

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2002 WILLAND VILLAGE HALL, THE ANNEX

7.30pm

Present: Mr Wills (Chairman), Mr Dennis, Mr Gooding, Mrs Lane and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Mr Spearing

2. Minutes of the last meeting 5 December 2001

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters arising

- **Cemetery Notice Board** – This has now been installed and looks very smart.
- **Football Club Lighting** – The Clerk is to contact Mr Maynard and Mr Spearing to see if anything has been done about the blinding from the lighting at the football club.
- **Orchard Way** – The Clerk has written to Devon County Council to ask if pinch points can be considered along Orchard Way expressing concern that the opening of the road to the new development will make Orchard Way much more dangerous than it already is.
- **30mph Limit** – It was agreed that the majority of motorists are not conforming to the new speed limit and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Inspector Caldwell to request that an unmarked vehicle monitors the situation.

4. Cemetery directional sign

The Clerk reported that David Flint at Devon County Council has stated that a black and white sign in keeping with the existing sign would be arranged free of charge to Willand Parish Council. The Clerk is to continue chasing for the sign.

5. Allotment update

Mr Spearing and Mr Wills recently met with Mr Duckett of the Allotment Association. Mr Duckett indicated that a section of the unused allotments urgently required mechanical digging. It was agreed that the Council would pay for this and Mr Wills is to liaise with Mr Duckett to arrange for the work to be done.

The Clerk is to send out rent collection reminders to all allotment holders this month.

6. Planting on the roundabout

Mr Dennis agreed that the planting season had now commenced and that he would contact the sponsors for funding so that planting could commence as soon as possible.

The Clerk is to check the indemnity insurance and report back to Mr Dennis with regard to the roundabout.

7. Village walk – update

It was agreed that a new Village Walk should be arranged. This will be for all Councillors to attend. The suggested date is Monday 27 May, meeting at the Village Hall at 6.30pm.

8. Churchyard levelling

The Chairman announced that the application form received from the Diocese of Exeter was extremely detailed and required far more work than was originally intended in terms to contacting relatives of the deceased, whose graves needed to have the mound removed. It was agreed that the levelling of the graves would not be attempted but that the four broken stones should be dealt with. Mr Wills and the Clerk will arrange for the application form to be completed for that purpose only.

The Clerk is to write to Mr Saunders, the gravedigger, to ask him to clear the excess piles of rubble in both the Cemetery and the Churchyard. Both piles of rubble have become extremely unsightly and need to be cleared as soon as possible. Mr Saunders is also to be asked not to mound new graves too much to prevent the mowing problem that is caused by some of the existing graves that are still quite mounded, despite settlement time.

9. Playing Field:

a. Lighting – The Clerk stated that she had chased this matter on several occasions but that no response has been received. It was suggested that the Clerk should contact Cllr Channing at County Hall, with a view to getting the lighting organised.

b. Goals and pitch markings – Mr Dennis announced that the goals and marking would now be organised by Devon County Council in association with Devon County Council.

10. Litter Warden

Three applications have now been received. Mr Vearncombe, Mr Maynard and Mr Gooding are to be asked to interview the candidates on one evening in April. The Clerk is to provide the interviewers with a job description, pay, hours and holiday details prior to the interview. The Clerk is to arrange the interviews.

11. Parish Lengthsman Programme

It was reported that the Clerk had written to the Parish Lengthsman detailing the areas of work highlighted at the last full Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.