



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2010 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: District Cllr Brandon, District Cllr Chesterton, 2 members of the public, Mrs. Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: Cllr Mander, Cllr Crawford, County Cllr Radford, Graham Cunstance (Devon and Cornwall Police), District Cllr Hull

2. Public questions: None

3. Minutes of the meetings held:

Full Council 11th February – signed as a true and correct record

Planning Committee 11th February – Agreed by Cllr Crick, seconded by Cllr Wright, the Parish Council accepted the report and signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

Muxbeare – emails have been sent to arrange a meeting, all parties need to agree a date. Cllr Ursell will write to the Environment Agency voicing the Parish Council concerns if the meeting does not occur within the next two weeks. Cllr Davis suggested a copy of the letter should also be forwarded to the Health and Safety Executive.

Confirmation has been received that Somerlea and Fir Close will be included in next year's financial programme. It was felt that the amount of money allocated indicated another temporary repair. Cllr Davis to investigate the details of works proposed.

Action Cllr Davis

A member of the public joined the meeting at 19.06

Meeting notification.

The formal process for notification is that a signed copy of agendas requesting the attendance of councillors should be posted to councillors individually. It was proposed that the informal process using email should be formally agreed. In order to ensure that non-email users can still receive notification in the formal way, it was agreed that councillors will be approached individually to confirm or otherwise that they are happy to receive notification of meetings by email.

Action Parish Clerk

4. Reports:

Devon and Cornwall Police

Following concerns about the lack of police presence at Full Council meetings, Cllr Ursell held a meeting with PC Custance and Sgt Stuthridge, Cllr Ursell was informed that the Police are working on a number of initiatives in addition to their normal duties. As they are also working shifts, it is not always possible to attend meetings. They committed to attending meetings if there are specific issues to resolve, otherwise they will send the monthly report by email. Cllr Davis felt that 10 minutes Police representation each month should be available considering the size of the village and the contribution to police funding from the village. Cllr Ursell proposed he contact the Police asking them to attend the next meeting so that they can hear the Parish Councils concerns. Cllr Davis confirmed that letters have been sent in the past voicing concerns and should be written again. This was agreed. A member of the public confirmed there is a Police liaison meeting being held in Cullompton on 22nd April.

Action Cllr Ursell and Cllr Davis

Cllr Bartlett joined the meeting 19.20

The Clerk read out the following report prepared by the Police

Over the last 30 days there have been 4 crimes of note:

21/02/10 – Possession of cannabis discovered by Police - Adult offender from out of the village.

25/02/10 – Theft of chicken feed. Hole made in feed container and feed stolen. No suspects or witnesses.

28/02/10 – Theft of shopping bag. Left unattended and item removed by unknown person.

06/03/10 – Theft from motor vehicle. Entry gained to vehicle and stereo equipment stolen. No witnesses or suspects.

Over the same time period there have been 15 incidents of note:

06/02/10 – Parking issues relating to Willand Rovers match. Matter monitored by Police unit.

08/02/10 – Fall out between friends which required Police intervention. No crime.

11/02/10 – Suspicious telephone call relating to a company who were trying to act on peoples behalf to obtain refunds for overpayment of taxes. Police advice given.

12/02/10 – Male lying in the road. Police attended and it transpired he was working on the water mains.

12/02/10 – Anonymous information stating that a party was to be held on Willand rec. Area searched with no trace.

14/02/10 – Male claiming he was wanted on warrant. He wasn't.

17/02/10 – Obstruction of the highway by a broken down vehicle. Matter resolved by police attendance.

18/02/10 – Neighbourly dispute. Matter resolved by neighbourhood team.
 19/02/10 – Missing person. Located in Birmingham.
 20/02/10 – Neighbourly dispute. Matter resolved by neighbourhood team.
 21/02/10 – Male with knife. Male detained under the mental health act.
 23/02/10 – Harassment through Facebook. Youth related and dealt with by School and Neighbourhood team
 26/02/10 – Suspicious incident concerning males near to Spearing Coaches. No offences disclosed.
 27/02/10 – Suspected drink driver. Area searched with no trace.
 28/02/10 – Road traffic collision. Damage only. Occupants ran off from vehicle.

Mid Devon District Councillors

Cllr Brandon

36 homes in the village do not reach the ‘decent homes’ standard. £397,000 will be spent installing Economy 10 heating and updating the Western Power sub station. A report is available from the MDDC website.

Cllr Chesterton

Budgets have been set for the next financial year, MDDCs increase by 1.5% is the smallest increase in Devon. DCC will increase by 1.98% and the Emergency Services will increase by 4.95%. MDDC is looking at cutting costs in front line services by working in partnership with other councils.

Devon County Councillor

Cllr Radford emailed a report to the Parish Council confirming that Somerlea and Fir Close are on next years road maintenance agenda. There will be an extra 4.92 million of additional funds for highways, much of which will be spent repairing pot holes.

He stressed the importance of local residents completing the library questionnaire, and confirmed that street lighting will go into energy/carbon saving mode next year, more information can be found regarding lighting at DCC.

Parish lengersman/Health and Safety - areas for attention: None

5. Finance:

Payments		
T Leaman	Office expenses and Internet	£23.99
T Leaman	Phone bill (Nov-Feb)	£60.15
T Leaman	Postage	£2.72
DAPC	New Clerks Training	£29.38
T Leaman	Pay to cover account work	£172.68
T Leaman	Voucher for John Holmes	£50.00
T Leaman	Petrol allowance 60 miles @ 40p – New Clerks Training	£24.00
Culm Voluntary Car	Donation	£100.00

J Widdicombe	Bench repair – Townlands	£135.00
Astra Printing	Magazine	£885.00
Ken Broom	Churchyard grass	£125.00

Receipts		
Allotment	Rent	£132.00
Magazine	Advertising	£365.00

The Parish Council needs to consider how financial payments will be made in the future as electronic payments become more commonplace and cheques become an outdated mode of payment. Areas needing investigation are internet banking and debit cards.

Action Clerk to ask DAPC and other parishes

The Village Hall clock no longer sets itself to the correct time following a power cut. Gillett & Johnston have quoted £1217.00 + VAT to replace the clock?. Cllr Davis stated that due to the age of the clock he thought it unviable to spend more money mending it. All agreed. Cllr Phare has found a more local company and will ask them for a quote. **Action Cllr Phare**

Churchyard Wall – Cllr Ursell requested approval for expenditure following a quote received. Cllr Ursell proposed a top budget of £14,500 (including contingency fund) which would allow for a contractor to take down the roadside wall, lay a concrete block, insert wall ties and rebuild the wall. Cllr Bartlett will manage the project, he has sent the form for the faculty which should be returned soon, emailed photographs to the Diocese of Exeter, consulted with Rex and he will arrange for two more quotes. Rev. Anna Norman-Walker will be consulted before any work begins and we will consider communications with the village as this is a sensitive activity.

Action Cllr Bartlett

6. Project updates:

Churchyard adoption

– see above

Headstone repair

Cllr Phare contacted Fine Memorials who confirmed that the work should be completed by mid April.

Roundabout

Work has been in progress for the past week and should be completed in the next week or so.

Village Walk

This is a new project in which the village is divided in four areas. Each quarter one area is visited to

Litter pick

Identify items needing repair or replacement

List areas which are overgrown
Note potholes in the roads
Ensure that all street lights are working.

It is hoped that in future parishioners in their area will be willing to help with these walks. This item will now be passed to the Environment Committee.

Action Environment Committee

7. Meeting Dates

Thursday 18th March – Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 25th March – Planning and Environment Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 8th April – Full Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 22nd April – Planning and Environment Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 13th May – Annual General Meeting 7.00pm

8. Communications received:

Cllr Davis Resignation - Cllr Ursell thanked Cllr Davis for the commitment he had given to the Parish Council over many years in many different roles including Chairman. He was also thanked for giving six months notice and actively working to ensure a smooth transition.

Village Hall Clock Estimate received from Gillett & Johnston – scanned details emailed to Cllrs 26th February

Wall quote – details emailed to Cllrs 26th February

In Touch newsletter – emailed to Cllrs 16th February

State of the District Debate letter – information emailed to Cllrs 15th February

Planning Training postponement letter – information emailed to Cllrs 15th February

Investing in Devon booklet – available at meeting

MDDC – State of the District Debate – shown to Cllrs 4th March

February issue Parish Matters – emailed to Cllrs 1st March

Village Green magazine – available at meeting

East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Annual Conference invitation – available at meeting

Development Aid from People to People UK – following a discussion it was unanimously decided to decline due to availability of space

DAPC Newsletter – available at meeting

Damaged dog bin – emailed 6th March – Clerk contacted MDDC 8th March

Temporary repair has been carried out pending its replacement

Meeting Closed 20.20

Cllr Ray Ursell
Chairman Willand Parish Council