

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Maynard, Cllr Bush, Cllr Perrett, Dist Cllr Dennis, Dist Cllr Burgess, Cllr Mander, Cllr Marrow and the Clerk.

Jennifer Gould, Business Development Manager for Magna Housing Association joined the meeting to discuss Affordable Housing for Willand. Cathrine Simmons, MDDC Housing Department also took part in this discussion.

Twelve units are proposed by Leitner Builders on a site in Park Street. Four of the units will be allocated as 'affordable' and will be 'shared ownership' for Willand residents and those from surrounding areas. There will be four shared ownership properties, each being a two bed house. The houses will have a value of £125,000 on the open market and have a monthly cost of £487.00 on the shared ownership scheme. All properties will be marketed through 'Home to Own', which is an organisation where all shared ownership units are put on a website (www.home2own.org.uk) and applicants can fill in an application for any unit that they qualify for. Jennifer Gould confirmed that Magna could prioritise the Willand residents, where possible.

An advertisement in the Parish Magazine will be organised by Magna to give Willand residents the best chance for applying to be on the list for the homes. People have to be registered with 'Home to Own' which can be done on-line or via an application form. The Clerk to arrange posters, which will be supplied by Magna Homes.

The Parish Council expressed concern that none of the units will be rented out and that they are only for shared ownership. Magna stated that Graham Davey of MDDC was at every meeting and that the issue of shared ownership was raised at several of those meetings. The planning policy states that Park Street in a non-exception site and the occupants can be from outside of Willand. However, Magna are keen to market early to enable Willand residents to get the first opportunity to apply.

The Parish Council requested a list of applicants prior to allocation to hopefully ensure that Willand residents are prioritised. Magna Housing would consider providing a list of applicants with basic history but no details of names or addresses.

Agenda item next meeting.

Councillors recollected the original idea was that the properties should be rented out, not shared ownership. This appears to be a complete U turn by MDDC. It was suggested that a meeting must be arranged with the planners immediately. Dist Cllr Dennis to investigate. Cty Cllr Radford agreed that this situation was a concern. Dist Cllr Dennis to liaise with the Clerk on this important issue and provide a copy of the Housing Agreement.

The Clerk to check the minutes on this issue and update the Chairman.

Dist Cllr Pugsley, Chairman of MDDC attended the meeting. The issue of over 60's free bus passes was raised. The scheme has been so popular that the cost has been seriously underestimated. The scheme may now have to be revised to make sure it can be paid for effectively. The scheme will be continued for at least the next 17 months as it stands.

1. Apologies

PC M Davies, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crook, Cllr Crawford and Dist Cllr Ward.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 12 October 2006**
- **Planning Committee 26 October 2006**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and were duly signed at the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

- **Bin Review – cost and location of new ones**

It was proposed that one litter bin be moved in North Jaycroft, one new litter bin in Old Jaycroft and 2 new dog bins – 6 in favour. The Clerk to arrange.

- **Litter Pick – review**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their effort. A 25kg bag of bulbs has been earned and the Clerk is to chase MDDC as to when they will be available. The Clerk to write an article in the Parish Magazine thanking people for their support.

- **Willand Moor Development Adoption – update**

No update since the last meeting.

- **Youth Shelter – artwork cost and decision, graffiti cleaning**

At the last meeting it was agreed to investigate the possibility of professional graffiti to cover the youth shelter. The Clerk explained that the cost for graffiti artwork would be in the region of £400. The Clerk is to apply for funding and report to the next meeting.

- **Christmas Lights – update**

On target for 1 December 2006. The Clerk to double check arrangements are in place.

- **Devon In Touch Roadshow – 29 November, 11am – 4pm, Village Hall**

An article has been placed in the Parish Magazine about the free computer sessions available and all those that had expressed an interest in computing courses have been telephoned in person by the Clerk.

- **B3181 Lining – update email**

The double white lining has been done incorrectly. David Huxham of DCC is aware of this issue and will get it resolved shortly.

- **Willand Surgery Meeting - update**

100 people attended, 3 doctors attended and it was made clear that there is no intention to close Willand Surgery. The meeting was to hear what the patients wanted for the future. One new surgery might be planned for including the pharmacy within it. A monthly article will go in the parish magazine. One immediate option is to lose a morning surgery from April but gain an evening meeting instead. This was welcomed by all those at the meeting.

The Gables would be an ideal site – it was agreed to write to MDDC Planning and DCC, Phil Norrey, CCED and copy to Cty Cllr Radford – Clerk to liaise with Mr Dennis.

4. Items to be reported:

- **Devon and Cornwall Police / Bench**

A report from PC Davies was read out. Particular note was taken of the request that tags do not appear on any professional graffiti that goes on the youth shelter.

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

Police Liaison Meeting brought up that the police number is very hard to use and get through, with considerable waiting times.

Concerns were also raised about the increased level of crime in Devon now.

Dist Cllr Burgess

Community Services Committee – the theme of the day seemed to be where to squeeze more money out of the customer. Batteries are still not to be collected. Dist Cllr Burgess did visit Virador about it to see if they would sponsor the cost. The Community Services Scrutiny Panel has picked up this issue and it may get resolved without Virador's intervention. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Dist Cllr Burgess for all his efforts. Car Park increases – residents parking permits have gone up considerably and the Committee have agreed to reduce the price slightly.

Leisure Facilities – have been agreed at just above inflation. There are thoughts about contracting it out too.

Grants and Funding Service – concerns that the officer has been seconded to audit but it means that an important officer has been diverted. The tenants provision officer is not in place either.

Broadpath Composting Facility was officially opened yesterday which is a great local facility.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Devon is well ahead of its composting targets, which is great news.

Job evaluation is a hot topic for DCC which will cost £42m just to evaluate every employee's job! This is a cost of £2,100.00 per member of staff.

Eastareahm.gov.uk – is the new website for the Broad Lane Office of DCC.

Willy Pike will be staying as Parish Lengthsman which was welcomed.

Cty Cllr Radford still has some money to donate to local organisations if they are in need of funds. If you are interested please contact. Please apply as soon as possible.

Tiverton Parkway – DCC are trying to put pressure on the Railway company to double their parking area. Discussions are currently taking place with the adjacent land owners but flooding is a potential issue.

- **Health and safety issues to be reported**

Tree is still overhanging pavement – the Clerk to chase.

Fir Close pot holes – the Clerk to chase.

South View Road towards one stop, a large dip in the road – Clerk to report.

- **Parish Lengthsman – areas for attention**

Blenheim court pavements still very weedy.

Silver Street to Somerlea – Dist Cllr Dennis will deal with.

Tamarind

Accident – Willand Old Village junction in Silver Street, bumper and headlight in hedge opposite.

The Clerk to report all of the above.

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Gross	Details	
£50.00	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Wreath
£50.00	DAPC	New Cllrs Course KT/BT
£885.00	Astra Printing Group	Parish Mag Printing

These cheques were agreed and signed during the meeting.

- **Income this month**

Income of £1,123.00 has been received this month and £60.00 from the Cemetery.

- **Annual Return**

The clerk to resubmit the form which was countersigned by Cllr Maynard.

- **Donations**

Thought needs to be given to donations for next year in readiness for the Precept meeting to be held in January.

6. Correspondence Received:

- **Email from Brian Holmes – Parish Magazine Funding**

Brian Holmes would like to write an article on how the parish magazine is funded. Figures that were previously submitted by Brian Holmes were emailed again to all councillors for information. It was agreed that the parish council would be happy for an article to be written confirming that the council funds the parish magazine for each publication but advertising funding significantly contributes towards it each time. The Clerk to respond.

- **Brian Badcock – Silver Street seat**

Mr Badcock rang to thank the Council for the lovely new seat in Silver Street. This was welcomed by the Council.

- **Millennium Clock – mesh covering**

Recent vandalism of the clock raised a suggestion that mesh might be appropriate to protect the clock. It was agreed that the mesh idea would not be pursued – 6 agreed all in favour.

- **Remembrance Sunday Service – 12 November at 10.50am**

Cllr Davis, Cllr Marrow, Cllr K Taylor and Cllr B Taylor will be attending and Cllr Davis will be laying the Parish Council wreath.

- **Youth Club – funds request**

The youth club have sent an email requesting funding toward some replacement windows. The Council are not in a position to assist at the moment but Dist Cllr Dennis to chase the S.106 money. The Clerk to respond stating that the issue is in hand.

- **Local Government White Paper – emailed to all Cllrs 27 Oct**

All Councillors are encouraged to thoroughly read this document.

- **Countryside Alliance – Village Post Offices**

The Countryside Alliance have written asking people to recognise that they value their village post office. It was agreed that a Parish Magazine article should be submitted encouraging people to write, a flyer is to be placed on the notice board and a letter from WPC direct – 6 in favour, all agreed. The Clerk to organise.

7. Chairman's Announcements

- **Churchyard Adoption**

Next meeting agenda item.

- **Cemetery Extension**

Next meeting agenda item.

- **Environmental Committee – village walk**

A village walk to be held on Saturday 18 November, meeting at 9.30pm in the Village Hall Car Park.

- **Willand School Ofsted Report**

WPC to write and congratulate them on their outstanding report. The Clerk to organise.

8. Public Questions

Herbie Radford will be writing shortly regarding the planters in Silver Street.

Items to be tabled:

DAPC Newsletter Nov/Dec 2006

Local Councils Update Nov 2006

The Playing Field Autumn 2006

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.