

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**draft**  
**MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**19 APRIL 2007**

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

**1. Apologies**

PC Davies, Cllr Bush, Cllr Ward and Cllr Burgess. The Clerk to arrange a card for Dist Cllr Radford.

**2. Minutes of the Meetings held:**

- **Full Council 8 March**
- **Planning Committee 21 March**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

**3. Matters Arising:**

- **Youth Club Extension**

Julie Lester of the Youth Club brought along Rowland Steele's original plan for how the club is at the moment and presented a set of plans for a proposed extension to the youth club. This will include a 4 piece computer suite to encourage the older children to participate. It was suggested that the village hall is consulted by the Youth Club on the use of this land. Three construction estimates should then be obtained by the Youth Club. All in favour – unanimous.

- **Antisocial Behaviour – update**

A recent meeting of the Willand Moor Antisocial Behaviour Working Group discussed the inclusion of a street scene in the play area. Clare Tucker will come to the Parish Council with an update at the next meeting. The youth have not made any requests for immediate update of the facilities. The parish council could consider funding a bus trip over to the skate park in Tiverton over the Summer holidays. Clare Tucker can arrange suitable transport. Some concerns were raised about health and safety risk as well as risk assessment issues. It was agreed to leave visit to Clare Tucker and GBH as suggested at their last meeting..

- **Magna Housing – Park Street affordable homes**

The planning application was not very impressive. Copy of refusal recommendation to Dist Cllr Dennis.

- **Youth Shelter – update / additional lighting**

Chase Clare Tucker on the youth shelter. Clerk to chase DCC about lighting.

- **Picnic Bench – Playing Field / Victoria Close park, update**

Stonemans to contact Cllr Mander for siting. Clerk to contact Stonemans to provide the relevant contact details.

- **Willand Preschool CCTV – update**

The CCTV is up and running now and is working well. The Youth Club are able to have a committee member to monitor the Youth Club on the CCTV from home.

Many thanks to Cllr Maynard for all his efforts which has been much appreciated.

- **Churchyard Adoption – update**

This is ongoing. Agenda item next meeting.

- **Litter Collection by MDDC – update**

This is very successful now and is working out well.

- **Printing Services – update**

A quotation has not yet been received.

- **MDDC Spring Clean – update**

Cllr Crawford to arrange for 12 May at 10am. Equipment to be ordered by Clerk. The possibility of a flyer in the May parish magazine to be investigated.

- **Communities and Local Govt – Revised Code of Conduct – update**

Councillors may wish to view this document at [www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si-2007-index.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si-2007-index.htm) for further information.

- **Parish Councillor Vacancies (3)**

A sad goodbye to Tony Hancock, Ros Crook and Dave Maynard. Goodbye to Eddie Dennis who is leaving as District Councillor. The Chairman extended his gratitude on behalf of the Parish Council to those Councillors for all their years of commitment to the village.

Clerk to email the advert for new Councillors to Cllr Marrow to put in the Post Office.

#### 4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Seven crimes have been reported since Annual Parish Meeting.

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

Dist Cllr Dennis

Catchment Area for play areas and spaces document will be coming to the Parish Council. Willand Moor Play area is currently not fit for adoption according to this document. This was the last meeting for Dist Cllr Dennis as he was retiring from politics. The council expressed great thanks for his years of service.

Thanks have been received from parishioners regarding how nice the flowers in the planters look now. Thanks to John Holmes for his efforts.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Apologies received due to an injury.

- **Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety – areas for attention**

The village grass has been cut! The council are very pleased. MDCC to be contacted and the Clerk will forward on.

Dist Cllr Dennis to chase Meg Booth regarding the Uffculme bus stop as some

passengers are experiencing difficulties getting off the bus on the Uffculme Road in Willand as the bus stop has not been installed.

## 5. **Accounts:**

### • **Cheque signing / bank transfer**

£228.71	Stoneman Engineering	Flag pole bracket
£35.00	Information Commissioner	Annual subscription
£116.05	Nina Ashley	Stationery and expenses
£1214.26	Allianz Cornhill	Insurance premium
£173.46	EDF Energy	Xmas lights power
£143.13	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC
£71.90	Royal Mail	Post redirection –new clk
£588.63	Nina Ashley	April 2007 salary
£3,348.75	Squires Electrical Security	Preschool donation CCTV
£134.99	Deep Blue Logic	Preschool donation CCTV
£14.30	Royal Mail	Post redirection – temp ad

These cheques were agreed and duly signed at the meeting.

### • **Income this month**

Income of £527 from cemetery and £273 from the parish magazine.

### • **Cemetery Charges**

It was proposed that the prices are increased by 5%, all in favour – unanimous.  
The new Clerk to arrange.

## 6. **Correspondence Received:**

### • **DCC Bus Stop Issues**

It is hoped that this financial year will see the addition of the new bus shelters that the Parish Council has asked for.

### • **Shelter Devon Housing Aid Centre – Grant application**

A letter has been received asking for funding towards their charity. It was proposed that the Parish Council do not offer funding on this occasion – unanimous.

### • **Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Neighbourhood Policing Update**

Noted.

### • **Devon Playing Fields Association – Membership renewal**

It was suggested that the DPFA could be contacted regarding funding towards the playing field update for a skate park. Clare Tucker and Angela Gaskin of MDDC informed. The Clerk to arrange membership renewal.

### • **MDDC – British Forces Overseas – Parcels and update**

This issue has now been dealt with in the timescale since receipt.

### • **Department for Constitutional Affairs – Memorial safety**

A document has been issued regarding the dealing with unstable memorials. The letter suggested great respect and care in relation to such issues. Further information is available at [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk).

- **Willand School – Path request**

Willand School of Governors have written to the Parish Council as they are hoping to provide a path from the road to the school, which will mean parents using the existing path in the playing field. The letter asked if the Council could contribute to the project, as the costs are anticipated at £8,000. Cllr Marrow declared an interest.

It was agreed that there was no objection to the playing field path being used. It was agreed that a contribution of £1,000.00 would be offered – unanimous. Clerk to write back on both points.

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

It was unanimously agreed to donate the sum of £200. Clerk to arrange.

- **Audit Commission – Appointment of External Auditor**

The Audit Commission has been appointed as the external auditor.

- **The Cullompton & Area Tenants Group meeting**

It was agreed that this was not of interest at this time.

- **Parish Clerk – Vacancy / Applications**

Cllrs Bush, B Taylor, Maynard and Marrow are to interview 1<sup>st</sup> round of candidates are a result of an advert placed with DAPC. A second round of interviews will be held in May following applications from the advert placed in the parish magazine. Pay scales, questions, job description and sample employment contract are to be emailed to Councillors before the interviews.

- **Communities and Local Govt – Model Code of Conduct**

Cllr Perrett took the document to review.

- **MDDC – Result of Uncontested Election**

Five councillors have put themselves forward and will go forward as Parish Councillors on 3 May.

- **DAPC – Nominations of DAPC County Committee**

Agenda item next meeting.

## 7. **Public Questions**

Flag close to overhead cables – Clerk to contact Stonemans to ask them to review their placement.

The Police and the Council continue to think about the village in two halves. It was agreed to try and consider the village more as a whole.

The meeting was closed at 8.51pm.