



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2018

Present: Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Manktelow, Councillor Scott, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox.

1. **Apologies** Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Glover

2. **To receive any declarations of interest from Members for any of the agenda items.**
No declarations were made

3. Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 20:26 and announced that it would be recorded.

4. No members of the public were present.

5. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 22 March 2018 had been circulated Councillor Warren proposed that they be signed as a true record of the meeting Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

6. Progress reports for information

a) Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the meeting with MDDC regarding parking issues around the Somerlea area and the current situation regarding ownership of the grass area. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Councillor Evans if there was any update on the situation.

ACTION: Clerk

b) The idea of a poster competition had not progressed and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

c) The main recommendation from the allotment tree safety report was to get rid of the ivy on the trees. It was agreed that the handyman would be asked to cut the ivy.

ACTION: Clerk

d) Councillor Warren reported that following the meeting that he and Councillor Scott had had with MDDC regarding Orchard Road play area an email had been received from Mr Busby informing that MDDC were prepared to replace the fencing and lease the play area to Willand Parish Council for a 25-year period. It was agreed that this would be put on the next full council agenda for discussion and the Clerk would review standing orders in relation to changing a decision and give advice at the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

e) The Clerk reported that the damage to the Jubilee field fenced children's play area surface had been repaired at a cost of £50. The contractor had noted that in his opinion the safety surface was degraded and would need to be replaced sooner rather than later. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would wait to see if the playground inspector raised this as a priority.

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) It was agreed that the handyman would be asked to sort out the Jubilee field gateway from Gables Lea taking into consideration the need to ensure that there was no possibility of loose stones getting on to the field.

ACTION: Clerk

b) It was agreed that Councillors would submit ideas for work that could be completed by the Community Payback team to the Clerk who would compile a list.

ACTION: All

c) Cemetery maps & information.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ring SWW and ask if it was possible to find a map with the layout of the pipe that runs from the sewage station across the field at the back of the cemetery.

ACTION: Clerk

d) Request by resident for new litter bin at the bus stop in Somerville Road.

It was noted that there was a litter bin across the road, and that the litter picker had not reported any excessive litter in the area. It was believed that under MDDC policy they would not install another bin therefore Councillor Warren proposed that the parish council take no further action at this time. Councillor Bartlett seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will notify the resident.

ACTION: Clerk

e) It was agreed that Councillor Wilcox would speak to the Litter Picker to see if he would still co-ordinate the planting out of the planters around the village. The Parish Council would be prepared to provide plants for them.

ACTION: Councillor Wilcox

8. Blackdown hills repair café

It was noted that there was also a repair café held in Uffculme and at the moment there had not been any requests or interest expressed by residents in Willand therefore it was agreed that the Parish Council would not pursue this further at the moment.

9. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Warren raised the question of the Gables site and suggested that the handyman is asked to tidy up the outside, trim the grass area and weeds around the site, straighten the fencing and remove any protruding brambles from the hedge. This was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

The Clerk was asked to contact Halcyon regarding the grass cutting and ask when they would be doing the second cut.

ACTION: Clerk

The Clerk was asked to contact Countrywide to ask when the first weed spraying would take place.

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Wilcox gave a brief update on the website development.

Councillor Grantham reported that MDDC had agreed to put up no cycling signs in the Victoria open space area. It was noted that any complaints regarding cycling in the area would be passed to the Parish Council.

The meeting closed 21:02

Chair of Environment Committee