



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the full Meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Thursday 12th November 2009 at Willand Village Hall at 1900

Present: Cllr Ursell, Cllr Davis, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Crick, Cllr Mander, Cllr Davey, Cllr Phare, Cllr Bartlett

In attendance: County Cllr Radford, District Cllr Brandon, District Cllr Hull, Mrs T Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Introduction of new Parish Clerk

The new Parish Clerk was introduced to the Council.

2. Apologies:

District Cllr Chesterton

3. Public Questions

A member of the public asked if the Public questions could be moved to where they were previously in the agenda if the new order did not work. Cllr Ursell explained why the procedure had been changed and confirmed that this might be an option.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held:

Full Council 8th October agreed as true and correct

Planning Committee 15th October agreed as true and correct

Environmental Committee 15th October

Copy amended by Cllr Crick as a true and correct record with the following amendment made at the meeting:

Cllr Crick's name was corrected.

5. Matters Arising:

Councillor vacancy

An application has been received. The applicant will be invited to attend the next meeting to ascertain whether the role of Councillor would still be of interest.

Next boxes – Meadow Park

Cllr Davis expressed the view that the report should be received and circulated before payment is made. All in agreement.

6. Reports:

Devon and Cornwall Police

The local police issued the following report;

Crimes

No crimes reported

Incidents

3 domestic incidents

7/11/09 Youth racers in Verbeer Manor car park (Given warning).

3/11/09 Male loitering in subway approached mother and children (Male known to the Police).

Cats have been reported missing.

25/10/09 Youths letting off firework (individuals were checked).

Untaxed vehicle parked in Rows Orchard (Fixed penalty issued).

PC Katie Rich is on maternity leave until September 2010.

Mid Devon District Councillors Chesterton, Hull and Brandon

Planning issues

The Gypsy and Travellers site proposed along the Uffculme straight has been refused planning permission. The application was called in by Chair of Planning Paul Williams.

Grass Cutting

At this time MDDC have not provided a schedule of cuts for next year. This year DCC has given the general grass 7 cuts and is still cutting. Bill Allen starts cutting in the last week of February and then continues every 6 weeks. The Parish Council was provided with a map of grass ownership.

MDDC Budget for 2010

Saving of £250,000 need to be made in the next financial year meaning some services will be revised. The Citizens panel suggested that the public do not want to have cuts in grass cutting, street cleaning and refuse collection.

Broken Seat in Rose Orchard

The properties in Townlands are maintained by the Guinness Housing Trust. They consider that the seat is the responsibility of MDDC. Confirmation of this is being sought. A member of the public stated that the seat is regularly used and that the plastic is quite sharp. Cllr Davis proposed the Parish Council inspect the seat and ascertain the extent of any repairs. Cllr Mander agreed to undertake the inspection and report back to Council on his recommendation.

Cllr Radford

Climate Change

DCC is aiming to substantially cut their output of carbon into the atmosphere.

Budget

There will be a reduction in the 2010/11 budget of £25,000,000.

Road Maintenance

Following Cllr Radford's advice Cllr Davis proposed a letter to DCC requesting urgent road maintenance in Somerlea. Chair of DCC Highways Michael Lee will be copied in.

Lengthsman/Health and Safety – areas for attention

The Silver Street road path needs to be attended.

The overgrown trees on the pavement of Meadow Park need tending.

7. Finance

Cheque Signing

P. Harrogate (office expenses and internet x 2 months)	£ 47.98
P Harrogate (BT phone bill)	£ 23.47
CCTV (total amount and payee tba – Dave Maynard)	£839.50
P Harrogate (total payment to employment end)	£517.75
British Legion (donation for wreath)	£ 50.00
Ken Broom (grass cutting)	£625.00
Ron Tucker (plants for planters)	£380.00
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 49.50
Gillett and Johnston (servicing advance payment y/e 30.9.10)	£150.65
Gillett and Johnston (servicing year ending 30/9.09)	£146.88
Astra Printing	£939.00

Income this month

Parish Magazine	£850.00
Other receipts	£365.00

Cllr Davis expressed the view that in future the plants for the planters should be itemised in the Precept and once a year should go out to tender to local firms. Local businesses could also be approached to sponsor planting.

The Allotment South West Water a/c is in credit to the value of £21.58

8. Projects updates

Christmas lights – Update of DCC lamp post issues – signing of the contract

Devon County Council has indicated that the Christmas lights supplier will not be allowed to install the sockets for the illuminations: these can only be undertaken by their contractors. As a consequence, the quotation that has been received from DCC was double the quote received from the light supplier for the provision of sockets on 4 lamp posts.

The Council voted 5 in favour and 2 abstainers to authorise the additional expenditure and have the sockets installed this year.

A donation of £50 has been received from Cameo following the article in the Parish Magazine.

Youth Club Trees – Update from Cllrs Davis and Perrett

Cllr Perrett and Cllr Davis suggested that the replacement trees could be located in the park adjacent to Gables Lea, Silver Street (in front of the bungalows) or the triangle between Willand and Willand Old Village as possible sites.

Four Ways Cross Roundabout – Update following correspondence received from Adrian Cook

The plan submitted by Adrian Cook did not reflect in any way the proposals that were agreed by the Parish Council and provided by Mr Holmes and Mr Dennis to MDDC and DCC.

On this basis it was unanimously decided to reject the proposal by Adrian Cook even though this may delay the planting of the roundabout until the spring so the design by Willand Parish Council can be implemented. Cllr Crick to reply to Adrian Cook of MDDC.

Churchyard adoption – Remaining steps to be taken

Boundary Wall

A survey of the boundary wall will be undertaken by a surveyor employed by Adrian Cook. Cllr Davis agreed to accompany the surveyor. Adrian Cook requires evidence of who is responsible for each boundary wall. Land registry checks to be undertaken by Cllr Ursell and the Clerk to determine ownership.

Headstone Repair – Current status

Following a repeat ‘topple test’ five still need repairing, indicating that three have already been repaired. Cllr Phare is to seek quotations for the repair of the further five headstones.

Other Adoption Issues

The gate has been painted and Cllr Ursell and Clerk will investigate other outstanding issues to ensure they are complete.

The Way Forward – New projects kick off!

Cllr Ursell proposed postponing this item until the next Parish Council meeting.

The Precept Planning Dates are as follows:

Preparations for 200/11 Precept

3rd December – closed meeting for Precept discussions

Cllrs to bring forward costed proposals for new projects

7th January – Precept meeting

14th January – Full Council meeting

Precept confirmed (or otherwise)

15th January – submit Precept

9. Other Items

Correspondence Received

There was no correspondence

Meeting closed at 8.50