

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Draft
MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2006

Present: Cllr Maynard, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Crook, Cllr Marrow, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Mander, Cllr Davis, Cllr Hancock, Dist Cllr Dennis PC Davies and the Clerk.

Julia Ryder, Community Safety Officer at Mid Devon District Council will be providing a brief introduction on her role at the Council and for the wider community. PIP cards to be delivered to the Post Office. The Clerk to arrange. The graffiti buster is not available at the moment as there are not enough Community Service offenders available to use the equipment! The Clerk to make alternative arrangements if at all possible.

Justin Roxburgh (Falcon Rural Housing) and Cathrine Simmons (MDDC) will be joining the meeting to update us on the Affordable Housing situation for Willand.

Fir Close - Highways are happy with the site and planners would be too. The green light is there, it is just down to grants now. Falcon Rural Housing's bid was unsuccessful. Fir Close is classed in the Housing Revenue Account. The decision on the sale of this land has been delayed and the cost of the land is paramount to any further bids by Falcon Rural Housing. Some money may come from the Ailsa House development but this will take time. Once the Asset Management Committee name the price, Falcon would price the job and would be prepared to get planning permission organised to ensure the project cannot be held up on that basis. This was agreed by the Parish Council. A letter of wholehearted support for this project at the right time will be greatly appreciated by Falcon.

Old Depo, Park Street, Willand - There is another potential site in Willand through Magna Housing Association which may offer 4 affordable units but Cathrine Simmons stated that they will not be guaranteed for Willand residents. Willand Parish Council is very concerned that all affordable units in Willand are for Willand residents only. Dist Cllr Dennis will investigate this matter. The Clerk to write a letter expressing this concern.

1. Apologies

Cllr Adair, Cllr Tancock Dist Cllr Burgess.

2. Nominations for Vice Chairman

The Chair and the Clerk urged Councillors to seriously think about this post. It was agreed that from **September** Cllr Davis will be Chairman of the Parish Council and Tony Mander will be Vice Chairman and David Maynard will temporarily be Chair of Planning. Clerk to make arrangements and alter Committee Lists.

3. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence:

1. Calor Village of the Year

It was agreed not to take part this year.

2. Willand Tennis Club – letter of thanks

A letter of thanks has been received for the donation of £700 made by the Parish Council to the Tennis Club.

3. Lloyds TSB – Complaint acknowledgement and letter

The Clerk and Temporary Clerk have been experiencing problems with the service from Lloyds TSB. The Clerk has now made a formal complaint and an unsatisfactory letter has now been received. The Clerk has written again regarding this matter. The issue is over Lloyd TSB's inability to organise the authorised signatory mandate alterations. It was proposed that the bank account is changed if Lloyds cannot resolve this matter properly.

4. DCC – Devon Adult and Community Services Directorate

An update has been provided on care facilities in the area, none of which directly affect Willand.

5. DCC – Weed Clearance in Willand – Chemical spray consultation

DCC would like permission to use Glyphosate weed killer (branded as Roundup) to clear weeds in Willand. It was agreed that Parish Lengthsman is vital to the village and it was agreed that Councillors should investigate Glyphosate and make an informed decision at the next meeting. Agenda item next meeting.

6. Victim Support Devon – Presentation and funds request

Victim Support would like an opportunity to make a presentation to the Council and are also looking for financial assistance. It was agreed that £100.00 donation would be made. Clerk to arrange.

7. MDDC – Keep Mid Devon Tidy Litter Pick 28 October

MDDC are organising a litter pick for communities to get involved in. It was agreed that Willand Parish Council would take part. **The Clerk to organise by 30 June.** Jackets, litter pickers, bags and gloves will be required and waste to be collected from the village hall.

8. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – Changes to Neighbourhood Policing Teams

A letter has been received outlining plans for changes in the policing of the area. Tiverton will have 4 new Police Community Support Officers from October this year and more updates on the role of the Neighbourhood Beat Managers are expected later in the year.

9. Charter88 – Campaign for a modern and fair democracy

Charter88 is concerned that large supermarkets are pushing out small village and town shops. Charter88 is hoping to gain as much support as possible for its campaign and they would like Willand Parish Council to pass a resolution of support. It was decided that the Parish Council would not like to support this project.

10. Devon Playing Fields Association – AGM 7 July, Upton Pyne

It was agreed that no one was able to attend.

11. Devon Playing Fields Association – Executive Committee Vacancy

It was agreed that not one was interested in the vacancy.

12. DCC – Local Government White Paper – Questions to answer

DCC have compiled some questions for Parish Councils to answer in relation to this White Paper. It was agreed that the 8 questions are to be circulated to all Cllrs. Agenda

item next meeting. It was thought that Cllr Bush may have made a response on behalf of Willand Parish Council. The Clerk to organise.

13. South West Regional Assembly – Consultation on the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West 2006-2026

It was agreed that Cllr Davis would digest the information and report back to the July meeting. Agenda item next meeting for formal response. Dist Cllr Dennis requested a copy of the Parish Council's response.

4. Minutes of the Meetings held:

1 Full Council 11 May

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

2 Planning Committee 11 May

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record

5. Accounts:

1 Cheque signing

£61.02	British Telecom	Clerk's phone bill
£55.00	DAPC	Village Green magazine
£842.00	Brian Bussell	Grass Cutting
£19.80	Nina Ashley	Stamps
£290.00	Ron Tucker Plants	Village Planters
£77.60	MDDC	Refuse collection
£280.00	Brian Bussell	Village Maintenance

The cheques were agreed and duly signed at the meeting.

2 Income this month

£2,531.51 VAT refund has been received, £126.00 from parish magazine advertisers, £128.50 from allotment holders since the last meeting.

3 Year End Accounts

The Clerk presented that accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006. It was agreed that Mr Michael Phillips would audit the accounts again this year. The Clerk to organise.

4 Annual Return and Statement of Assurance

The Annual Return was duly signed and the Statement of Assurance was agreed.

6. Matters Arising:

1 Mid Devon District Councillors Burgess, Dennis and Ward

The next MDDC Full Council meeting will be held on June 18 at 6pm at the Town Hall where there will be some discussions on the Police.

Grass cutting has been very poorly managed this year by MDDC and Dist Cllr Dennis has been chasing the matter tooth and nail. A formal review will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee in September. A complete new schedule should be reworked for next year. The Chief Executive has offered to come to a Parish Council meeting to apologise. It was agreed that would not be necessary.

2 Devon County Councillor Radford

Cty Cllr Radford kindly attended the meeting.

3 Devon and Cornwall Police

Only 5 crimes reported since the last meeting compared with 12 this time last year. There were 33 reported incidents. PC Davies completed 2 days cycling proficiency at the Primary School that has been very successful. PC Davies has started speaking to youths to encourage them to stop smashing their bottles in the play area as agreed with the Clerk but to collect them up in bags. Broken glass is a serious danger to anyone hoping to use the recreational field and play area. The Council would be prepared to place a bin next to the shelter if the youth were prepared to use it. Agenda item next meeting.

Car on the roundabout has been drawn to the attention of PC Davies who is currently dealing with the issue.

A new sign to be ordered by the Clerk for the playing field. Clerk to organise.

4 Health and safety issues reported – bench broken reported

It was agreed that the Clerk to arranged a new bus shelter and bench in Silver Street. The Clerk to contact Mr Bussell and chase DCC about the bus shelter. Trees at the Vicarage – PCC to be contacted about overgrown trees.

5 Parish Lengthsman– areas for attention

End of the Orchards where is joins Willand Moor Road, kerbs are bad. Mr Pike to be contacted.

Just off Orchard Way, cut through into Victoria Close just before Blenheim drive prickly plants overhanging. MDDC responsibility. Clerk to organise.

6 Uffculme Road Bus Stop – update

Cllr Maynard to organise another site visit with Cllr Maynard and Willy Pike.

7 Skylight Cinema

It was agreed not for this year.

8 Play area bench removal

It was agreed to keep it removed for the time being.

9 Animal bouncer vandalism / glass problem

One of the animal bouncers was vandalised. Mr Bussell very kindly removed, repaired and replaced the item. Broken glass has become a very serious issue now in the play area. The Clerk has spoken to PC Davies about the problem that is posing a serious danger to other children using the play area. PC Davies will liaise with young people in Willand about this.

10 Planters

Formal thanks to go to Mr and Mrs Holmes and family for their wonderful efforts with the planters. The Clerk to arrange.

7. Public Questions

Mrs Lane stated that the bungalows are having problems with young people getting

through their fence through to Barnes Close. Dist Cllr Dennis has arranged for the fence to be replaced tomorrow.

Doctors Surgery is not manned by doctors enough. The Parish Council will write to Dr A Smith to state residents concerns. The Clerk to arrange.

Items to be tabled:

What's On – June 2006

Local Councils Update – June 2006