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WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH JUNE AT 19.30 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllr R Perrett, Cllr R Phare, Cllr R Ursell, Cllr N Crick, Cllr G Davis

In Attendance: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr Eschle, Cllr Davey, Cllr Dennis

2. Allotments

Cllr Mander is a member of the allotment association and declared a prejudicial interest.

A site meeting was held on Monday to look at the security of the allotment site. The hedgerow adjacent to Jaycroft is considered secure. The bank adjacent to Silver Street is not high enough to deter trespassers and there is a gap in the fencing this is used as cut through to Blenheim Close park – it was decided that there needs to be more security. Notices have been put up around the perimeter of the allotments to advise that it is private property. There was some discussion about the fact that the pathway has been created meaning that it could be classified as a 'desire line' and whether the way forward would be to make it into a designated public footpath which would be adopted and subsequently maintained by Devon County Council.

An estimate for fencing has been obtained by the allotment association – this fence would be chain link fencing Palistrade fencing may be an option as it could be contoured over the bank. Cllr Mander has been requested to obtain a quote for a fence that is 2 panels long and positioned between the private property and the MDDC land a 6ft wooden fence could be contoured over the bank. This will result in secure fencing on the inside of the boundary. The Clerk suggested that the allotment association write to County Cllr Radford to ask whether this project would warrant a donation from his fund. The Parish Council would like to see some appropriate planting once the fencing is erected. Clerk to ask advice from DAPC regarding the legal

requirements of the PC regarding the boundaries and security of the allotment field.

3 Christmas Lights

Cllr Phare met with another supplier that is based in Birmingham but has a local rep in Yeovil. The Parish Council have until September to make a decision.

The second company feel that it would be a waste of money to put lights on both sides of the lamp posts. At the roundabout the first company suggested 7 lights but the second company suggested 4 lights around the roundabout with a post in the middle of the roundabout with 3 lights on it. Also the possibility of 2 trees that could have lights in them but these are located in private gardens.

The Parish Council has received a quote received for £2500 per year for rental £1000 for installation from Festive Lighting – one of the conditions is that you lease the same lights each year for 3 years, this quote is for double lights on each post. For single lights the cost would be roughly £2900 including installation.

It was suggested that sponsorship could be sought for additional lights. It was decided that lights could be more spread out along Silver Street to allow lights at the other end of the village.

Cllr Phare is to find out which other local councils have lights supplied by this Festive Lighting – Clerk to find out whether they have been satisfied with the service. An article is to be published in the July issue of the Willand magazine and a quote should be received from the second company in three weeks time – decision to be made when all information is available.

Cllrs congratulated Cllr Phare on the work that he has done so far on this project.

4. Roundabout

No further progress. Still awaiting plans for additional planting from Adrian Cook at MDDC and confirmation of the amount of money available for the project from DCC.

5. Churchyard

Clerk to obtain quotes from three local contractors for cutting the grass in the churchyard to a high standard. Cllr Davis proposed tenders are submitted for a one off cut and 12 further cuts in this financial year, the company or individual must be able to produce proof of public liability insurance. The contractor that submits the cheapest quote under £150 should be instructed to complete an immediate cut. Cllr Ursell seconded, all in favour.

6. Dog bins and litter bins

Cllr Mander has obtained a map of all dog bins and litter bins in the village. Cllr Mander will contact MDDC to enquire about the usage of the dog bins and report back to the next environmental committee meeting.

7. Footpaths

Cllr Crick reported that a meeting was held with the owners of Diggerland and advised that they would in theory be happy to have a footpath on the perimeter of the park but would want fencing put around so that people could not trespass into Diggerland.

Cllr Eschle has contacted Steve Gardener and Richard Spurway to invite them to a site meeting – date not yet confirmed. Cllr Crick hoped to have an answer on this walk by the end of July and if this is not feasible will look into the other options of footpaths within the parish.

8. Tour of Britain cycle race

This will pass through the village on Friday 18th September – Cllr Crick to put an article in the September issue of the Willand magazine to advise parishioners that it is taking place and encouraging people to show their support. The Clerk has contacted the school and the preschool who are considering making banners to support the event.

Meeting closed: 21.05