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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
11th September 2008 in Willand Village Hall at 19.00*

**Present: Cllr T Mander, Cllr G Davis, Cllr R Ursell, Cllr C Davey, Cllr S
Eschele, Cllr R Phare, Cllr R Perrett (Chairman)**

**In attendance: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Brandon, 1
member of public**

1. Apologies

Cllr Crawford, Cllr Warne. Dist Cllr Chesterton, County Cllr Radford

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

Full Council 10th July 2008

Agreed

Planning committee 17th July 2008

Agreed

Planning committee 31st July 2008

Agreed

Environmental committee 14th August 2008

Agreed

Planning committee 14th August 2008

Agreed

4. Matters Arising:

- **Parish Councillor Vacancy (1)**

Deferred to end of meeting

- **Christmas Lights - Stephen Holdup (Torbay Displays) attending**

Deferred to environmental meeting - 18th September 2008

- **Youth Club Extension - update**

**Meeting has been attended regarding contractors - still awaiting
breakdowns from contractors. Quotations - Parish Council to delegate
powers to Cllr Warne, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Davis and Cllr Perrett to decide
on contractor with Youth Club committee - all in favour.**

**The tree behind the youth club has been removed and the council are
satisfied with the work.**

**Youth Club - Mike Dodd attended the meeting in his capacity of Exe
Valley rotary club youth chairman. A residential trip for the primary**

school children is due to take place in November 2008 but this is now not connected to the Police force in any way.

A fun run has also been organised - the police are not directly involved but Inspector Lawler has agreed to police the event.

Cycle training - this is not possible at the moment as only PC Dodd is a qualified trainer - the rotary club is looking to train volunteers to help.

Cllr Eschele thanked PC Dodd for his commitment to this project, the rest of the council endorsed this gratitude.

- Update from environmental committee

Footpaths - a letter has been sent out and 2 responses have been received so far from land owners.

Cllr Eschle showed Steve Gardener from DCC around the Parish - he has access to funding if we are able to identify a suitable footpath. Cllr Eschle has prepared a letter for the parish magazine to encourage parishioners to support the footpath project.

Four cross ways roundabout - planting - Cllr Davis expressed concerns about the letter that was sent from Tony Matthews, the clerk is arranging a meeting with DCC and the architect. Devonshire homes damaged the roundabout and WPC asked for it to be repaired, they have offered to enhance it and it is important that it is done to a good standard.

Julie Lester and Frances Wilcox attended the meeting and gave Cllrs copies of the breakdowns that had been received from 3 of the contractors. All 4 contractors are available to start work within the next 3 weeks. Julie thanked the Parish Council for their support in the project. The Youth Club are looking into under floor heating, this is to be discussed at a later date.

District Cllr Brandon left the meeting.

Julie Lester left the meeting

- Parish Council / Police surgery

Next Thursday 18.00 - 19.15 as many Cllrs as possible are required to attend

- Chairman's reception

14th October 2008 - invitations will be sent to all Cllrs and to nominated residents.

- Churchyard adoption

Letter received from Adrian Cook from MDDC regarding the adoption of the churchyard - MDDC will look into taking on the churchyard at the beginning of the next financial year subject to a full survey.

5. Items to be reported:

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

None - complaints from residents in the Old Village - lots of vehicles, fast cars and motorbikes leaving the Esso garage at a very high speed - Clerk to report to PC Rich.

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

Cllr Brandon - site inspection at Jaycroft on 19th September 2008.

Following a poll - 66 per cent of people are against the Devon Unitary.

Choice based lettings - MDDC have put in place a trial period of 12 months, a local preference will be given to people that have either lived or worked within the parish.

Swimming will be free for over 60's.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Apologies sent

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

Willand Moor Road - weeds.

Bollards - broken

Hedge outside Gables

6. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

P Harrogate (office allowance & internet) £ 47.98

P Harrogate (BT phone bill) £ 45.19

Astra Printing (magazine printing) £ 925.00

Ashill Arboriculture (trees felled x 2) £ 1000.00

Information Commissioners Office(data protection)£ 35.00

South West Water (allotments) £ 39.46

Brian Bussell (grass cutting) £ 963.00

Viking Direct (stationary) £ 189.36

John Holmes (back payment of pay increase) £ 46.44

P Harrogate (back payment of pay increase) £ 289.80

- **Income this month**

Parish Magazine £ 640.00

MDDC Parish Precept £29850.00

To review staff wages

Payments to be back dated to beginning of April for Clerk and Litter warden wages as agreed at the financial meeting.

7. Correspondence Received:

Email from Mr Holmes regarding Parish lengthsman issues

Cllr Eschle is putting article in the magazine that will cover this issue.

Letter from Parish Church regarding funding
Cllr Eschle proposed a £1000 donation towards the refurbishment of the Church, Cllr Mander seconded all in agreement.

Letter from PCC regarding tree in churchyard
Cherry tree is causing some concern, clerk to contact Adrian Cook with a copy of the letter from PCC and ask his advice.

Complaint about cemetery
The Clerk to report to PC Rich that youths are playing in the cemetery and vandalising flower displays.

8. Public Questions

Mark Barrington sent his thanks for the parish councils support he already has 50 members at his new boxing club and is now opening 5 days a week .

Parish Cllr Vacancy

Nigel Crick introduced himself to the Council and left the meeting.
In favour of co-option - unanimous.

Nigel Crick joined the meeting.

Items to be tabled:

DAPC annual report
Village Green
Devon In Touch

Meeting closed: 20.45