

Minutes February

Clerk to the Parish
Council

WILLAND St Julitta

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Willand

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
14TH FEBRUARY 2008 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllr G Davis, Cllr R Perrett, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr C Davey, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr
A Warne, Cllr T Mander,

In Attendance: District Cllr R Chesterton, District Cllr B Hull, 5 parishioners, Mrs P
Harrogate (Parish clerk)

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Crawford, District Cllr Brandon

2. To receive Cllr Marrow's resignation

A notice is to be displayed advertising a vacancy. The Council expressed their
thanks for the time and commitment that Cllr Marrow had contributed to the
Parish Council - Clerk to send letter of thanks.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 10th January 2008

Agreed

- Planning minutes 10th January 2008

Agreed

- Planning minutes 29th January 2008

Agreed

4. Matters Arising Discussion regarding policing in Willand

Inspector Higgins was unable to attend due to working a night shift.

Sgt Stuthridge has another engagement.

PC Dodd gave a brief account of the work that he has done in the parish in the past
month since he has been appointed as the Beat Officer for this area.

An 18 year old who bought alcohol for children under 18 was given an £80 fine. He reported that there are many incidents of Willand youths misbehaving in Cullompton which he will endeavour to deal with in conjunction with his colleagues.

Cllr Crawford joined him on an evening patrol, they walked around Willand and did not see anyone, they visited the pubs in Cullompton, dealt with 2 fights at the White Hart, made an arrest and took statements.

PC Dodd has spoken to the youth club and arranged 2 trips to Bristol, he has also offered to train youth for the Exmoor challenge.

The Police are still looking for offenders of dwelling burglaries.

PC Dodd ask that he be copied in on all planning applications that may have an effect of police business. He is looking to visit all local groups to offer reassurance. He is in the process of asking the youth of the village what they want and getting them to visit a parish council meeting.

24 crimes since last meeting. Report given. **Clearsprings contract and parishioners' feedback to newspaper article**
Weed control in parish
Update on skateboard park
Update on youth club

Eddie Dennis reported that he was asked to meet with the media following the coverage at Bodmin in the past few days. Parishioners are very concerned that they did not know about the situation until it was in the press. Eddie has confirmed to parishioners that the Parish Council were working behind the scenes.

Willand Parish Council have sent letters to Angela Browning, all ward members, Ben Bradshaw and Clearsprings to ask for evidence of consultation,

A reply was received from Angela Browning offering her support.

Replies from MDDC and Clearsprings are not conclusive and more questions are being asked. The Parish Council want to confirm that procedures are in place to ensure that this does not happen again.

Eddie pointed out that on the Clearsprings website - the criteria appears to be stringent but the procedure has not been followed in relation to the Willand property, there is concern that if this is not in place initially how will we be sure that the continued management take place.

Elaine Lane contacted Richard Chesterton three weeks ago and did not get a reply. When the opportunity came up to go on television she took it to raise the profile of the issue and ensure the safety of parishioners.

P C Dodd was asked what constitutes low or medium risk in police terms.

He stated that the prison service grade the risk and they have formulas to do this. People that are there would be eligible for bail pending trial, they have no fixed abode

- Clearsprings are offering a fixed address and support to integrate them back into the community.

PC Dodd categorically stated that there is only one person - in a two bedroomed property. The first person served out time and moved on. 2nd person didn't arrive due to absconding in Portsmouth and was therefore put back in jail. Current person been in since November - he arrived home late one night, was arrested and put before a court - he is electronically tagged and is curfewed from 5pm until morning.

A vote was taken as whether to invite a representative from Clearsprings to a closed meeting - the vote for was unanimous.

The clerk reported that the only option this year being put forward by the Highways department was to spray the weeds.

A vote was taken - 7 for spraying, 1 against, clerk to write to Highways department.

Willand youths are using the Cullompton centre. Funding for spraying the youth shelter is still available but none of the youths have shown any interest.

Cllr Warne reported that 2 quotes had been received in writing - Parish Clerk to send to Dave Scott at MDDC to ask for money to be paid to the Parish Council then a letter can be written confirming the amount available for the youth club for them to use when applying for match funding.**Land ownership at Meadow Park - District Cllr Chesterton TDG - preliminary plans**

Nick Sanderson has confirmed that it is owned by DCC, but MDDC would maintain. DCC should be informed about the way in which the trees had been cut - clerk to report and send photos to DCC.

Deferred to next agenda.

Cllr Perrett met the general manager of TDG about a plan that he will be presenting to alleviate problems with staff parking, he is hoping to present the plan to the parish council before it goes to MDDC.**Recycling depot in Willand MDDC big lottery grant - details of financial donations to parish/town councils - District Cllr D Brandon Future of the Gables Path in parish field Litter bins To confirm date for Annual Parish Meeting Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention**

Cllr Perrett proposed for an article to go into the next issue of the magazine, a vote was taken 3 for, 2 abstained, 2 against.

Deferred.

DCC have confirmed that properties and grounds at the Gables will be sold at the end of March 2008. Cllr Perrett to draft a letter and liaise with District Cllr Chesterton to ask MDDC forward planning department their views on the Gables. The matter regarding T.P.O's for trees at the location should be reviewed due to the possibility of development.

Deferred

PC Dodd suggested that a bin be put by the youth shelter in the Parish field. Vote against - unanimous.

27th March 2008.

5. Items to be reported:

Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Brandon, Hull

District Cllr Hull reported that signs had been put up in the play areas on Willand Moor development as requested.

Grant for composting has been reinstated for this year

The cost for collecting large items from residents homes will be £15 for the first item and £5 for subsequent items

It is thought that the Council Tax charge put forward by MDDC will be 4.6 %.

- Devon County Councillor Radford

Apologies sent.

Willand old village junction with Silver Street - has been reported

Somerlea - has been reported

Sign cleaning - has been reported

Fence in front of bungalows - has been reported.

6. Accounts:

Cheque signing

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet) £ 23.99

P Harrogate (stamps) £ 8.50

P Harrogate (BT phone bill) £ 26.75 H M Revenue & Customs £ 255.54

Torbay Display (xmas lights) £3084.38

- Income this month

Parish Magazine £ 141.00

Burial Ground £ 390.00

1. Correspondence Received:

- Community owned store start up programme - Cllr Eschele
- Unitary update - DCC - Cllr Davis
- DCC - My Devon - Cllr Taylor

DCC - Planning and compulsory purchase Act 2004 - Cllr Perrett

DCC - Gypsy & Travellers presentations - clerk to invite to April meeting.

- British Heart Foundation - Hearts First Jog - Cllr Davey.
- MDDC - Planning Training - Cllrs to advise the Clerk of suitable dates.
- Allianz - re claim - noted.

7. Public Questions

Elaine - how much does a pot hole cost to fill, it would be more cost effective to resurface the road.

2. Items to be tabled:

3. None.

4. Meeting closed: 21.58