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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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Willand Village Hall annexe at 19.00*

**Present:** Cllr Perrett, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Davies, Cllr Phare, Cllr Mander, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Davey, Cllr Eschele

**In attendance:** Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk) District Cllrs Brandon, Hull, Chesterton, 3 Parishioners.

The Chairman requested that the room take two minutes silence in memory of John Spearing former Parish Council Chairman.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Crawford, Cllr Warne, County Cllr Radford, Cllr Crick

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

Full Council 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Planning committee 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Planning committee 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
All agreed as a true and correct record

Cllr Dennis read out an email from Mrs Balaam in which she sought clarification of the various February figures as published, especially given the pending introduction of the new financial procedures for the Parish Magazine. The draft minutes for March now highlight the revised figures.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

#### **Annual parish meeting**

The clerk advised that this meeting will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> a limit of £80 for refreshments was set.

#### **Emergency Plan**

Cllr Eschele, Cllr Davis, Cllr Dennis, Cllr Ursell and Cllr Davey volunteered to be on the new emergency planning group. Clerk to set a date for an initial meeting.

#### **Costings for projector and portable hard drive**

The following limits were set for the purchase of equipment

£600 limit for projector

£100 limit for portable hard drive

#### **Cemetery update and estimates**

A motion was passed to agree the given quotes if a lower quote is not obtained.

Benches £199.00 including v.a.t

Cllr Mander to enquire about fixings

**Letter requesting donation for Uffculme school trip - deferred from last month**

Cllr Davey phoned Uffculme school to enquire about the trip she was advised that 3 students from Willand are hoping to attend - if not enough money is raised then the money will be paid back.

The trip to Uganda is run by a christian based charity - Mission Direct - Cllr Eschele proposed £100, Cllr Davis proposed £100 per person from Willand total of £300.00 Cllr Dennis seconded 6 in favour, 1 against. Cheque to be raised at April meeting.

**New financial procedures for willand magazine**

A paying-in book has been issued to Pauline Balaam to allow her to pay advertising payment directly into the parish council account to avoid duplication.

**Four Ways Cross roundabout update**

Cllr Crick sent a report about his progress on the matter so far - the subject is to be deferred to the next environmental committee meeting - Cllr Dennis will enquire how much money is available in total to ensure that project is viable.

**Play area safety report**

Inspection has taken place but report not yet received, deferred to next meeting

The youth worker reported that the roof on shelter leaks and needs sealant also the skate ramp is dangerous

**Village Clock**

No response received from company defer until next meeting

**Update regarding MDDC workshop regarding personal finance**

Cllr Ursell attended the meeting and gave a brief report - item to be brought forward to next agenda.

**Litter pick**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 10.30 am - Cllr Crawford to organise

**Christmas lights update**

Cllr Phare has researched other companies that provide the service. One option could be to buy refurbished. Cllr Phare to arrange a meeting with the representatives at the end of April.

**Willand village hall open day - 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Organise at next environmental meeting

**4. Items to be reported:**

• **Devon and Cornwall Police**

PCSO Jonathan Simms attended the meeting and gave a crime report for the past month - 1 criminal damage, a theft from willand services, 1 burglary willand moor road (targeted address), vehicle

interference, 1 burglary - caught in the garden and arrested - targeting the address.  
 Plum way - youngsters knocking on doors  
 1 accident in fir close  
 several reports of motorcycles on Jaycroft and quad bike and mini motorbikes in park on orchard way  
 youngsters drinking in the park at Harpitt Close and Victoria Close  
 PACT is up and running and the questionnaire is on the willand website and in the willand magazine.

Speed detection still in place, more detection is planned.

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon**  
 Cllr Hull canvassed views on the MDDC publication - Parish Matters - it was suggested that whilst it was a useful publication perhaps a culm valley version should be available.
- Cllr Chesterton reported that there was currently no more feedback on the 38 houses owned by MDDC that need to meet the prescribed standard by 2010 - Cllr Davis has put MDDC in touch with someone that may be able to help with the matter.  
 A site visit took place at the Mid Devon Business Park followed by an impromptu visit to the proposed gypsy site this would have gone to committee and then a working group would have attended, now all committee members have attended.  
 Cllr Dennis was given the opportunity to give Willand Parish Councils on the business park - permission was given with conditions  
 Muxbeare lane - underground springs are an issue due to the work at the business park. Mddc are talking to the environment agency and DCC highways as it is coming out onto the lane.
- **Devon County Councillor Radford** - apologies sent in advance
- **Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention**  
 Kerb on Victoria Close  
 Items for DCC list  
 Bollards on Jaycroft - to be removed  
 Willand Moor road - MDDC land overgrown.  
 Somerlea - potholes  
 Cllr Dennis and Cllr Mander met with Darren Queenan to look at the proposed bus stop sites and this project is now moving forward  
 Weed killing - it was agreed last year that weed killing spray should be used in the village - Clerk to discuss in readiness for this summer with Darren Queenan at DCC

**5. Accounts:**

- **Cheque signing**
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| P Harrogate (office expenses and internet) | £ 23.99  |
| P Harrogate (BT phone bill)                | £ 23.40  |
| Astra Printing                             | £ 939.00 |

- **Income this month**  
Magazine advertising  
INCORRECT AMOUNT RECORDED IN FEBRUARY MINUTES  
therefore this is a minus figure this month - £ 231.00
- Cemetery payments £ 415.00
- Allotment rents £ 43.00

**6. Correspondence Received:**

**Woodland trust**

Deferred to next environmental committee - clerk to enquire what sort of arrangement would it be. Whether there would be any funding? Could they give an indication of annual outgoings with regards to the area. Cost per hectare.

**MDDC presentation on gypsies and travellers**

Clerk to advise that Cllr Dennis will be attending

**Public questions:**

Garages in Somerlea - this area is rented by tenants from MDDC - the rent has gone up 14.5 per cent in the last year and 35 % in the last 3 years yet there is no tarmac and no maintenance - Cllr Chesterton to take the issue to the Leader to ask why the rent has increased so dramatically and what the position is regarding future rent increases.

Trees on Meadow Park - It was established that these were owned by DCC - Cllr Chesterton is to confirm whether these can be taken down and whether more trees will be planted in their place.

**Items to be tabled:**

Clerks and councils direct  
NHS foundation trust  
digital uk  
RD&E magazine  
**noted**

**meeting closed: 20.58**

