

Minutes April

Clerk to the Parish
Council

WILLAND St Julitta

Gables Road

Mrs P Harrogate PARISH

Willand

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Devon EX15 2PL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which took place on Thursday 10 April 2007 in **Willand Village Hall** at 19.00

Present: Cllr G Davis, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr C Davey, Cllr T Mander, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr A Warne, Cllr E Dennis, Cllr R Perrett

In Attendance: District Cllr D Brandon, District Cllr R Chesterton, County Cllr R Radford, 4 members of public, Mrs P Harrogate (parish clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Dennis nominated Cllr Perrett, Cllr Perrett accepted the nomination, Cllr Davis seconded all in agreement.

Cllr Perrett took the Chair.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Perrett nominated Cllr Davis, Cllr Davis accepted the nomination, Cllr Dennis seconded all in agreement.

3. Election of Planning Committee (Chairman to be elected at the first meeting of this committee)

Cllr Eschele, Cllr Warne, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr Crawford, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Davis

4. Election of Environmental Committee (Chairman to be elected at the first meeting of this committee)

Cllr Mander, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr C Davey, Cllr A Warne, Cllr S Eschele.

5. Election of Willand United Charities representative

Cllr Crawford, Cllr Eschele

6. Election of Willand Community Trust representative

Cllr Crawford

7. Election of Village Hall Committee representatives

Cllr Mander

AGENDA FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

1. Apologies

District Cllr Hull, PC Katie Rich

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 13 March 2008
- Planning Committee 13 March 2008
- Planning Committee 3 April 2008

All minutes were agreed and signed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

3. Matters Arising:

Parish Councillor Vacancy (1)

Deferred to **next agenda**, last date for parishioners to call an election is 22nd April 2008.

Requests from Willand Moor Residents Association

20 mile an hour limit on Willand Moor Road, Post Box, Litter bins, Dog bins.
Enclosed play areas no dog restriction signs. Additional bus stop on Uffculme Road.

Thanks to Cllr Dennis when he was a District Cllr for goal frames which are well used
would like to see the installation of a netball/basketball goal.

Double yellow lines at top of Willand Moor road -PC Rich is to monitor the situation
and will advise whether she supports this initiative.

Post box is in progress.

Dog restriction signs are already in place on areas with play equipment.

Bus stop - progressing with other matters

List of outstanding issues requested by Ray Radford - deferred to **next agenda**

Overgrown hedgerows - either Mid Devon or privately owned.

PC agreed in principle to support the residents association with a basketball/netball goal.

Youth Club Extension

Have sent off several applications for match funding, the Clerk has supplied a letter stating that the Parish Council through S106 funding from MDDC are donating £36,000.

Trees behind youth club and tennis court

Clerk to meet arborculturalist to discuss prices for tree behind the tennis court. Clerk to enquire with MDDC whether this is subject to hedgerows act. Clerk to contact Land registry to find out who the land belongs to - agenda item May. Cllr Chesterton to also look into ownership. **Next agenda Bird Boxes MDDC Spring Clean - reminder The Gables SWW / Willand Moor Road TDG update Allotments**

Maintenance costs should be paid but reports for previous years are irrelevant now. Cllr Crawford proposed to pay £500 for the past 3 years maintenance and to invite Birdscape to the **next meeting** to discuss future maintenance and surveys, Cllr Davis seconded all in agreement.

Cllr Radford is to ask Halberton Parish to come over and clear the litter in the layby.

Cllr Mander is to arrange for the disposal of the rubbish.

A 6 month temporary T.P.O has been granted on trees in the Gables

A letter has been received from Mr Hirsch of MDDC advising that he is looking into the matter of the development of the Gables and advising the Parish Council to contact DCC. Cllr Perrett has requested the arborculturalist report from DCC to pass on to Tony Lane for his comments. PC need clarification from MDDC about the temporary T P O in writing.

Cllr Brandon advised that it may be possible for a community trust to purchase the land at a preferential rate. John Bodley Scott at MDDC could advise on this. The project would need to be sustainable. Public consultation should take place possibly in the form of a public meeting.

PC would like compensation for the digging up of the road

South West Water are starting to dig up Willand moor road to put a foul sewer pipe in for the new industrial estate. The original application stated that this work would take place under South View Road. Suggestion is that perhaps a bus pull-in could be made when the road is made good. Sustainable communities act states that public consultation should take place, this has not happened in this case. The Parish Council are not satisfied with the situation.

Preliminary plans looked at during last Parish Council meeting. Cllr Davis, Cllr Dennis and Cllr Perrett met with Len Rumble at TDG. Reservations were that the car park was going to have a steel fence facing the road they had advised that they would landscape the area in front of the fence but the concern was that this could take time.

They have agreed to put a Devon bank in front of the fence - they will submit a plan to include this and also more trees around the car park there would also be wooden

frontage where a bank is not possible and they will include in their application to pipe the ditch. They agreed that there should be a more aesthetic frontage.

They are trying to get vehicles off of local residential roads into a secure car park and are keen to work with the Parish Council and parishioners.

Len Rumble will forward the revised plans to the PC for views before submitting to MDDC.

The allotment association has suggested that the hedge which adjoins Jaycroft should be trimmed back to the knuckles. The PC had reservations about this. Cllr Perrett proposed that the hedge be trimmed 2 metres from the top of the bank. More than this would affect the security of the allotments. Nesting season is a consideration at this time of year. Clerk to check the Hedgerows act regarding this site. Could suggest laying to encourage more wildlife. Defra may be able to advise.

1. Items to be reported:
 - o Devon and Cornwall Police

Report from PC Rich - reminder of Joint Partnership meeting 29th April 2008 at 19.30

2. Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon

Cllr Brandon reported that she has attended a 'customer first' presentation at MDDC where they were informed that closing Cullompton has not had any impact. Surgeries have been scheduled in Cullompton on Monday and Friday mornings initially and they are looking into surgeries for other areas.

Environmental policy development team are looking into a pilot scheme for use of a green cone - this is an alternative to roadside compost collection.

Cllr Chesterton reported that he had met with Chief Executive and Peter Hancock at MDDC with a view to changing the protocol regarding matters such as Clearsprings - it has been agreed that anything that affects the community, ward members will be informed so that they can consult with the relevant Parish Council.

At a recent Planning meeting at MDDC the enforcement notice in Chestnut Drive was discussed - the enforcement notice was passed and officers will endeavour to ensure that the property is only used as one dwelling with one of the front doors bricked up and a window put in the property owner has been given 2 months to do this work, if the timescale not complied with they will take legal action.

Treetops - Cllr Chesterton has requested a site visit from the planning working group this will take place on Thursday 17th April at 11.00 on site.

3. Devon County Councillor Radford

Boundary committee - DCC is proposing one unitary - 28 groups based on 28 main towns within the County - split into 3 divisions.

Email any outstanding issues in a list format and Cllr Radford will take the matters forward. Grants from the government are less in Devon than elsewhere in the country therefore no change is not an option is DCC view.

There is a Recycling review taking place.

Bollards - station road, top of Gables Road - Clerk to chase Meg Booth.

Can Cllr Radford ask about The Gables at the next meeting and ensure that the Parish's views are known.

4. Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention

Jaycroft - cycle path - broken bollards - remove.

Meadow Park - needs tidying - litter in hedgerows.

B3181 - road sign needs cleaning.

Footway between Gables Road and the esso garage. Hedge needs cutting. not to be cut until September. Clerk to write to owner of land.

Dog mess in Gables Road on footpaths - Dog Wardens are not responsible for dog mess. Teresa Dawe is our District Officer - clerk to contact.

Dog bins and litter bin review that took place 18 months ago needs to be revised.

5. Accounts:

- Cheque signing

P Harrogate (stamps) £ 4.24

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet) £ 23.99

P Harrogate (drinks for annual meeting) £ 47.45

P Harrogate (BT phone bill) £ 30.08

Mr E Dennis (bail hostel costs) £ 71.97

Mrs M Jinman (food for annual meeting) £ 65.00

Allianz Cornhill (insurance) £ 1,269.61

Astra Printing (Jan/Feb) £ 929.25

South West Water cemetery £ 22.04

Willand United Charities (allotment rent) £ 300.00

5. Income this month Parish Magazine £ 279.00

Burial Ground £ 1200.00

Allotments £ 26.00

6. Revise Cemetery Charges

Deferred to next agenda

6. Correspondence Received:

- Letters regarding Bail Hostel

Noted

- Allianz insurance

Noted

- Boundary Committee

Noted

- Listening events

Dates to be forward

5. Public Questions

South view road - speed limits could a speed survey be done.

Somerlea - potholes - can it be resurfaced.

Elaine expressed thanks for the Parish Councils support regarding the bail hostel.

Brian Holmes asked whether as a 'one-off' an extra 4 pages could be put in the magazine this month Cllr Davis proposed, Cllr Dennis seconded, all in agreement.

Items to be tabled:

Devon in Touch

Noted

Meeting closed: 9.45pm