

**WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 30th April 2009 AT 20.00
AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr Phare, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Eschle , Cllr Crick, Cllr Davey

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

1. To elect a Chairman of the environmental committee

Cllr Eschle nominated Cllr Crick. Cllr Crick accepted the nomination, Cllr Ursell seconded all in agreement.

2. Apologies

Cllr Mander, Cllr Crawford

3 Christmas Lights

Cllr Phare – Festive Lighting a company based in Wellington came to the village to look at possible options this company currently supply Taunton with Christmas lights so we could ask for a reference. Cllr Phare, Cllr Dennis and the Clerk showed him around the village – he felt that the lampposts may benefit from a light at either side. He looked at the area around the roundabout – there is an opportunity to put lights on the 11 columns around the roundabout at a future date. The representative is going to put together some costings and send a full report to the council, he is willing to attend a meeting in July. Cllr Phare to follow up the other possible company in Birmingham to ascertain whether the Parish Council to ask a representative to attend a meeting. Article to go in July magazine asking for parishioners comments on the lights and advising them that the current costing per household is £2.00.

4. Roundabout

Cllr Dennis met with Ray Radford, Adrian Cook, Brian Holmes and Dave Huxham at the roundabout. It was established that the existing plants are in keeping with what was agreed in 1999. The BT substation underneath the roundabout limits the options and means that trees cannot be planted on the roundabout because the roots would cause a problem.

Adrian Cook suggested that hebes and low height plants should be planted because of visibility. Sponsorship of the roundabout is £1200 per year. £13,000 was allocated by DCC – they are responsible for maintenance for 15 years. £38,000 allocated for planting over a 15 year period after which the roundabout is DCC responsibility under licence to MDDC. LDT will be asked about the £5k donation. Next planting season is October this year. Cllr Dennis is to ask if the word WILLAND can be planted into the roundabout – this area would then be maintained by the Parish Council.

5. Play area inspection

There are 2 items that are flagged as Medium/High risk on the inspection – since the inspection the horse springy has deteriorated. Clerk to ask a local play area company to remove and make good the area around the horse springy as a matter of urgency and ask them to quote for the work needed on the swing and roundabout.

6. Dog bins

Defer to next meeting

7. Footpaths

Defer to next meeting

8. Parish Field

Cllr Crick to discuss previous work with Cllr Perrett and will look at the project and formulate a plan for consultation and phasing.

Next agenda – cigarette bins, dog fouling.

Meeting closed: 21.25