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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 14 May 2009 at **Willand Village Hall** at 19.00

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

In attendance: PCSO Simms, PC Rich, 16 members of public, District Cllrs Chesterton and Brandon, Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Apologies

None

2. Gary Pilling from MDDC regarding Clean zone

Gary Pilling explained that MDDC have pledged to keep the district clean and are looking initially at 5 clean zones. They want to engage with the litter picking group and will be street sweeping in areas that are not usually cleaned. They would like to combine Willand and Uffculme during the same week. Patrols will look into any fly tipping issues and dog fouling and enforcement will be in place. Abandoned cars is also part of the project and the public are asked to approach officers that will be in the area.

Litter pick on 6th June 2009 and MDDC clean zone will start week commencing 8th June 2009. Gary will consult with the litter picking group and put up posters.

All streets in the village will be cleaned. Any particular areas can be flagged up by the parish council or the public and these will be made a priority.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pilling for his attendance and reiterated that the Parish Council are very pleased that Willand will be involved.

Gary Pilling left the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 9 April March 2009
- Planning Committee 30 April 2009
- Environmental Committee 30 April 2009

All minutes were agreed and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising:

Cllr vacancy

The official paperwork is displayed in the notice board and if no response is received by 24th May 2009, the Parish council can advertise and co-opt a new member of the council.

Update from Emergency Plan meeting

The Clerk reported that the decision was taken that the existing plan did need to be updated - this is in progress and full council will be kept updated of all progress.

Cllr Dennis regarding gypsy and traveller meeting

Cllr Dennis attended a meeting at Tiverton with parish councils, District Councils and the County Council. Attendees were brought up to date on the gypsy and traveller policy. Some background was given on gypsies and how they came to this country originally. Ethnic legislation now covers gypsies and travellers. There are 3 council owned sites in Devon there is one in Plymouth a site in Exeter and 1 other located within Devon. The 2006 act states that gypsies and travellers have the same rights as other citizens.

Update from environmental committee

Cllr Crick was elected as the new Chairman. Minutes for the meeting have been distributed and Cllr Crick gave a brief overview of current matters.

Bus Shelters and footway - a letter has been received from DCC advising that they have written to local residents and MDDC and are awaiting a reply. No time scale is available at the moment. S106 money could be taken back after 5 years so the project is very timely. Cllr Dennis to continue to liaise with DCC.

Cllr Dennis regarding police meeting

Cllr Dennis met with the Chief Constable where the Chief Constable outlined his views on neighbourhood watch. The Police now manage Neighbourhood Watch. PACT response was questioned as only 27 replies received - was this an apathy that was evolving - he said it was down to the Parish Council - the Police are a

supporting role not there to lead the community. The Chief Constable has been out on foot patrol in Willand with both PCSO Simms and PC Rich.

Churchyard adoption

The Clerk has attempted several times to get an update from MDDC. Cllr Dennis and District Cllr Chesterton will go and see Adrian Cook for an update on the adoption and works involved including grass cutting on Friday 15th May and will advise the clerk of the outcome.

5. Items to be reported:

- Devon and Cornwall Police

PC Katie Rich reported to the meeting the following crimes for the past month. 1 damage to dwelling - an arrest has taken place. 1 dangerous driver - currently making enquiries. 2 damage to vehicles - 2 thefts from vehicles - valuables left in cars - PC Rich is to put an article in the magazine reminding people to remove all valuables. 1 no payment fuel. 1 untaxed car - incident dealt with. 1 theft of van from drive - no update. On the previous Friday evening officers were aware of large groups of youths from Uffculme and Cullompton gathering in the village for a party. Officers spent the evening in the village and brought in a team from Exmouth who deal regularly with anti social behaviour. There was a fight at the football club and reports of youths in gardens and the churchyard. All attended youths were moved on and names taken. Theft and assault at the one stop theft and damage to police car - public order offence = 3 arrests were made 2 now on bail.

1 report of burglary on the industrial site and attempt of theft of lorry. Youths drinking in Harpitt Close park are being investigated. Verbeer manor - incident at the bar - male barred. Regarding the PACT survey the article in Culm Valley gazette did not reflect PC Rich's article. PC Rich thinks that people do come forward and give information at the time of it happening which is why the survey was not completed. Neighbourhood speed watch in Halberton with a new speed indication device this is a warning system not an enforcement system, offenders will be pulled over and given a verbal warning. This has been used in Willand and will continue. PC Rich is happy to set up a similar project in Willand.

Member of the public asked about the issue of parking at end of Somerville Park - cars are parking on the corner and on the other side

of the road also parking opposite the entrance this is causing obstruction.

PC Rich and PCSO Simms left the meeting

- Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon

Cllr Brandon reported that a flyer had been received regarding a free training session on planning matters on 11th June at Tiverton Town Hall 6.30 to 9pm - (unfortunately this clashes with the next full council meeting) An Air quality management project was undertaken in Willand last October a report will be published regarding this but early indicators suggest that the air quality is not particularly poor in Willand however it is thought to be 13 percent below the Governments objectives at the M5 end of Somerville Close.

More monitoring will take place in Subway approach. MDDC have put in a bid for a more sophisticated air quality monitor funding from government funds and this will then be used in Willand. A report will be emailed shortly to the clerk and Simon Newcombe will be happy to speak at a parish council meeting if required.

Cllr Chesterton advised that 2 applications have been called in to the planning committee in June - these are Dean Hill road and Aspen Close

MDDC have new powers to enforce sub standard homes are brought up to standard this will be trialled in Willand.

- Devon County Councillor Radford

Cllr Radford advised that he is continuing to apply pressure on DCC to ensure that the bus shelters are in situ as soon as possible. Letters have been received stating that DCC are putting an extra 6 percent into highways however they have reduced the budget hugely so they have made a cut of £1.7 million. They originally took £3.67 million away but had to reinvest £2 million after much criticism.

Cllr Radford is nearly at the end of his 4 year term he said that the time has been both challenging and rewarding and he has enjoyed it, Cllr Radford will be standing in this ward again, he thanked the Parish Council for their support over the past 4 years.

- Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention

Silver street - strip between woods and esso garage

Trees overgrown opposite Beech Close - trees from the Gables - clerk to report.

Cllr Dennis has a comprehensive list which he will emailed to the Clerk.

6. Accounts:

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P Harrogate (office expenses and internet)	£ 23.99
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£ 28.90
MDDC - refuse collection cemetery	£ 104.65
Cllr Dennis (reimbursement for plans)	£ 7.00
Brian Vincent (churchyard grass cutting)	£ 60.00
Willand Village Hall Committee	£ 199.35
Astra Printing (May magazine - inv 28912)	£ 885.00

Income this month

Magazine advertising	£ 411.00
Burial fees	£ 165.00

7. Correspondence Received:

Letter from DCC regarding highways

Noted

8. Public Questions

Letter read out from Mr Stewart - parishioner of Halberton

The contents of the letter was discussed by members of the public and Cllrs.

Cllr Chesterton wanted to make it clear that he has made no comment on either of the traveller sites applications.

Cllr Perrett advised that he had chaired the planning meeting and he wanted to clarify that the parish council did not take advice from the District Councillors and that they came to the decision without any outside influence. Cllr Perrett explained that due to the close proximity of the parish boundary lines to the village the parish council always look at

applications that are close to the boundary and will comment on the impact they would have on Willand. At the planning meeting of the 30th April the planning application was looked at for technical merit and impact.

Frances Wilcox attended on behalf of the Youth club and reported that they had held the *AGM* and that Mel Billings is the new Chairman following Pam Glass stepping down.

Items to be tabled:

Devon Talk

Noted

Meeting closed: 20.50