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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 February 2009 in Willand Village Hall annexe at 19.00

Present: Cllr Perrett, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Davis, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Davey, Cllr Crick, Cllr Eschele, Cllr Mander

In attendance: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk) Cllr Chesterton, Cllr Hull, Cllr Brandon, Cllr Radford, 2 Parishioner

1. Apologies

Cllr Warne, Cllr Crawford

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

Full Council 8th January 2009

Planning committee 15th January 2009

Planning committee 5th February 2009

Environmental committee 5th February 2008

Agreed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

Parish Council / Police surgery

19th February is the last planned surgery as parishioner attendance has not been high. Cllr Eschele sent her apologies.

Report from Environmental committee - to include recreational project and date for cemetery site visit.

The minutes of the last meeting on 5th February outline the current issues. A site meeting is to be held at the cemetery on Saturday 14th February at 11.00am to discuss the future extension of the burial area.

CCTV

Cllr Davis reported that some Cllrs have had the opportunity to look at the system in action and Council are content that the system does meet the criteria of our original remit. If we wanted to enhance the system it would be very costly.

Four Ways Cross roundabout

It was decided that a small group of Cllrs should be formed to take this project forward. Cllr Davis agreed to advise on technical aspects but is unable to spend a large amount of time on the project due to work commitments. Cllrs Crick, Eschele, Mander and Davey volunteered. Cllr Crick to approach the school to gauge initial interest. Cllr Hull reminded the

council that to keep the planting low maintenance was vitally important.

4. Items to be reported:

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

No attendance, report not received.

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

Cllr Hull advised that MDDC council tax would be set at 2.5 per cent this year.

Reported that the boundary committee recommendations had been put off from 13 February to 13 July 2008 at the latest although it still could be reported sooner than this date.

The update on enforcement at Chestnut Drive, a notice was served on the wife in September 2008 and six months given to rectify the issue however as the property is in joint names notice also needed to be served on the husband, he has now been located and will be served notice this week so there will be a further 6 month period from now for the issue to be rectified.

Cllr Brandon reported that she had recently been given a tour of the recycling depot at Exeter which was very interesting.

Cllr Radford and Cllr Chesterton called in the business park at the planning meeting and there will now be a full site visit, Halberton Parish Council will have an opportunity to speak as the site is in their parish but Willand parish council will not. Cllr Chesterton will ask for dispensation to allow Willand parish council to speak as the application will have more impact on this village.

There are currently 39 properties in Willand which do not reach the standards for heating, this is being looked into MDDC have looked at putting gas in but this will cost £5000 per property. Now looking at renewable energy and Cllr Chesterton will report when he knows more. Cllr Davis will email Cllr Chesterton some alternative options regarding suppliers of energy.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Cllr Radford reported that the DCC budget will be fixed next Thursday. Council tax will be 2.89 percent. Schools have increase of 3 per cent. Through the interest drops DCC have lost about 8 million pounds.

Cllr Radford and Cllr Dennis met with Cllr John Smith regarding funding for the recreation project - this was reported in the minutes of the environmental committee. Cllr Radford advised that Cllr John Smith has confirmed in writing that there are pots of money available for a phased scheme.

Cllr Radford will donate £5000.00 to start the project.

Darren Queenan would like to meet up with 2 parishioners regarding the siting of the bus stops.

Repairs to Somerlea started today, drainage at bottom of Somerlea to be looked at. Flooding - DCC are putting 1 million into the budget to deal with issues this could be used for Fir Close problems. Cllr Radford will advise Darren that the drains need to be looked at.

Cllr Dennis clarified that Willand did not receive any money from the investing in Devon project. The money donated to youth club was from the youth service and the school will be funded by the education budget. 10K still outstanding for the

youth club it was intimated by Cllr John Smith that this would also be paid out by the Youth Service

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

Ongoing list that has been sent to Darren at DCC - Potholes - Somerlea, Gables Road, School Drive, drainage at Fir close, bus stops, new home signs to be removed.

Clerk to advise Cllr Mander of date and time of meeting regarding the bus stop.

New issues for lengthsman

Willand Moor road - vegetation overgrown

playing field - junction at Buttercup

Weedkilling spray - Clerk to inform Darren Queenan.

5. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

Torbay Display (xmas lights)	£ 3018.75
P Harrogate (office expenses and internet)	£ 23.99
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£ 20.80
B Kingston (fourth installment of youth club)	£11912.85
Willand United Charities (allotment rent)	£ 300.00
Ashill arboriculture (fell cherry trees in churchyard)	£ 125.00
Culm Voluntary car scheme (agreed in minutes)	£ 200.00

Agreed

Gillett & Johnston (clock repair) £ 826.85

As this repair was carried out without prior authorisation the Clerk is to write and ask for a breakdown of the charges and also question how long the parts are guaranteed for.

- **Income this month**

Magazine advertising	£ 1055.00
Cemetery payments	£ 525.00
Allotment rents	£ 60.50

- **Agree parish precept**

£29850.00 recommended by finance committee - All in agreement

6. Correspondence Received:

Report regarding bird boxes received from Birdscape

Clerk to pass to Cllrs.

Letter requesting donation for Uffculme school trip

Item deferred - Cllr Davey to ask for more information and bring back to next meeting.

**3rd March 7 - 9 pm Mid Devon strategic partnership
lessening the impact helping people through the recession.**

Cllr Ursell to advise clerk of attendance.

8. Public Questions

Footpath between Lime Crescent /Chestnut Drive - overhanding hedges - privately owned, clerk to send a letter asking residents to cut vegetation back.

Items to be tabled:

Devon In Touch

Trade waste news

meeting closed: 20.20