

Minutes March

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MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2008 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

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

In attendance: Cllr B Hull, Mrs P Harrogate (parish clerk), PC Katie Rich, County
Cllr R Radford, 7 Members of public

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr C Davey, District Cllr R Chesterton.

2. To receive Cllr Bush's resignation

Noted. The clerk to write and thank Cllr Bush for all his work during his time on the Parish Council and to inform MDDC that the parish council have a vacancy.

3. To consider co-option to fill current vacancy (Cllr Marrow's resignation)

One application was received from Eddie Dennis.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to co-opt Mr Eddie Dennis.

The Chairman invited Mr Dennis to join the Councillors at the table.

4. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- o Full Council 14th February 2008

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- o Planning minutes 14th February 2008

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- o Extraordinary meeting minutes 29th February 2008

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting - Cllr Dennis proposed thanks to the Chairman for his presentation at this meeting.

- Planning minutes 29th February 2008

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

1. Presentation from DCC regarding footpaths.

Steve Gardener - DCC Rights of Way Improvements Officer.

Gave a brief presentation about the rights of ways in Devon.

There are 12 rights of way wardens - parish paths partnership scheme (P3) grant is given to the parish annually - grant is dependant on the length of the paths.

Steve explained that there are two ways in which to create new rights of way, the first is permanent routes the second are permissive routes.

Permanent routes - it is clear who maintains these but negotiations may take longer.

Permissive - more straightforward - they are for a limited amount of time and the land owner can close them at any time.

DCC would prefer to make footpaths permanent.

DCC do have the power to put a Compulsory Purchase Order on land but would prefer to work with the landowner

Funding is available from several sources.

Steve would need firm suggestions from the PC to see what routes he could pursue.

The PC should look at potential leads and it would be better if local people can approach the landowner but, DCC can get involved if necessary.

A local amenity is needed for local people - Sheila is to approach local groups. Dismantled railway leading out to Uffculme - cycleway.

Willand Parish Plan - link road between Willand and Cullompton - even a basic route would be welcomed.

There are minimum standards (ease of use) agreed at a national level.

Sheila to put together 2 routes to put forward to DCC.

PC happy to fund land registry costs. Environmental committee to meet and discuss this further (next environmental committee meeting will take place after the full council meeting in April).

Steve to find out the about railway project and report back to Sheila.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gardener for his time and he left the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- Discussion regarding policing in Willand

PC Katie Rich has transferred from Hampshire and will take over from PC Dodd.

Cllr Crawford reported that he went out with PC Dodd on a Friday evening shift, He noted that it is a low crime area and can be low maintenance if matters are dealt with quickly. Would like to see Police on the beat in the village.

Cllr Warne reported that there are problems on Harpitt Close with youths drinking in the play park on a regular basis and leaving bottles lying around.

Youth club were impressed with the work that PC Dodd was doing and we would like this relationship to carry on.

- Clearsprings contract update

Letters have been sent out to appropriate people. Angela Browning was due to have a meeting with Clearsprings today.

The Parish Council are waiting for replies from the letters and a report back from Angela Browning.

- Update on skateboard park

Cllr Dennis is meeting with Clare Tucker to try to move the project forward.

- Update on youth club

Cllr Mander met with Rita Parish regarding the tree behind the tennis court. It is thought that this tree is an Ash - the Parish Council need to ensure that this tree does not have TPO on it. Cllr Mander to send information to Cllr Perrett who will send it on to Liz Pickering.

- TDG - preliminary plans

TDG are seeking the PC's comments on some changes they would like to make to their front car park due to damage to staff cars. They have agreement with other operators on the site to use their parking facilities at present but would ideally like to expand their car park and make it more secure. They would also like to address the problem of bicycles, cars and HGV's using the same entrance.

80 spaces to increase to 107

Existing car park has no tarmac.

Councillors expressed concerns over drainage if tarmac is to be put down. Fencing facing residential area - there is a planting scheme to ensure that the area is more pleasing.

The discussion was adjourned to be discussed further in the planning meeting.

- Future of the Gables

The Gables will be put up for sale at the end of March - the Parish Council felt that this area should not be put up for sale (as it may end up as a residential area). Cllr Perrett and District Cllr Chesterton have put together a document to give to DCC via Ray Radford. The Parish council want a condition put on the property by MDDC to ensure that it cannot be sold for residential use. The Chairman proposed thanks to Cllr Perrett for his work on this project.

- Path in parish field

Deferred

- Litter pick

Proposed date - 19th April - 10.30 - Village Hall Car Park - Cllr Crawford to advertise the event.

- Permanent Traffic speed signs

Clerk to write to Tony Matthews at Highways department to request these signs for either end of the village on Silver Street.

County Cllr Radford to chase cleaning of the 'Willand signs'.

7. Items to be reported:

- Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Brandon, Hull

District Cllr Brandon reported that MDDC have produced a publication for ward members called 'MDDC at a glance'; it lists of decisions made to end of February. The District Councillors have a meeting with Peter Hancock and the Chief Executive on Thursday 20th March at 10am to discuss the bail hostel.

District Cllr Hull reported that when the parking is decriminalised DCC are funding MDDC to patrol the streets, the same person will enforce fines on streets as well as car parking. **Devon County Councillor Radford .**

Culm Valley recycling depot. To identify a site in this area - review to take place. Clerk to place an article in May magazine asking for parishioners views.

- Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention

£40,000 to be spent on exchanging the pelican crossing for a puffin crossing. (The Parish Council questioned this figure).

£7,000 for Willand bus stop and shelter - County Cllr Radford to advise when this will take place.

The Chairman proposed thanks to DCC for replacing the chain link fencing on Silver Street.

8. Accounts:

- Cheque signing

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet) £ 23.99

P Harrogate (stamps) £ 23.44

P Harrogate (BT phone bill) £ 24.65

P Harrogate (stationary including cartridge) £ 77.53

Viking Direct (toner cartridges) £ 77.33

Mrs A Warne (printing) £ 6.00

- Income this month

Parish Magazine £ 420.00

Burial Ground £ 810.00

4. Correspondence Received:

- D & C constabulary - letter from Stephen Otter

Noted

- Letter from the allotment holders association

Allotment association asked previously for the hedge to be cut back the previous council refused permission. It was agreed to let them trim it back. Look back to previous correspondence - Cllr Mander and Cllr Dennis to look into the matter.

5. 10. Public Questions

6. None.

7. Items to be tabled:

8. Village Green

9. Clerks and Cllrs direct

10. Meeting closed: 20.55

- Parish Magazine £ 420.00