

**Minutes of the Full Meeting of Willand Parish Council which took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 2009 in Willand Village Hall annexe at 19.00**

**Present:** Cllr Perrett, Cllr Phare, Cllr Davis, Cllr Mander, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Eschele, Cllr Crick

**In attendance:** District Cllr Chesterton, County Cllr Radford, PC Katie Rich,  
1 parishioner, Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Crawford, Cllr Ursell, District Cllr Brandon, Cllr Warne

**2. Minutes of the Meetings held:**

Full Council 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Planning committee 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Agreed as a true and correct record

**3. Matters Arising:**

**Parish Council / Police surgery**

There has not been good attendance at any of the surgeries, it has been agreed that February will be the last scheduled surgery and the public will be reminded that the parish council meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month and that the Police are always in attendance. Next surgery booked for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**Footpaths**

Nothing further to report since December's meeting, Clerk to check with Cllr Crawford whether he has held a meeting with the representative from Diggerland.

**Roundabout**

The Clerk has contacted Tony Matthews who is going to try to get a response from London and Devonshire Trust.

**CCTV**

Cllrs will be given the opportunity to look at the CCTV in action on 15<sup>th</sup> January during the Police surgery

**Recreation project**

Cllr Dennis expressed his disappointment that DCC turned down the funding application for the project from the airport funds.

Willand School wrote to Ann Whiteley on 18<sup>th</sup> December to clarify that the school supported the project. Chairman to write to Cllr Smith to for the justification for turning down the parish council's application.

Cllr Radford will report back to the committee that the parish council are unhappy with the result and advise that he would like to put the application back on the agenda as it did not get a fair hearing. Cllr Radford will also ask Cllr Smith for clarification on why the application was dismissed.

### **Churchyard adoption**

Cllr Dennis met with Adrian Cook from MDDC to discuss the issue of adoption of the churchyard. The following work needs to be carried out before the adoption:

1. Front gates and rear gates treated and painted.
2. Legal agreements must be drawn up as there are still approximately 38 graves with deeds purchased that will need to be opened in the future.
3. 10 headstones need to be secured
4. raised mounds to be lowered
5. walls around the churchyard - who owns and maintains them?
6. Hedgerow needs to be cut back to the wall for access.
7. Conifers to right of the entrance door. MDDC will write to the owner of the yew tree overhanging the churchyard to ask them to cut it back.
8. Bench needs refurbishing.
9. Tree needs some work.

Other confirmations included;

- Notice board will not be adopted.
- Flood lights will not be adopted.

The Parish Council would like MDDC to arrange the works and invoice the Parish Council at a prearranged rate. Adrian Cook is to send a letter detailing the requirements before precept meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

### **5. Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

PC Rich reported that it has been a relatively quiet Christmas and New Year period in Willand. The youths reported at the last meeting have all been spoken to, one has since been caught shoplifting and will be arrested. 2 cars broken into in village hall car park on 31.1.08. Damage to cars in Tamarind, 1 in South View Close. Plum Way youths knocking on doors, Victoria Close anti social vehicle has been reported, the police have spoken to the owner of the vehicle.

Assault in recreation ground - PC Rich to check whether the CCTV has been checked - the names given weren't local.

Pact - police and community together. Police will put out community surveys around the village through the magazine and the website, public will list their top 3 areas of concern in the area. The Police collate the information and identify the top 3 issues and then call a public meeting and bring along other agencies. Ways of solving the issues are put forward and a follow up meeting is held 3 months later to look at the results. Proposed date for Willand is March 2009. The Parish Council confirmed that they are happy to support this

initiative.

Neighbourhood watch scheme - there was some concern that no one has the funds to support this scheme Cllr Chesterton confirmed that the scrutiny committee at MDDC were trying to get funding for a neighbourhood watch officer but the police turned down the proposal. PC Rich confirmed that the neighbourhood watch scheme is operated by herself and PCSO Simms and that they are actively recruiting members therefore the scheme is still fully operational in the area. NWS signage is paid for by the householders who give make a minimum membership payment.

Speeding in village - a black box was put up in Gables Road, Meadow Park and Somerlea. Highways have confirmed that these are for counting purposes only. Cllrs invited to escort PC Rich when she is checking vehicle speeds in the village. Police now do not have to put signs up to advise of speed checks however the Parish Council felt that it may be a preventative measure to put signage up in Silver Street. Cllr Dennis is to contact Dave Huxham to find out criteria for signs and ask whether if we do not meet the criteria whether the parish council could pay for them to be put up and how much this would cost.

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

Gypsy sites - the local media have reported this week that there are to be 4 sites in Willand - Cllr Chesterton believes that this has been misinterpreted by the press and the minutes of the MDDC minutes have been misread. Sampford Peverell site has been withdrawn. Site between Willand and Cullompton is still to be discussed - a grant has been applied for by MDDC from the Government in order to put in the required sites. It is currently under discussion and there will be a full consultation.

Is there a policy from MDDC - Cllr Davis asked for this from Margaret Squires when she attended our meeting in November but the Council have not been sent confirmation. Cllr Dennis confirmed that there was not a policy in place at MDDC.

Anything that the council sells must be considered for a gypsy site before affordable housing. If the sites on Silver Street and Uffculme straight can these be considered for gypsy sites if they are agreed for affordable housing? Cllr Chesterton will confirm whether private individuals can claim money from the gynt or if it is just local authorities.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

DCC budget 5.5% from gvnt - budget will be 3%

Darren Queenan - Tony Matthews new assistant. Offered Willand Parish Council some dates to meet in the village. Cllr Dennis will organise a meeting and advise Cllrs of the time. Cllr Radford has been asked to attend a meeting with Lester Willmington and Tony Matthews regarding communication with parish councils.

Youth Club £10,000 has not been paid. It has been approved and is going through the system. Mary Davies in finance at DCC is processing this payment, Cllr Radford will send a reminder email.

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

Somerlea, Fir Close

Tamarind - new sign

Willand sign - needs cleaning - Cllr Dennis to contact Willy Pike

17 tonne sign needs turning - yellow signs re new housing still not removed

bollards at the end of Jaycroft

pot holes in Gables Road, drain in Gables Road

## 6. **Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**

P Harrogate (office expenses and internet) £ 23.99

P Harrogate (BT phone bill) £ 30.56

Astra Printing £919.50

South West Water (Allotments) £ 30.62

South West Water (cemetery) £ 35.34

- **Income this month**

Magazine advertising £ 322.00

Cemetery payments £370.00

Allotment rents £347.00

- **New mandate form**

Existing signatories to confirm information all other Cllrs to complete form, Clerk to arrange.

## 7. **Correspondence Received:**

**Request for a donation - Culm Voluntary car scheme**

Defer to next agenda

## 8. **Public Questions**

Elaine Lane reported the horrendous road surface at Somerlea again !!

**Clerk to report**

**Items to be tabled:**

**NHS newsletter**

**In touch**

Noted.

**Meeting closed - 20.55**

