



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor

1. Apologies: Councillor Sellick

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

3. To appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of Environment Committee

Councillor Warren opened the meeting at 19:24 and asked for nominations for Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Wilcox proposed Councillor Grantham as the Chair of the committee. Councillor Grantham accepted the nomination, Councillor Phare seconded the nomination and it was unanimously agreed. Councillor Grantham took the chair and requested nominations for Vice Chair.

Councillor Wilcox proposed Councillor Tobin as the Vice Chair of the committee. Councillor Tobin accepted the nomination, Councillor Bartlett seconded the nomination and it was unanimously agreed.

4. Councillor Grantham opened the meeting for the business and said it would be recorded.

5. No members of the public were present.

6. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 26 April 2018 had been circulated. Councillor Wilcox proposed that the minutes were signed as a true record. Councillor Scott seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

7. The insurance brokers had provided three quotes for consideration by the Parish Council and made a recommendation for the quote that also held a fixed price for three years. Following discussion Councillor Bartlett proposed that the recommendation from the Brokers was accepted Councillor Glover seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Progress reports for information

a) Community payback – Councillor Warren reported that the Neighbourhood Highways Officer is happy for the Parish Council to continue to work with the scheme. Councillor Warren had not received enough jobs to provide a day of work and it was agreed to bring back later in the year.

b) Councillor Warren suggested that the Army Cadets be asked to paint the fence in South View play area. There was a detailed discussion and it was agreed that Councillor Wilcox and Councillor Manktelow would check and confirm that the fence needs to be painted this year. They would report back to the Clerk. If the work was agreed then the Clerk would contact the Army Cadets to arrange this. Councillor Tobin reminded that the Risk Assessment needed to be received. The Clerk would also ask about the PPE and confirm that the workers have current DBS checks. **ACTION:** Councillors Manktelow & Wilcox/Clerk

c) The Clerk had contacted SWW about the possible pipe in the new cemetery land and was waiting to hear back.

d) Councillor Warren reported that plants had been purchased and some had already been planted out. Councillor Grantham thanked Councillor Tobin and Councillor Mander for the compost.

9. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Councillor Warren had sent out a paper on 13 May regarding the Investing in Devon Local Community Fund. He had outlined a number of pieces of equipment that could be purchased for the playing fields. Following discussion Councillor Warren proposed that the Parish Council make an application for the fund to improve the play equipment, Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren/Clerk

b) Grass cutting of DCC verges

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the contractors to find out if there was a problem as there had been strimming but the grass cutter had not been in evidence. It was further agreed that should Councillors see an issue with the grass cutting they would take a photo for the Clerk to send to them. **ACTION:** Clerk

A piece of land at the corner of Foxglove Chase and Willand Moor Road did not seem to be on any of the cutting regimes. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mr Broom to cut this **ACTION:** Clerk

10. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Glover had the posters regarding dog mess done by the school children and 3 were chosen to receive the prizes.

Councillor Wilcox raised the question regarding the area where the lorries parked behind K&S Autos as it is an eyesore. It was agreed that Councillor Grantham would go and find out who was responsible for the site and enquire what could be done. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

Councillor Wilcox reported that she had contacted MDDC about some bags of rubbish that had been fly tipped in Fir Close. She was pleased to report that they had been collected.

Councillor Bartlett raised the question of the lack of a centre to the village and suggested that the Parish Council be mindful of this and consider if there were any future suitable development sites.

Councillor Grantham reported that the signs for no bike riding are up in Victoria play area, the gate is going to be repaired and he had discussed that the fence needs to be repaired with Mike Watts from MDDC. He also informed that the village signs had now been replaced.

Councillor Grantham had contacted a resident in Somerlea after she had contacted the Clerk regarding the hedge in the Jubilee Field. Councillors Warren and Grantham would look at this together, the Clerk had contacted the contractor to ask that they ensure that they cut into the bottom of the hedge when they are grass cutting. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham/Warren

Meeting closed 20:18

Councillor Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee