



## **WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010 FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Present:** Cllr Mander, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Crick, Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Wright

**In attendance:** Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk) 6 members of the public

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Davey, Cllr Davis

**2. Willand Football Club – request to use the Playing Field** – MDDC agreed to the club using their half of the field along with the use of the Parish Council half. Cllr Davey is currently finding out exactly when they will need to use the pitch. Cllr Crick offered to assist with this as necessary. Details of the required usage can then be drawn into a contract. **Action Cllr Davey**

**3. Muxbeare Lane Dog Bin** - Cllr Mander had a meeting with Theresa Daws from MDDC to discuss the options. This area was later found to be in the parish of Halberton so Cllr Mander will pass on all of the information he has compiled to the member of the public who requested the bin. **Action Cllr Mander**

**4. Replacement Trees** – The trees will be planted on Buttercup Road. Cllr Mander is currently waiting for more information from Adrian Cooke of MDDC. **Action Cllr Mander**

**5. Fixed Asset Register** – Cllr Wright is currently compiling the register for the next Environment meeting. The Clerk is to pass any information regarding the placement of bins in the parish to Cllr Wright. Cllr Wright is also in need of a map with the parish boundary included. The Clerk is to confirm the date of the play park inspection as one of the ramps is in need of repair. **Action Cllr Wright, Cllr Mander (map) and Clerk**

**6. Muxbeare Lane** – A meeting has been set for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall, it will be Chaired by Cllr Ursell and Eddie Dennis. District Cllr Chesterton, County Cllr Radford and Alison Fish (MDDC), will meet with the Environment Agency to ascertain the exact nature of the problem, what needs to be done and then who will be responsible for paying for the remedial work. **Action Cllr Ursell**

## **7. Church graveyard update**

Headstones: Cllr Phare stated that work is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April.

Wall: The Diocese of Exeter requires the specifications of the work to be done ideally like for like repairs, before they will grant permission. Planning permission may also be required; Cllr Ursell will ask Alison Fish about this during their meeting on Monday. Cllr Mander has the name of a Building Surveyor who can submit a report regarding the first wall to be repaired for £150 + VAT. It was unanimously agreed that a structural report should be requested for both walls. Cllr Mander will email all Cllrs if this is going to exceed £400 inc. VAT. Cllr Crick requested a written schedule of work should be available to prospective builders. Cllr Bartlett suggested there might be possible funding from English Heritage, grants are available, he is currently waiting for their reply, the Church have confirmed that no funding is available although Rev. Anna could be asked to appeal on our behalf. **Action Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Mander, Cllr Ursell**

## **8. Village walks**

Definition: – Break the village into four areas to, litter pick, check for pot holes, overgrown areas, lights that are not working etc. Help from members of the public would be appreciated. Cllr Ursell recommended the walks take place in the middle of each quarter and that a quarter is skipped each year, so same quarter is not viewed at the same time each year. The walks could take place of an evening; equipment will be supplied by MDDC.

Planning: – The first walk will be scheduled for May and the planning will take place during April.

Follow up: – Cllr Wright offered to manage the project and divide the village for viewing. **Action Cllr Wright**

**9. The Gables – update** – At a meeting 2 years ago to discuss the future of The Gables both DCC and MDDC made a firm commitment that the Parish Council would be kept informed of activities. It has since been advertised for sale in the local paper, it should have gone on the market in April but was put on during March. Cllr Ursell suggested that it has potential as village asset and he will draft a formal letter from the Parish Council to DCC.

**Action Cllr Ursell**

**10. Parish Field improvements - Grant:** – Cllr Ursell explained that the £5000 grant available towards a MUGA needs to be spent in the current year, this grant could be spent in the children's play area instead enabling the money reserved for the children's play area to be reserved towards MUGA funds. Building the MUGA to FA standards might lead to the FA donating money towards the project. All in agreement. A Project Manger will be needed to drive this project forward.

**12. Churchyard grass cutting quote – decision** - Unanimous agreement, Clerk to send contract **Action Clerk**

**13. Village planters quote – decision – Unanimous agreement. Action Clerk**

Meeting end 21.35

Cllr Ray Ursell  
Willand Parish Clerk