

**MINUTES OF THE WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 26th June 2008 at 19.30
AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr N Crawford, Cllr E Dennis, Cllr R Perrett, Cllr S Eschele

In attendance: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk), Bill Haldane

1. Apologies

Cllr Davey, Cllr Mander, Cllr Warne

2. To nominate a Chairman following resignation

Cllr Eschele nominated Cllr Crawford, Cllr Perrett seconded all in agreement.

Cllr Crawford took the Chair.

3. Allotment issues

Bill Haldane from the allotment association attended the meeting and spoke about the problems of trespass and vandalism to the allotments.

On the south west side of the field fencing follows the line of the hedge bank.

People are now coming through the allotments and creating a well-trodden path.

A small percentage of these trespassers are causing damage and stealing from the allotments. The terms of the rental agreement states that the responsibility for boundary fences/hedges lies with the Parish Council. The allotment association would like to work with the parish council. A more robust fencing is necessary in this area. With consent of the owners of the adjacent property it would be good to take the fence further down the boundary line. Are the parish council prepared to pay for materials and the allotment association would donate time and labour to erect the fence.

Cllr Dennis to approach the owners of the bungalow on Silver Street to gauge their opinion and find out whether they are prepared to donate towards the cost of new fencing.

Cllr Crawford and Cllr Dennis to arrange a site meeting and some thought to be given to plants to be grown up the fence.

There is currently a waiting list of over 20 people Willand residents have priority. Uffculme Parish Council are looking into allotments of their own.

Clerk to keep Mr Haldane informed of any decisions.

4. Recreational facilities

Cllr Crawford and Cllr Dennis to arrange a meeting with the appropriate people in MDDC and DCC to move the project forward.

Footpaths to be on next agenda

Clerk to contact Nick Sanderson at MDDC regarding the cycle path being overgrown.

5. Village Clock

Clerk to enquire whether plastic hands would be an option.

6. Dog bins

Clerk to contact Nick Sanderson and order a new bin for Victoria Close park and advise that all dog bins need cleaning.

7. Set a date for 'village walkabout'

5th July – 10.00 at village hall car park.

Clerk to advise all cllrs.

Meeting closed: 20.30