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WILLAND

PARISH
COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council which took place on
Thursday 12th June 2008 in Willand Village Hall at 19.00**

Present: Cllr N Crawford, Cllr R Perrett (Chairman), Cllr G Davis, Cllr C Davey, Cllr
A Warne, Cllr E Dennis, Cllr T Mander.

In attendance: Cllr R Chesterton, Cllr D Brandon, 3 members of public, Mrs P
Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr S Eschele

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 8th May 2008

Agreed

3. Ken Harrison - Mid Devon Business Park

Ken Harrison works for a company called HPR marketing who are currently employed by London and Devonshire trust to produce a newsletter about what has gone on and what is going on, to be distributed throughout Willand and to open the channels of communication. He advised that whilst he is not an expert on construction he could get answers if there are any technical questions.

Newsletter should be circulated with the next parish magazine.

How many units will there be initially?

First phrase - 15 small business units for sale freehold - half way down on right hand side - there has been some interest already. When sold and occupied they will generate about 50 jobs this will be called Ethmaer Court - this name came from a competition at primary school and there will be an opening involving the children that were involved in the naming.

8 larger industrial units 4 office units 2 sets of 3 storey offices.

Build time depends on the market.

From 1st April the Government changed the law on the rates on commercial buildings and now rates have to be paid even on empty buildings. This is causing the commercial market to suffer and is likely to mean that the industrial area will be built to order.

Do you have to find customers?

There are commercial agents DTZ in Bristol and Kenningtons locally whose job it is to attract buyers.

Willand has had lots of new houses over the past few years - how will the market affect section 106 money?

L & D trust pride themselves on being a responsible developer and are open to

engaging with the community.

3 storey blocks facing the roundabout - are these going to be brick built?

Unable to answer the specifics of this question.

Are they going to wait for a collective contract to do a full segment or will they be built individually?

This will depend on demand, on the plan some of the larger units are stand alone buildings but others are individual.

There is a lot of water in front of the site will this remain until development progresses?

This is an attenuation pond which collects rainwater

What's the time scale for making it look better?

Ken will find out and get back to the council via the clerk.

Lots of topsoil has been churned up, if the market slows down could it please be made to look better in the interim?

The roundabout on the fifth spur how much work has been done to ensure that it is fully repaired back to it's original state?

Tony Matthews at Devon Highways is putting together plans involving a landscape architect these will be put to the parish council before work is carried out. L & D will make a contribution towards it whilst they are not driving it they are financially supporting it.

Concern about traffic going over the old railway bridge will phase one and phase two get together so that TDG traffic can go the long way round and not over the bridge?

L & D are in favour of this but there appears to be a problem with the phasing of the new industrial estate.

The Chairman thanked Ken for his time.

Antony Pipe gave a brief presentation about his work so far on the nest boxes. He has been looking after the nesting boxes and has cleaned them out and continued maintenance.

Over the past 2 years - after nesting season - he cleans out the boxes and does a survey in a report form.

The map that was distributed was current to 2005 but the amount of boxes and location is the same.

Nest box history shows which type of bird the box tries to attract.

The project began in 2000 and overall the boxes in these woods are well used.

Every five years Antony can give an overview with statistics.

Dormouse tubes were used the first year - if an opportunity is seen Antony will advise but considers that there are probably enough nest boxes at the present time.

There are only 3 or 4 boxes that haven't been used at all. Nuthatches have nested 3 years in a row.

The Parish Council thanked Antony for attending the meeting and for his work on the boxes to date and commissioned him to carry on with this important project.

4. Matters Arising:

- To receive Brian Taylor's resignation

Noted

- To receive Kate Taylor's resignation

Noted

- Parish Councillor Vacancy (1)

An advert has been put into the parish magazine and will hopefully create some interest.

- Recycling Depot in Willand

A resident from Muxbeare Lane attended the meeting and advised that he was aggrieved that he has not been informed about the outcome of the local development framework - it was explained that this had not yet been decided on by MDDC

It was explained that the article in the parish magazine was merely to gauge parishioners views. As only 2 letters had been received this will not be taken forward at this time.

- Application for funds from DCC (airport funds)

MUGA would stand a good chance as the project is almost complete but without funding. Cllr Davis proposed to give forms to Cllr Warne to get the match funding. Cllr Dennis to pass form to Cllr Warne in order for her to liase with the youth club.

- Youth Club Extension - update

Cllr warne reported that they are waiting to hear back from the youth capital fund

£5000 has been received from the Amery trust and

£10000 from the Garfield Weston foundation

Hoping to start in August. Tree to be taken down in next few weeks.

- Compile list for Cllr Radford

Bus stop - Uffculme Road

- Willand Churchyard - MDDC adoption update / overgrown graves

Correspondence has been received from Adrian Cook advising that the parish council should formally request that MDDC adopt the churchyard, Cllr Perrett to write to Adrian Cook and copy Cllr Chesterton - clerk to supply maintenance costs.

A parishioner has made a complaint to Cllr Dennis about overgrown graves and poor maintenance of the church graveyard. Cllr Dennis and Cllr Mander to meet Brain Bussell to discuss extra maintenance.

- S106 money

£5500 available - clerk to find out the date that this expires.

- The Gables

Cllr Dennis reported that some of the Cllrs met with Steve Keable and looked around the property, lots of work is needed internally.

DCC have made no decision about the sale of the property.
Steve Keable conceded that if requests were made that the village may gain something out of the sale to enhance the village.

The village are not entitled to get anything from the capital- the property is costing a lot of money in upkeep.

Cllr Dennis has requested that DCC maintain the avenue of trees on Meadow Park - Steve Keable advised that this would be considered.

Parish Council should ensure that the TPO's are extended

Steve Keable has confirmed that all info will be passed to the clerk.

- Skateboard Park

Environmental meeting postponed. New date 26th June - 19:30 Clare Tucker and Paul Tucker to be invited.

- Village Clock

Clerk to get ideas on protection for clock - item to be moved to environmental committee agenda.

- Road surfacing

Somerlea needs to be resurfaced - County Cllr Radford to chase

- Grass cutting

10 per cent more grass in MDDC and less employees so they were behind schedule with the grass cutting. Grass has now been cut.

District Cllr Chesterton to pass comments back to Nick Sanderson.

Weed killing - Cllr Radford to chase.

- Post Office Closure

District Cllr Brandon declared a personal interest.

Cllr Dennis reported that whilst Willand Post Office is safe at the moment we need to be aware of future phases.

5. Items to be reported:

- Devon and Cornwall Police

Report sent in from PC Katie Rich - 22 crimes reported - Clerk to write to Inspector Lawler.

Superintendent Willcox to be invited to a parish council meeting. There has been more damage in Somerlea to garages and cars.

- Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon

Cllr Hull - nothing to report

Cllr Brandon - press release about recycling - 52 per cent reduction in waste collection and waste going to landfill

MDDC would like to thank householders.

Green cone scheme - pilot scheme at Washfield - of 300 homes, uptake of 140 wanting to have a green cone. If anyone would like a green cone get in touch with waste dept at MDDC

Cllr Chesterton reported that regarding the Chestnut drive enforcement - the planning committee disagree with the officers decision and have asked that the door area be bricked up to the window. The applicant could appeal.

- Devon County Councillor Radford

Cllr Radford advised that the meeting with DCC, MDDC and WPC today about roads and other issues in Willand and the meeting at the Gables with Steve Keable is all in hand and DCC are aware of the Parish Councils views and the Parish Council will be kept updated.

- Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention
Willand Moor Road - pathway as last month
Bus stop on Uffculme Road weeds in bus stop.
Fence around the woodland trust - silver street.
Woodland Trust area to Esso garage.
Harpitt Close and Village Road - Mid Devon.
Tree at top of Somerville Park low branches - Mid Devon

6. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet)	£	23.99
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£	21.05
DAPC (membership)	£	504.00
DPFA (membership)	£	30.00
EDF Energy (xmas lighting)	£	191.79
Astra Printing (march/april issue)	£	988.25
Brian Bussell (grass cutting)	£	963.00
P Harrogate (stamps)	£	14.40
Astra Printing (re issue Jan/Feb lost chq)	£	929.25
Ron Tucker (plants for village planters)	£	168.10
MDDC refuse collection cemetery	£	96.23

- **Income this month**

Parish Magazine	£	399.00
Burial Ground	£	220.00

7. Correspondence Received:

- Willand Primary School re parish path
Clerk to reply to Governors that in the short term alterations are not in budget. Having secured some quotes work is not likely to take place in the foreseeable future.
- Allianz Cornhill re parish path
Clerk to reply to the insurance company to advise that no work will be taking place at present.

8. Public Questions

None

Items to be tabled:

Devon in Touch

Village Green
DAPC newsletter

Items still under discussion:

Parish field path

Village Walkabout

Footpaths

Cemetery charges

Allotments

Lay-by

Bus stops

Christmas Lights

Dog bin Victoria Park - 2005 26/6/08

Post box - Willand Moor

Bird boxes

Glen Crocker

Meeting closed: 21.30