

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON**

THURSDAY 3 JULY 2003

AT 7.30PM IN THE ANNEXE OF WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present: Mr Bush, Mr Maynard, Mr Perrett, Mr Mander, Mr Hancock, Mr Roberts,
District Cllr Dennis and the Clerk.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Appointment of a Chairman

Mr Bush offered his services as Chairman, which was proposed by Mr Roberts and seconded by Mr Mander.

3. Appointment of a Vice Chairman

Mr Hancock offered his services which was unanimously agreed.

4. Allotment Association – Water Trough Request

It was agreed by the previous Council that a sum of £1,000 would be spent on the Allotment Association. There was some “on cost” concerns raised by several councillors during the discussion. The Committee recommended that Willand Parish Council should be prepared to fund the capital installation up to a maximum of £1,000, but the allotment holders themselves will have to fund the water rates. The Allotment Association would have to indemnify themselves against water leakages. The South West Water bill would have to be in the Allotment Association name. The meter must be as close to the hedge as possible to minimise water leakages. This is still subject to Willand United Charities agreement of a water supply installation. The Clerk is to investigate if this would be allowed. The Clerk is to check the situation with Mid Devon District Council Legal Department. This is the recommendation of the Environmental Committee. There is also some suggestion that a contribution is made by the Allotment Association via match funding.

5. Churchyard – Broken Headstones

The Clerk is to ask if Rev Horsfal if he would like them removed. Willand Parish Council would be happy deal with it if required.

6. Playing Field – Play Equipment Rethink

It was stated that £6,914 is available from developers via Mid Devon District Council for play equipment and £3,600 of accumulated Willand Parish Council budget to add as well. The Clerk has also claimed up to £1,500 from Mid Devon District Council from the 2000/01 Grant Initiative to refund the purchase of the Youth Bus Shelter.

7. Five Aside Goal Posts - Update

The final site of the goal posts needs to be decided at the Public Meeting on 14 July. The Clerk is to liaise with Westbury Homes, Ian Latham, to see if he would be interested in purchasing some goal posts for the new development. It was suggested that the letter should be copied to the Managing Director of Westbury Homes.

8. Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Devon

The Clerk reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of comments is 12 September 2003. It was agreed that a final comment would be made at the August meeting. It was agreed that Devon County Council should advertise that Broadpath waste site has extended services now. Short Mat Bowls should be made aware that some people think that the collection they do does include cardboard. The Clerk is to notify them.

9. Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

The Clerk is to point out that the map is so out of date that the roundabout is not shown. The Clerk is to add the Woodland Trust and footpaths.

10. Willand Moor Development – Play Equipment for Older Children

Mr Dennis has approached Westbury about goal posts. It is best to try and get Westbury to make commitments now rather than once they have left the site.

11. Victoria Close Oak Tree – seat

There is an oak tree laying on Victoria Close which has now been adopted. It has been suggested that it should be turned into a seats as the bulk of the trunk is still there. It is suggested that four seats in total will be created. Two will be in Victoria Close and the remaining two can go elsewhere in the village. The Committee welcomed the idea.

12. Dog Fouling / Exercising in the Playing Field off lead

Mr Dennis stated that Teresa Dawe would be contacted. The Clerk is to liaise with those individuals that have reported it and formally report the matter to the Dog Warden. It is understood that one individual is regularly exercising their dog at a particular time on a regular basis, so this should be reported. The signs need to be replaced – the Clerk to organise. It was agreed to try and fine the culprits if possible.

13. Picnic Tables

The Clerk is to check the agreed location in the original minutes. The Clerk to organise.

14. Dean Hill Memorial Bench

The Environmental Committee were happy with the design put forward by Stoneman Engineering. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Hawker.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 7 August at 7.30pm.