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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 9 July 2009 at **Willand Village Hall** at 19.00

Draft minutes

Present: Cllr R Perrett, Cllr R Phare, Cllr T Mander, Cllr R Ursell, Cllr S
Eschle, Cllr C Davey, Cllr N Crawford, Cllr N Crick

In attendance: **District** Cllrs Hull, Brandon & Chesterton, County Cllr
Radford, 2 members of the public, Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr G Davies, PC Rich, PCSO Simms

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- Full Council 11 June 2009
- Environmental Committee 18 June 2009
- Planning Committee 2 July 2009

All agreed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

To accept Cllr Dennis resignation - Noted

To accept the resignation of the Clerk - Noted

Introduction of new planning chairman – to report the election of the
new planning chairman to full council following Cllr Dennis's resignation

Cllr Ursell was elected as Chairman of the planning committee at the
planning committee meeting on 2nd July 2009.

Councillor Vacancy – To consider co-option following the recent
resignation of Cllr Warne

Deferred to end of agenda

Tree Preservation Orders – Brought forward from the environmental committee, to discuss the felling of trees lining the Mid Devon business park.

Cllr Chesterton and Cllr Brandon reported that they had a meeting with Jonathon Guscott, he asked them to pass on his apologies to the parish council which he will put in writing. MDDC had requested that Tony Lane look at the trees, this did not happen and no-one followed this up – in the meantime the trees were felled. MDDC admitted a breakdown in communication between the planning department and the arboriculturist. The outline planning application and conditions for the site stated that a document had to be supplied to include existing trees. The applicant must agree a planting programme but they are entitled to cut down the trees on their land. If they had been looked at they may have been subject to a TPO. Cllr Chesterton and Cllr Brandon will continue research into the matter.

Churchyard grass cutting – To discuss quotes for 12 further cuts until the end of the financial year.

A quote has been received from a local contractor. The contract for 12 cuts to April 2010 was granted to Mr K Broom with the following conditions.

- **The paths and graves must be kept clear of grass.**
- **Whole area cut to the same level.**
- **Public liability certificate to be shown.**
- **Grass to be removed after cut if necessary.**

Update on the churchyard adoption – Following the meeting with Adrian Cook on 30 June 2009.

The clerk reported that Adrian Cook had been very helpful at the meeting but there was still a lot of paperwork to put into place before MDDC will consider the adoption. A map showing boundary lines has been requested from the boundary commission and the clerk is to meet with the church warden to look at the church records to try to ascertain how many more burials will take place in family plots. Some relatives have come forward following the article in the parish magazine regarding the topple test of the memorial stones.

Footpaths – Update from Cllr Eschle following recent meetings.

Cllr Eschle is meeting Richard Spurway from DCC on 10th July 2009 at 14.40 at Diggerland.

Allotments – Update from Cllr Crick regarding the security issues raised by the allotment association.

Following a site meeting with the allotment association it was agreed that the area of the allotment field at the end of Blenheim Close needs heightened security. The AA have been asked to get some quotes for fencing before their next meeting in September. The AA have requested another site meeting to clarify the PC's suggestions. Cllr Crick to arrange.

Christmas Lights – Update from Cllr Phare on quotes received.

Cllr Phare reported that he has received the second quote from the second supplier this arrived today so he has not had the opportunity to look at them too closely. There has not been any response from parishioners following an article in the magazine. References have been sent to the Clerk who will follow these up this week.. Uffculme have a Christmas lights committee so that the parish council only pay a percentage of the cost. There would be an option of refurbished lighting with both companies. Full proposal to be brought to the full council meeting in September.

Parking issues – Update on action taken regarding the parking issues in Somerville Close.

The Police reported that they had not seen any issues with parking. The Clerk has started to do a leaflet drop in Somerville Park and had received a letter from a resident stating that some of the residents believed that they had purchased a parking space as part of their house purchase. Clerk to contact Mary Sergeant in the housing department at MDDC to clarify the situation.

Bus stops – Update from County Cllr Radford regarding timescales for the new bus stops.

Deferred to County Cllr Radford agenda item

4. Items to be reported:

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

Report from PC Katie Rich

Bails of hay left on a trailer in lay-by outside Clarkes Farm shop were set alight. Information has recently been received concerning this and officers are making follow up enquiries.

Burglary on Meadow Way Estate where insecure house entered via insecure downstairs window. Possible suspect named and this will be followed up. This happened over last weekend.

Male charged with public order offence in village after verbally abusive towards police officers.

Report received re youths drinking in Webbers Way. Jonathan has visited reporting person and discussed issue and we will pay attention. Caller called this in day after incident and has been encouraged to notify us at the time it is happening.

Report received re bonfire in field. Males located and alcohol seized.

Request from Lloyd Maunder for passing patrols to pay attention, as chickens have been going missing. Access possibly being gained from back of premises, security has been improved and no more problems at this time.

I have been speaking with Tony Mander (via e-mail) re the allotments and increased security of them. As I suggested last year the fencing at the back of the allotments could be improved to prevent individuals using the allotments as a cut through. I believe he has now placed "private" notices on the access points to the allotments as well. I have advised that we will happily place some crime prevention advice on the notice board within the allotments suggesting ways people can keep their property secure. Once the notice board has been fixed we will provide this info.

There have been no further reports in relation to the allotments since the last meeting. Somerville Close – Parking

This issue was brought up at a previous meeting concerning the parking of cars close to the junction at the top of this Close. Both Jonathan and I have been paying this junction some attention but so far our timings must be out as we haven't found one car parked in an illegal or inconsiderate manner. We will continue to monitor and should a car be parked in such a way the owner will be dealt with accordingly. If there are certain days of the week or times of the day when the problem is at its worst can you let us know please?

- Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon

Cllr Hull reported that she had attended an environmental day at Crediton regarding green issues and recycling, DCC officers were in attendance and the councils are jointly looking at more ways of helping the environment.

The issue of grass cutting is being discussed next Tuesday at MDDC – a motion was put forward by one Cllr regarding giving money to parish and town councils to manage the grass cutting themselves. Funding will be discussed. Parishioners had commented on the recent cut which was much more satisfactory. The precept is going up but the budget keeps being cut – this is a government cutting process.

The main issue is that the workers got behind in scheduled cuts in May and have not caught up.

Cllr Chesterton advised that he will be calling in the planning application for the retention of a mobile home at Bradfield due to flooding implications. He also reported that the application for an extension at Aspen Close has been granted permission.

Peer review – an internal review has taken place with senior officers and senior cllrs from outside of the area coming in to see what the council's procedures are. Cllr Chesterton took part in one of the sessions – prior to the latest election there were a lot of issues between Cllrs, the review clarified that this position was much improved. It was thought that MDDC are moving forward in a positive manner – peer review findings were that MDDC need to work in partnership with other councils to try to bring down costs.

Townlands – the bench is split and a parishioner has made a complaint about cutting their leg on it – Cllr Hull is to look at the bench and arrange the necessary maintenance.

Childrens playground in Harpitt Close there is damage to the see saw which is split – Cllr Brandon is to follow up this complaint and arrange maintenance.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Bus stop – no update on timescales. Objections were made by residents to a proposed new bus shelter in South View road. A site meeting was held this morning by DCC with the objector the design and location were discussed and agreed.

Cllr Radford reported that he is on the following committees - environmental economy and culture – vice chair of policy and resources and development control, devon and somerset fire authority, hatoc highways and traffic orders committee, mid devon county committee. (The Gables would go through this committee if it were to be sold) all committees are politically balanced.

Cllr Radford stated that his main objective is to look after Willand and Uffculme ward. He is aware of the ongoing issues that are being dealt with, including the roundabout and he will endeavour to resolve these as soon as possible.

- Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention

The Gables, wall opposite the post office in the Old Village is breaking away.

The park between Aspen Close and Myrtle Close needs bushes trimmed. Footpath behind the bungalows – this was reported last month – Cllr Chesterton to arrange maintenance.

5. Accounts:

Cheque signing	
P Harrogate (office expenses and internet)	£ 23.99
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£ 29.10
Ken Broom (churchyard cut)	£ 140.00
Playlines (to remove broken springy in playpark)	£ 431.25
Astra Printing (July/Aug magazine)	£ 939.00
Allotment association (annual subs)	£ 135.00
Mr J Widdicombe (painting churchyard gates)	£ 570.00
ICO Data Protection	£ 35.00
DAPC membership	£ 583.00
v.a.t for clock repair	£ 125.83
The Old Well (new benches)	£ 398.00

To ratify

Brian Bussell (June payment)	£ 659.00
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Income t his month

Magazine advertising	£ 262.00
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Cemetery	£ 162.50
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6. Correspondence Received:

Letter from Uffculme school thanking the parish council for their donation for a school trip to Uganda.

Noted

7. Public Questions

Items to be tabled:

Village Green
Clerks & Councils direct

Noted

Cllr Vacancy - Alan Bartlett was voted on to the parish council to fill the vacancy left by Anne Warne – Clerk to arrange paperwork

Meeting closed: 20.40

