



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2010 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Mander, Cllr Phare, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Baker, Cllr Bartlett joined the meeting later.

In attendance: Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

Election of Chair: Cllr Ursell nominated Cllr Mander, Cllr Phare seconded and Cllr Mander accepted.

1. Apologies: None

2. Matters Arising

Village Walk/Litter pick – The Clerk telephoned Devon County Council to reports the repairs and faults found on the walk. Cllr Wright is currently arranging the date of the 2nd walk. **Action Cllr Wright**

Parish field – mat repair – The repair was completed by Mark Luxton, he has also been asked to quote the Parish Council for the repairs suggested following the play equipment inspection.

Parish online – Alan Hooper emailed to confirm that replies have been slow and the reply date has been extended. At the moment it seems unlikely that Mid Devon District Council will be able to proceed on a district wide basis, although this may change in the next week. **Action Clerk**

3. Willand Football Club – cutting of playing field grass

Cllr Mander expressed concern over who is cutting the playing field grass, and what the cost might be if it is Mid Devon District Council as the Football Club has not had access to the field.

When Cllr Crick arrived to Chair the Planning Committee Meeting at 20.00 he confirmed that the Football Club now have a key and have been cutting the grass. They are also going to cut the grass in the children's area.

4. Fixed Asset Register – update

Cllr Wright confirmed that he had met recently with Eddie Dennis to review the updated Parish Council Asset t. Cllr Wright asked who owned the CCTV. Cllr

Ursell confirmed that the Parish Council purchased the equipment and had taken ownership to maintain the equipment. Cllr Mander confirmed that the Townlands bench is the Parish Councils. Eddie Dennis suggested to Cllr Wright that Dave Huxham of Devon County Council may be able to advise the Parish Council on the bus shelter in Silver Street Old Village. The Clerk offered to pass Cllr Wright Dave Huxham's contact details. Cllr Ursell confirmed that a company called Adshell arranges advertising on bus shelters in high volume areas. Cllr Wright confirmed that the goal posts in the playing field are a Parish Council asset and should be added to the play equipment inspection. The Clerk confirmed during a conversation with Mid Devon District Council it had confirmed that it is responsible for the roundabout and multiplay in the children's area. This needs to be confirmed in writing. Cllr Ursell offered to provide the Clerk with photographs to enable easy equipment identification with Mid Devon District Council. The Clerk lent Cllr Wright the Parish Council Deeds and Leases to allow him to identify the Parish Council land in the parish. Cllr Wright confirmed he would email the updated Asset Register to the Clerk, values can then be added to the assets. **Action Cllr Wright, Cllr Ursell, Clerk**

Cllr Bartlett joined the meeting 19.25

5. Churchyard Wall – update

Cllr Ursell confirmed that both the History Society (who currently have the Parish Council minutes) and the PCC are examining their minutes to see if ownership of the wall can be confirmed. Adrian Cook from Mid Devon District Council has also passed on information from Cllr Ursell to Mid Devon District Council's legal team. Cllr Ursell is hoping to meet with someone from the Diocese to discuss the problems and try to engage a way forward. Unfortunately Uffclume Environmental was unable to support the scheme with a grant. The Clerk is to email Mid Devon District Council to see if any other grants may be available. **Action Cllr Ursell, Clerk**

6. Playing Field – grant update

The £5000 grant has been approved. A Project Manager is needed to ensure that the improvements are completed by the end of the year. Cllr Wright and Cllr Baker offered to manage the project together. The Clerk will forward any information to Cllr Wright. **Action Cllr Baker, Cllr Wright, Clerk**

Use of Playing Field for Mini Fair – The Clerk emailed Adrian Cook and received a number of forms that need to be completed. The Clerk is to forward the Councillors the emails from Nathan Ridgeway and Adrian Cook prior to the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

7. Allotments

Shed application – Cllr Mander proposed supporting the application, all Cllrs were in favour.

8. Village Clock – update

Cllr Mander viewed the clock in the Village Hall loft with John Holmes the hall Caretaker. Following his confirmation that the clock can easily be accessed Cllr Phare will contact the company in Honiton. Cllr Mander offered to meet the Clock man if necessary at the hall. **Action Cllr Phare, Cllr Mander**

9. Cemetery

Cllr Ursell and the Clerk met Brian Bussell at the cemetery to discuss his concerns:-

Drain from cemetery runs down edge of road – causes erosion – drain around 100yards further down road, gap in Beech hedge – needs filling with new bushes, bench needs coat of protection, shed needs doorposts repairing and painting, long hedge seems to be dying, needs topple test – 2 headstones need repairing, removal of soil/stones – is a faculty needed? 4 reserved grave positions, also no's 30,24,32,38 are reserved, a bush growing on a grave, levelling of graves –rules? allocation of space for graves vs cremation stones, starting point for phase 2

The Parish Council needs a protocol to action the concerns. Cllr Ursell and the Clerk are to look at this together and bring their findings to a future meeting.

10. Muxbeare Lane

Cllr Ursell, District Cllr Chesterton, County Cllr Radford, County Cllr Hannon, Ken Browse – Halberton Chair and Eddie Dennis held a meeting at which they decided to let the representatives do their work with a response time of 3 weeks.

The Clerk received an email from Halberton Parish Council asking if Willand Parish Council would be able to donate half of the cost of a dog bin (full price £235.00 + VAT), as although the dog bin will be situated in Halberton parish it is Willand parish will benefit from the provision of the bin. The committee unanimously agreed to this. Cllr Phare recommended making it very clear that Willand Parish Council is donating the money and that the bin should be added to Halberton Asset Register

Meeting closed 20.30

Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council