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WILLAND

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COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council which took place on Thursday 13th November 2008 in Willand Village Hall annexe at 19.00

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr R Perrett (Chairman), Cllr G Davis, Cllr T Mander, Cllr A Warne, Cllr S Eschele, Cllr N Crick, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr R Phare, Cllr E Dennis
In attendance: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk), Cllr R Chesterton, Cllr B Hull, Cllr D Brandon, Cllr R Radford, Cllr M Squires, 2 parishioners, PC Katie Rich.

1. Apologies
None

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 9th October 2008**
Agreed
- **Planning committee 9th October 2008**
Agreed
- **Planning committee 30th October 2008**
Agreed

3. Cllr Mrs Squires
Deferred to later in the meeting

4. DCC highways representative
A separate meeting has been arranged with Meg Booth and Tony Matthews on Wednesday 19th November at 3pm in the village hall annexe.

5. Matters Arising:

- **Parish Council / Police surgery**
Date of next surgery - Thursday 20th November 6.00pm - 7.15pm
- **Recreational project**

A letter has been received from the Head Teacher stating that the school are keen to support the project with a view to using the facility during the school term. Cllr Perrett is to draw up a detailed application for funding from the airport funds from DCC using the figures supplied by Playdale.

PC Rich arrived and the Chairman proposed to bring item 6 forward - all were in agreement.

PC Rich advised that the Police are currently dealing with a group of 6 youths who are drinking alcohol and causing trouble around the village. One of the youths was arrested recently for abusive behaviour to a police officer and the anti social behaviour process has been put into place - this involved working with other agencies including the parents.

There was an arson attack on a shed at the allotments and also a theft from a shed - it was suggested that a sign be put on the gate advising that there is no public access.

There has been 1 incident of drink driving, 2 car accidents and a raid on a garage where class c drugs were found and an arrest was made and someone charged.

A neighbourhood watch meeting was held in the village and 8 people attended. In the near future Jon Simms and PC Rich will be actively looking for householders to become neighbourhood watch representatives.

A parishioner raised concerns about youths damaging fencing and causing problems in the gardens of Somerlea.

Cllr Dennis raised concerns about the lack of police presence at the pedestrian crossing during the upgrade - PC Rich admits that there were probably not enough resources for it to be covered.

Cllr Chesterton and 1 parishioner arrived.

- Allotments

Cllr Dennis and Cllr Crawford met with the Chairman of the allotment association to discuss the issues of trespassing and damage. It was decided that the resident of the property adjoining the allotments would put harris fencing up to try to discourage access. The allotment association have locked the front gate of the allotment and this has alleviated some pedestrian traffic.

Cllr Hull arrived

PC Rich left the meeting

- Trees in churchyard

An estimate of £150 has been given by a local tree surgeon. The vicar will advertise the fact that the trees will be taken down for 2 weeks before the work takes place. The PCC are to replace the dead trees with substantial saplings.

Cllr Squires arrived.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Squires and asked her to give a brief overview of current MDDC events.

Cllr Squires advised that her 'theme' was equalities and diversities. Cllr Squires has signed a joint D & E policy statement put together by the Devon Strategic Partnership for all District councils and the County Council. Issues were raised about the equality of gypsy settlement land opposed to affordable housing land.

Cllr Squires confirmed that MDDC have a duty to accommodate the gypsy community.

Cllr Radford advised that there were only 2 possible sites in Mid Devon these being in Halberton parish and in Sampford Peverell parish.

It was asked why these sites are both in the Culm Valley?

Cllr Squires advised that they wanted the sites close to the highways ?!

She will ask officers about a policy and advise the parish council.

Cllr Squires also to ask Paul Tucker to contact the parish council with a view to helping secure funding for the new recreational project.

- Dog bins

It has been established that the bin for Victoria Park has now been ordered but there are still concerns about the location. Cllr Brandon is to check with Adrian Cook on the siting to ensure that it satisfies the Parish Councils original request.

- Footpaths

Cllr Eschle gave Cllr Squires a brief overview of the project so far. 1 parishioner has come forward in support of the project. Cllr Chesterton reported that Uffculme parish council would like to speak to Cllr Eschle regarding a routed from Willand to Uffculme.

- Graffiti

Cllr Hull is to enquire about the 'graffiti buster' - it's whereabouts and the opportunity for parishes to have access to it.

- CCTV

The Clerk explained that having discussed this issued with Dave Maynard she was comfortable that the system that was sold to the parish council met the needs at the time and was the most suitable for the funds available at the time.

6. Items to be reported:

- Devon and Cornwall Police taken forward

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon**
Cllr Chesterton reminded cllrs about the MDDC planning training. He also confirmed that the reported 1.1 million pounds of MDDC money that was invested in an Icelandic bank was now 'frozen' and the the Government and the LGA were in talks and it was hoped that the district council would recover most of this money. This amount equates to 10 percent of their overall funds.

Regarding the sign for Willand Moor road this has been ordered but as the final order must be in batches of 10 we have to wait until more signs are needed - it could be in place by January or February. Local Development Framework - there are currently 2 sites that are considered to be exception sites just outside of the settlement areas of Willand - these are Silver Street - just past the Woodland Trust area and on the Uffculme Straight - these sits could potentially provide 13 affordable homes.

Cllr Chesterton reported that the opinion of the planning committee about the Lloyd Maunder land was not clear cut but that the committee would consider worker housing which would have to be at building regulation standard - more clarity is needed on this.

W12 - the land at Bramber Trailers - as this area is within the settlement zone planning could be applied for in the usual way - it is not an exception site and the needs of the parish regarding affordable housing would be fulfilled by the 2 above mentioned sites.

Cllr Dennis raised concerns about the proposed industrial estate in Cullompton and the impact the HGV traffic may have on Willand. Cllr Chesterton confirmed that a copy of the LGF would be sent to the Parish Council as part of the consultation.

Cllr Brandon is to discuss with Adrian Cook when the churchyard will be assessed with a view to MDDC taking ownership of it at the start of the next financial year.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**
The meeting regarding the airport funds is on 21st November and Ray would like a brief overview of the project before this date. The planting scheme for the roundabout has been received and the parish council are due to discuss this at a planning meeting on 20th November.
The Gables - still no decision but the Parish Council should write to DCC expressing their views - Cllr Dennis to prepare a letter. Cllr Radford gave a brief update on the unitary proposal.
- **Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention**
Fir trees in alleyway between Lime Close and Oak Crescent.
Pot holes and flooding on Somerlea.

7. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

£50 - Royal British Legion donation for wreath

£23.99 - Parish Clerk internet and office expenses

- **Income this month**

None

8. Correspondence Received:

MDDC planning training

attendees: Cllr Dennis, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Eschle, Cllr Crick

MDDC - Local Development framework

Noted consultation dates.

9. Public Questions

Cllr Dennis and Elaine attended a Police liaison meeting and advised that Mid Devon are to have 4 new police officers but as these would be in patrol cars and not on foot it was felt that this would not benefit our parish.

Items to be tabled:

Devon In Touch

DAPC newsletter

Clerks and Councils direct

Noted

Meeting closed - 21.00