



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2010 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: None

2. Matters arising: None

3. Willand Football Club – use of Playing Field – cutting of playing field grass: Cllr Crick reported that the club will not be needing the field until training recommences in September, the club would then like to use the field on Sundays from 10am – 12 for training and matches for under 8s, using the small goals. The Football Club will work with others who want to use the field. Cllr Crick will liaise with Shaun Etough so a formal agreement can be drawn up. Cllr Phare suggested asking the Football Club to cut the grass during the summer, so boosting their funds. Cllr Crick offered to liaise with the club. Cllr Mander will ask Brian Bussell if he has a key for the gate. **Action Cllr Crick, Cllr Mander**

4. Replacement Trees: Cllr Mander has not been able to contact Adrian Cook of MDDC but will continue to try and contact him. **Action Cllr Mander**

5. Fixed Asset Register: Cllr Wright has added extra items to the original Fixed Asset Register, he will liaise with Eddie Dennis to confirm Parish Council ownership. Cllr Phare said the Christmas light time clocks should be included. Cllr Wright gave the Clerk a CD with details of all fixed assets which will be emailed to all Cllrs. Cllr Wright informed the Environment Committee that the inner gate to the playing field is damaged, a bollard in Orchard Way has been knocked over and a road sign at Dean Hill Road is leaning after being knocked during the bad weather. Cllr Mander will photograph the damage and forward the photos to the Clerk who will then forward them to County Cllr Radford. Cllr Crick suggested that the damage to the gate could have been recorded on the Pre-school CCTV. The Clerk is to ask the Pre-school to view the recording prior to the 16th April. **Action Cllr Wright, Cllr Mander, Clerk**

6. Muxbeare Lane: Cllr Ursell was unable to attend the meeting on 13th April, but his understanding is that the London Devonshire Trust is being more amenable. The wells will be untapped and the Half Way House will be connected to the mains. Mid Devon District Council has put Tree Preservation Orders on the trees to the rear of the garage and they will ensure that all the drains shown on the plans have been constructed. An informal request to change the footpath has been sent to Devon County Council, the Parish Council are objecting to this and trying to find out if a formal consultation will take place. **Action Cllr Ursell, Clerk**

7. Churchyard Wall – update: Cllr Mander showed the Committee photographs of similar work undertaken by JTT at Hemyock and Culmstock. JTT have previously worked with Hasnein Kanani, MDDC Community Project Manager. Cllr Bartlett has applied to the Diocese of Exeter for a Faculty to be granted for the rebuild of the road boundary wall. JTT advised Cllr Mander that there could be an increase in costs due only one wall being rebuilt. Cllr Mander to contact JTT requesting if the length of road between the temporary traffic lights could be extended. This will enable JTT to place their equipment without the need for an additional site. English Heritage has not been able to assist with funding but County Councillor Radford may have an alternative suggestion for extra funding. **Action Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Mander**

8. Village Walk/Litter pick: Cllr Wright handed out a detailed draft proposal for village walks, he proposed the first take place on Sunday 9th May at 2pm. All agreed. The Clerk will put posters in the notice boards. Cllr Mander to bring some Hi Vis jackets. Cllr Ursell will confirm the date of the village litter pick with Cllr Crawford. **Action Cllr Mander, Clerk, Cllr Ursell**

9. The Gables: Cllr Ursell is writing a letter to Devon County Council and requested ideas for village improvements. These to be in addition to those already suggested - the MUGA and Bus Shelter. The following suggestions were, upgrading the village hall, the repair of the long church wall, beer house, the extension of the cemetery, lighting, CCTV and widening the path adjacent to the parish field and enhancing village open areas.

10. Parish Field Improvements – Wicksteed Leisure inspection: Cllr Ursell highlighted some of the items mentioned in the report, he recommended asking County Councillor Radford who Devon County Council uses to inspect and maintain play areas, as they might charge less than Wicksteed Leisure. He and the Clerk will then consider the suggestions in the report and ensure the high risk maintenance/repairs are completed this year. Cllr Ursell confirmed he had emailed both County Councillor Radford and Stuart Shire to confirm the grant would be spent in the children's area so enabling £5000 of Parish Council funds to be ring fenced for the MUGA. **Action Cllr Ursell, Clerk**

Meeting closed 20.55