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**WILLAND  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILLAND VILLAGE  
HALL ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007 AT 1900**

**Present:** Cllr G Davis, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr S Marrow, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr T Mander,  
Cllr R Perrett, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr B Taylor

**In Attendance:** District Cllr D Brandon, Youth Worker, District Cllr B Hull, 4  
members of public

**1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.**  
Cllr Warne

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

- Full Council 14 June 2007
- Planning Committee 14 June 2007
- Planning Committee 27 June 2007

**Minutes approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr Davis.**

**3. Matters Arising:**

- **Parish Councillor Vacancy (1)**

One application received from Claire Davey - unanimous vote to co-opt.  
(clerk to write to applicant to advise and send necessary paperwork).

- **Youth Club Extension - update**

Frances Wilcox reported that plans are in the process of being drawn up by  
the architect, the tree in the village hall car park is to be trimmed early  
next week to enable CCTV to record footage of youth club windows and  
entrance clearly. (Clerk to obtain written evidence from MDDC that the  
tree in the hedgerow is not subject to a Preservation Order.)

Youth Club hope to have a dedicated youth worker from September - grants  
available.

- **Youth Shelter - update**

Application will go to youth opportunity fund for painting - professional to  
work alongside children when painting. PC recommend no tags.

**To receive a request for funding for football training in the village.**

Willand Preschool are proposing to start football training for local children  
at weekends and requested help with funding of insurance and hire of the  
annexe for a year.

**Cllr Davis proposed from the Chair that the Parish Council are in support  
of the idea in principal and whilst it is a laudable idea more options**

should be explored, including liaising with Willand Football Club; Decision - unanimous.

#### **Public questions brought forward**

##### **PC Dodd arrived.**

2 residents of Victoria Close expressed concern over youths loitering in the park in Victoria Close.

PC Dodd suggested that they ring 999 if any damage, noise, disturbance, verbal abuse, urinating or any other anti social behaviour is taking place. Cllr Davis reiterated that the PC would implore them to do this. Discussion took place about the location of the picnic bench. Cllr Mander confirmed that the location of the picnic bench was decided on advice from the Crime Prevention Officer and a Mid Devon District Council representative.

##### **County Cllr Ray Radford arrived.**

Following a unanimous vote in favour, Cllr Mander is to review the location of the bench in conjunction with PC Dodd. As the youths were congregating on top of the children's slide, which is under cover, a vote was taken to request that MDDC should have the roof on top of the slide removed. 5 in favour, 3 against. District Cllr D Brandon to take the proposal to MDDC's play area sub-committee.

- **Churchyard Adoption - update**

The clerk reported that correspondence had been sent to Adrian Cook at MDDC requesting that they adopt the churchyard. MDDC have confirmed that they will need to carry out a full survey of the area.

- **Adoption of Willand Moor - update**

Cllr Davis advised that confirmation has been received that Willand Moor was officially adopted in March 2007. **(Clerk to obtain application form for new post box.)**

- **To set a date for the next litter pick**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007. **(clerk to put article in Parish magazine and posters in notice boards).**

- **To discuss planning committee**

Cllr Perrett expressed concern about attendance at interim planning meetings and therefore proposed that there should be an additional member on the planning committee; Cllr K Taylor volunteered. In addition, it was agreed that the interim planning meeting would be booked every second Thursday at 7:30 and cancelled if it was not required.

- **Agree date for the next meeting of the Environmental Committee**

It was agreed that the new Environmental Committee would meet on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007 after full council meeting and planning meeting.

- **Update on skateboard park**

Frances Wilcox and Cllr Crawford have expressed an interest in becoming the treasurer of the committee.

- **RoSPA Play Area Inspection - Decision**

Cllr Perrett and Cllr Crawford visited the site and considered that the roundabout did not represent a significant risk to children's safety. Some surfacing is in need of repair (clerk to obtain quotes)

- **Christmas Lights**

Cllr Davis proposed from the Chair that no extra monies be spent on Christmas lights this year, to be reviewed next year, all in agreement. (clerk to research other suppliers).

4. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

PC Dodd reported on crimes in the area over the past 30 days. He advised that his funding to run residential trips for local school children had been turned down at this time.

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Brandon, Hull**

**MDD Cllr Chesterton** not present.

**MDD Cllr Hull** - Cllr Davis welcomed District Cllr Hull to her new position.

Dist Cllr Hull reported that she was on the following committees: Community Services and Personnel Panel and she was the Health & Safety Champion.

**MDD Cllr Brandon** - Dist Cllr Brandon advised that she was on the play area sub committee at MDDC.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

DCC Radford is to enquire about the bus shelter repair in Somerville Road and the feasibility study for a crossing point that was proposed on Somerville Road.

Cllr Davis confirmed that the matter of weeds in the road channels remained an issue. Routes of particular concern have been emailed to Cllr Radford and the Parish Lengthsman. DCC Radford to enquire whether manual weed clearing is still taking place.

Parking at the junction with the Uffculme Road and Willand Moor Road remains an issue with the residents.

Cllr Davis proposed that this should be a discussion item on the September

agenda. Representatives of the Willand Moor Residents Association and the Police should be invited - **agenda item for next meeting**

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

Weed reports have been forwarded to DCC Radford.

Play area in Willand Moor Road - belltop fencing not in place - **MDD Cllr Brandon to enquire.**

Public Open Space in Willand Moor Road - open watercourses could be culverted and grassed over to extend the public open space- **MDD Cllr Brandon to take to committee.**

Padlock has been removed from the gate to the surface water drainage system - **MDD Cllr Hull to report.**

**Public questions:**

**A member of the public enquired whether items from the recommendations of the Parish Plan had been followed up.**

Cllr Davis confirmed that this would be an item on September agenda and that a report would be published in the Willand parish magazine. He also assured the member of public that action had been taken and that results would soon be evident.

**5. Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**

S.Marrow - expenses re N Ashley	£ 45.86
Stoneman Engineering - picnic benches x 2	£ 2275.76
P Harrogate - new clerk land line	£ 111.59
P Harrogate - wages	£ 416.75
P Harrogate - office allowance & internet	£ 20.79
P Harrogate - stamps	£ 4.08
P Harrogate - BT Phone bill July 2007	£ 24.67
Ron Tucker - plants for planters	£ 315.20
Astra Printing Group - parish magazine	£ 929.25

**Income this month**

Burial Ground	£ 75.00
Allotments	£ 26.50
Parish Magazine	£ 315.00

- **Bank transfer to 30 day notice account**

Clerk to transfer money to 30 day notice account leaving £5,000 in current account.

**6. Correspondence Received:**

- **Thank you letter from Youth Club (CCTV)**

Noted

- **To consider a contribution towards a commemorative plaque at WVH**  
The Council decided against a contribution due to them placing a bench with a commemorative plaque in the playing field.

- **Damage to parish clock**

Clerk to ask Dave Maynard to straighten hands on clock again. Cllr K Taylor to enquire about alternatives with clock shop.

**Items for next agenda: dates of planning courses**

**Consideration of Saturday morning surgery**

**Parking on Willand Moor Road**

**Items to be tabled:**

**Devon In Touch**

**Local Councils Update**

**DAPC - County committee**

**Glasdon news sheet**