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WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Thursday 14th January 2010 at Willand Village Hall

Present: Cllr Ursell, Cllr Davis, Cllr Davey, Cllr Phare, Cllr Mander, Cllr Wright, Cllr Crick

In attendance: County Cllr Radford, District Cllr Hull, Mrs T Leaman (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public

1. Apologies: Alan Bartlett, PSCO Jonathan Sims
2. Public questions: A member of the public asked about road improvements in Somerlea Road. County Cllr Radford stated that DCC operates a priority system, and the Parish Council has received a commitment from DCC saying it is on the list for consideration. He suggested that the Parish Council write to him requesting a visit from the Road Technicians, who can then explain the grading list and where Willand is on the list. **Action Parish Clerk)**
3. Minutes of the meetings held:
Full Council 10th December 2009 agreed as a correct record
Planning Committee 10th December 2009 agreed as a correct record

4. Reports:

Devon and Cornwall Police

Crimes

11/12/09	Willand Car Sales - unauthorised taking of motor vehicle (person arrested)
18/12/09	Tamarind Close burglary (nothing stolen)
30/12/09	Mid Devon Business Park burglary (property stolen)
30/12/09	Somerlea Estate garages - criminal damage
31/12/09	Waterloo Straight B3181 theft of quad bike

Incidents

7/1/10	Report of vehicle taking salt/grit from DCC grit bin in Townlands (person warned)
7/1/10	Hit and run RCT Waterloo Straight (enquiries continue)

6/1/10 Youths throwing snow balls Silver Street Willand
 3/1/10 Youths drinking and parking up in Worcester Close (late patrols to pay attention)
 21/12/09 Hit and run RCT Lupin Way (enquiries continue)
 20/12/09 Youths throwing flowers around at the Cemetery (area searched no trace)

Mid Devon District Councillors

District Cllr Chesterton

A major sewage leak at Jaycroft was reported the previous weekend which was caused by the collapse of a drain. Although South West Water would not confirm responsibility at the time they have now done so.

Cllr Crick questioned the confusion regarding refuse collection during the snow. District Cllr Chesterton confirmed that the tip was closed during that period and that the normal collection programme would resume on Monday 18th January.

Chesterton informed the Parish Council that funds are available for the development of Parish Plans.

District Cllr Hull

Cllr Hull provided the Parish Council with a copy of a review concerning the relationship between the District Council and the Parishes.

Devon County Councillor

County Cllr Radford reported that the Mobile Library Service will reduce the number of stops in Willand and Uffculme, although it will stay for a longer duration. There will be a consultation for this.

Parish Lengthsman/Health and Safety

The hedge along the stretch of pavement between the Four Ways Cross Roundabout and the Garage is overgrown and in need of cutting. Cllr Mander is to make enquiries as to who is responsible.

Action Cllr Mander

5. Finance:

Cheques

T Leaman	Office expenses and internet	£23.00
T Leaman	December wages	£424.26
Fine Memorial	Headstone repair	£230.00
Brian Bussell	Grass cutting	£724.00
Ken Russell	Grass cutting	£125.00
Festive Lighting	Christmas lights	£3210.80
South West Water	Cemetery	£11.12
South West Water	Allotments	£1.38
Astra Printing	Magazine	£885.00

Receipts	
Cemetery	£412.00
Magazine advertising	£252.00

Approval of 2010-2-11 Precept.

Cllr Ursell gave details of this years Precept which has increased by 3.6% on the previous year. This is in line with the anticipated inflation level for 2010-2011. Acceptance of the Precept was proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Mander. The decision was unanimous.

Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – request for donation.

The Parish Council would like to know how many people from Willand benefited from the scheme in the last year before making a decision on the donation at the next meeting.

Action Parish Clerk

6. Project Updates

Churchyard adoption

Cllr Ursell recently had a meeting with Adrian Cooke from MDDC which was very positive. Cllr Davis accompanied Hasnein Kanami the Community Projects Manager when he viewed the Churchyard walls recently. Hasnein Kanami reported that two of the walls are in a particularly bad state and need attention before Devon County Council would be willing to adopt the Churchyard. The remaining walls are in an acceptable condition.

Cllr Davis suggested that these repairs would have to be considered as a 2-3 year project and then questioned whether it would be worthwhile forging ahead with the adoption upon completion. Hasnein Kanami will get quotations from various contractors for the work required..

Headstone Repair

Cllr Phare has confirmed that four headstones still need repairing. Quotes have been received for three of the four. Cllr Phare has also requested a quote for one extra headstone lying down near the Cemetery entrance. The quotations for these will be received in the next week.

Roundabout

Cllr Crick gave details of an email received from Adrian Cooke in which Adrian suggested reducing the amount of grass and adding more trees to the centre of the roundabout. Raised beds will also be added which will offer winter colour to the planting. Cllr Crick will email Adrian Cooke to conclude this.

8. Other items:

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm. This will be advertised in the Parish Magazine, the Willand Matters website, the Star newspaper, the Post Office and on the Notice Boards. Refreshments are to be provided and the Clerk will send invitations to local Clubs and Committees. **Action Parish Clerk**

9. Communications received during the month:

Email from Willand Rovers requesting the use of the playing field. Cllr Davey is to confirm which part of the field they would like to use, Parish Council or Mid Devon District Council. This will now be passed to the Environment Committee.

Action Cllr Davey, Cllr Mander

DCC Emergency planning newsletter – emailed to Cllrs 16th December.

DCC Intouch Monthly News Roundup – emailed to Cllrs 14th December.

Email from Darran Queenan – Re Somerlea and Fir Close emailed to Cllrs.

Email from MDDC Re: Grants received 17th December

Letter from Culm Voluntary Car Scheme – received 23rd December.

Letter of thanks from Mary O’Neil – Royal British Legion – received 31st December

Email from Jenny Baker Re: Dog fouling – received 27th December, Environment Committee replied.

Email from Rural Services Network – emailed to Cllrs 5th January

Items to be tabled

MDDC –Consultation by BT on proposed adoption of certain public payphones

Meeting closed 21:08.

