



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Manktelow, Councillor Phare, Councillor Scott, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox.
In attendance: 1 member of public, Kate Taylor (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Glover

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

3. The Chair opened the meeting at 19.56 and announced that it would be recorded.

4. No public questions as Mr Donald informed that he had attended the meeting to hear the response from MDDC to the issues he had raised with the Clerk which had been circulated to Councillors.

5. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2018 had been circulated. Councillor Warren proposed that they be signed as a true record. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

6. Progress reports for information

- a) The Clerk reported that she was waiting for an update on the possibility of the cadets painting the fencing in the South View play area.
- b) Councillor Tobin reported that he and the Chair of the Allotment Holders had investigated the state of the Devon Bank between the allotments and householder in Blenheim and had seen that the bank was intact and had not moved or dropped material against the fence. He agreed to go to see the householder to discuss further their concerns. **ACTION:** Councillor Tobin

7. New play equipment in Jubilee Field

The Clerk had sent out to three companies who had said they would like to provide a quotation for the work, and despite having contacted again to chase them up had only received one quotation. This was from the company that had provided the other equipment in the field. Following discussion, it was agreed that as only one company had responded and they had been the best value for the previous quotations Councillor Wilcox proposed that the parish council offer the contract to Playdale. Councillor Tobin seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) The Clerk had checked that the grit bin at Townlands had a DCC label in and therefore had gone back to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to ask him to check out the details. The one in Somerville Park would appear to belong to MDDC and the Clerk was following this up. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Highways England to ask whether the grit bin under the subway could be replaced. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) The Clerk had forwarded concerns raised by Mr Duncan and Mrs Whatley to MDDC. Their response was that they would cut the brambles down in the footpath, but that Somerville Road/Meadow Park was not their responsibility. The fencing down the side of the footpath was the responsibility of the landowners. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owners of the land care of K&S autos and copy this to DCC. **ACTION:** Clerk

9. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Grantham reported that the perspex in the Willand sign near the Esso Garage is now completely replaced.

Councillor Warren reported that he had been contacted by residents expressing concern over two hedges in old village that were affecting pavements and road safety. Also, two lights had been taken off wooden poles that were replaced and the lights had not been reinstated. The Clerk would contact DCC about replacing the street lighting and would write to the householders regarding hedges.

Councillor Warren asked if the parish walks should be re-instated but that he would not be able to take part. It was noted that a number of parish councillors already walk around the parish regularly with their dogs and report back on issues.

Councillor Warren has made contact with Community payback they are keen to come back to Willand but are busy and it will be September before they are able to attend. It was agreed that all Councillors would continue to inform him of any other areas that could be included in to their remit. It was questioned whether weed spraying paid for by the parish council should be expanded to include other areas and the footpath edges. There are some areas of grass verge that do not get cut by anyone and it was raised as to whether this should be included in the next round of work that will need to be sent to tender in the autumn. It was agreed that this should be put on the agenda for the next Environment meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk

The Parish Council noted the emails sent in by residents and agreed that the clerk would respond and encourage residents to contact authorities. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed 20.39