

Minutes January

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2008 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr G Davis, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr R Perrett, Cllr T Mander, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr A Warne, Cllr B Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr B Hull, District Cllr D Brandon, Julie Lester (youth club representative), County Cllr R Radford, PC Mike Dodd, Elaine Lane, 1 member of the public.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr K Taylor, Cllr A Bush, Cllr C Davey, District Cllr R Chesterton.

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 13th December 2007
- Planning minutes 19th December 2007

The above minutes were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Discussion regarding policing in Willand

PC Mike Dodd attended the meeting and gave a crime report for the month of December. There were a lot of broken windows, it is a known group of youths who will be brought in to the police station over the next couple of weeks. Malcolm Davies finished work on Tuesday; PC Dodd has now officially taken over the Parish.

PC Dodd encouraged residents to phone in directly to the central number to enable the crime to be dealt with efficiently. The cllrs asked a series of questions:

Q: There are youths in the village with bad reputations why have these people not been dealt with up to this date?

A: Evidence is needed and witness statements are required in order to tackle youths.

Q: Prevention and police presence is very important to Willand

A: PCSO Smith and PC Dodd are regularly in the village. Response team cover issues phoned in. However, 9 parishes are covered by PC Dodd and PCSO Smith. It was noted that the list of crimes is much larger than usual and the Parish Council would like to see this reduced quickly.

The Chairman stated that commercial premise crime is as important to the Council as residential crime as we have a duty to look after the businesses, to enable local people to keep local employment.

PC Dodd stated that his priority will be Willand and his aim is to decrease crime figures.

Q: PCSO Smith stated in the parish magazine that she had to look after 10 parishes - making the youth aware that the police are not often in the village. The area is geographically too vast. Foot patrols need to cover Gables Road, Parish Park, The Meadows play park, Victoria Park, Webbers Way park, Jaycroft and the woods.

A: Regarding the industrial estate - some companies have security guards and the police will try to work with them. They are also trying to build relationship with the secondary schools at Uffculme and Cullompton.

Q: Harpitt Close - play area, youths drinking and causing problems.

A: Julia Ryder of community safety partnership is still working with the police. Parish Council would like to be more involved, individual Cllrs are welcome to come out on patrol - Cllr Crawford volunteered.

PCSO Smith or PC Dodd are to address the trespass issue across the Willand Allotments (raised in the December meeting) by travelling with the children on the school bus.

Clerk to email agenda and minutes to PC Dodd who will try to attend most parish council meetings.

Youth Club Extension - update,

Julie Lester reported that the youth club committee had applied for planning permission, 2 quotes gained for the construction cost, awaiting 3rd quote. Asking for quotes in writing. The Parish Council reiterated that planning permission and match funding needs to be achieved before a contractor is appointed. Youth Club to pass on bills for planning permission and architect to the clerk for reimbursement.

Cllr Mander has undertaken a site visit and it has been confirmed that the pipe is in the parish field and will not affect the extension.

Funding - Cllr Warne reported that Frances Wilcox is putting together a financial plan to send to potential funders.

Parish Council to provide a statement stating the amount of money available.

Youth Shelter - update

Clerk to contact MDDC to arrange for the graffiti buster as the youth shelter is covered in obscene graffiti.

Update on skateboard park

Cllr Hull reported that Cllr Brandon is being proactive in trying to secure funding for smaller parishes from the large amount recently gained by MDDC from the Big Lottery.

Land ownership at Meadow Park - District Cllr Chesterton

Deferred to next agenda - Cllr Chesterton not in attendance.

Agreement of 'highways issues' article for parish magazine

The article written by the Chairman was circulated and agreed for publication in the next article of the parish magazine. Cllr Davis to forward to Brian Holmes.

Response to 'volunteer event' letter from local clubs

Cllr Warne is in the process of ascertaining a date for the event and will then put an article in the May issue of the magazine and inform the interested groups.

Path in parish field

Cllr Davis, Cllr Mander, Cllr Crawford and Cllr Perrett are to hold a site meeting and advise the clerk of what the quote will be required to include.

4. Items to be reported:

- Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Brandon, Hull

District Cllr Hull reported that the review of post offices is currently being determined and the result will be known on 20th May 2008. 50 post offices will close in Devon.

The Regional Spatial Strategy has been published . The original figure of 6800 extra houses required in Mid Devon, has been raised to 7820.

District Cllr Brandon reported that £20,000 had been awarded to MDDC from big lottery, the bid was secured for children's play projects including play ranger schemes. The majority has been allocated to Cullompton, Tiverton and Crediton. Cllr Brandon is to find out exactly where the money is to be distributed and advise clerk or report at next meeting. Cllrs expressed concern that Willand will gain no future S106 money due to lack of space to build, whereas the three main market towns have huge potential for expansion which in turn leads to more open space money.

Devon County Councillor Radford

Composting - MDDC were going to scrap the grant towards community composting - 6 community schemes - currently have a funding of £15000 per annum between them to enable them to hire in a shredder. In the Tiverton Gazette it stated that MDDC are considering scrapping this from April. Cllr Radford went to MDDC as there was no consultation and he felt that it was giving a negative message regarding 'green' issues etc, there is a possibility that it will not be taken out of the budget.

Q: Could the composting continue without this funding?

A: Cllr Mander reported that financially they may just be able to keep going but this issue has completely deflated volunteers as there was no consultation.

DCC are currently up 50 per cent on composting and recycling. Cllr Perrett stated that figures are good because the collections are extensive and people do not have to differentiate too much between what they recycle.

Recycling depot in Willand - if this is wanted now is a good time to put the idea forward. **Agenda item February.**

Mobile café - does have a licence and have been checked by environmental health.

Bus stop sign will be put back up, bollards and no through road sign to be dealt with as soon as possible.

Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention

Fence on Silver Street - Cllr Brandon has reported this 3 times.

Dog bin - clerk to chase.

Willand sign - needs cleaning.

Weed clearance - find out options - **AGENDA NEXT MEETING - CIRCULATE**

OPTIONS

5. Accounts:

To agree precept for 2008/2009 as recommended by finance committee. See appendix 1. Agreed.

- Cheque signing

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet) £ 23.99

P Harrogate (stamps) £ 4.08

P Harrogate (BT phone bill) £ 25.25

Astra Printing (December magazine) £ 978.60

MDDC uncontested election costs £ 98.13

Brian Bussell (extra grass cutting) £ 155.26

South West Water (allotments) £ 14.43

South West Water (cemetery) £ 7.77

H M Revenue & Customs £ 255.54

CAB donation (agreed Dec 2007) £ 100.00

Income this month

Parish Magazine advertisements £ 310.00

Bank transfer to 30 day notice account

Defer to next agenda

6. Correspondence Received:

- South West Water consultation

Noted.

DCC minerals and waste development framework consultation

Cllr Mander spoke to a representative from the policies team - examinations of views early next year, adoption of consultation will take place Summer 2009.

Noted.

MDDC - code of conduct training

Cllr Davey

Postal naming and numbering - Off Gables Lea

New road to be named Gables Court - agreed - unanimous;

1. Public Questions

Resident of Greenwood - letter to Parish and MDDC - green areas in Greenwood, dog mess is a problem - requesting signs for No Dogs. As this is MDDC land District Cllrs to follow up on signage.

Items to be tabled:

Village Green

Noted

Meeting closed: 21.20