidents. There has been damage to the Village Hall itself that has

been investigated but remains undetected. PC Davies would be interested in any further information on this crime. The graffiti on the youth shelter is still being investigated. The Clerk has placed the youth shelter and the bench on the graffiti buster list to be dealt with. It was also reported that parents are parking on Gables Road and grid locking area completely. PC Davies updated the meeting that there are changes afoot at Devon and Cornwall Police.

- **Health and safety issues reported**

Willand Moor Road has suffered some contractor disruption near the link to Orchard Way which has led to a number of dips in the road. The Clerk to report.
Kerb stones still loose on the fifth spur roundabout – Uffculme to Waterloo.
Pedestrian path / cycle path behind Celandine kerb trip hazard.
Silver Street drain cover with tarmac replaced, huge hole one side – Clerk to report immediately.

- **Parish Lengthsman– areas for attention**

See above.

- **Affordable Housing in Willand – June meeting**

It was reported that Mr Justin Roxburgh of Falcon Rural Housing and Mrs Cathrine Simmons of MDDC would both be attending the next Full Council meeting on 8 June to discuss the matter of affordable housing for Willand in more specific detail. By that time MDDC will have reviewed budget allowances, which will dictate how this project moves forward.

- **Uffculme Road Bus Stop – update**

The Clerk has formally requested that the now overgrown bus stop along Uffculme Road near Willand Moor Road is to be reinstated. The Clerk has also requested a new bus stop for the opposite side of the road. Cllr Mander to check if work is completed in two weeks. The Clerk to send photos to David Huxham at DDC immediately. Cllr Maynard to arrange a site meeting with Willy Pike next week.

- **Mrs Oliver – formal letter of thanks**

The Clerk announced that she has sent a personal letter of thanks to Mrs Oliver for the wonderful job that she had done over the last year and suggested that the Parish Council may wish to do the same but formally. It was agreed that a letter should be sent. The Chairman stated that Mrs Oliver had written a nice letter thanking the Parish Council for laptop that she was given and for the opportunity to work for the Parish Council for the year.

- **Grave Digging Method Statement**

Having look over records, it would appear that Method Statements are still outstanding from gravediggers working in Willand Cemetery. It was agreed that reminders should be sent to gravediggers asking for Method Statements to be sent to the Parish Council.

- **Churchyard Memorial Inspection and Adoption**

MDDC has been chased up regarding the potential adoption of Willand Churchyard and also the pricing structure their inspection of the memorials within it. The Clerk is still awaiting a response.

- **Allotment Shed Request – Plot 32**

It was agreed that a shed could be erected up to 8ft x 6ft. The Clerk to advise the tenant.

- **Roger Perrett**

Due to restructuring at work and family issues, Cllr Perrett has decided to step down as

Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and Chairman of Planning. Cllr Marrow will give consideration to the position of Chairman of Planning. The Chairman stated that Councillors must give serious consideration to the position of Vice Chairman. This vacancy must be filled as Cllr Maynard will be resigning completely from the Parish Council next year.

6. Public Questions

Village Planters – John Holmes. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Holmes to arrange. Three quotes need to be obtained for plants.

Second Village Pub – rumours are spreading about the addition of a second pub to the village. It was agreed that location would be key and a family friendly pub might be a real asset to the village.

Items to be tabled:

Junk Mail – Spring 2006

The Playing Field – Spring 2006

Timberplay Newsletter – Issue 2

What's On – May 2006

Local Councils Update – April 2006

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.