



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2011 AT 19.00 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Ursell, Cllr Phare, Cllr Mander, Cllr Baker, Cllr Crick, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: None

2. Matters arising

Churchyard wall – Cllr Ursell will draft a letter to the Diocese stating that the Parish Council deems them responsible for the repairs. He will state that the Parish Council will offer to fund the work previously quoted for and that any extra fees for professional services required by the Diocese must be funded by the Diocese. **Action Cllr Ursell**

Asset register – responsibility of land by B3181, south of small gas installation – The Parish Council will ask Cllr Wright to make enquiries in his future role of advisor to the Parish Council. **Action Clerk**

Tree planting – Cllr Mander confirmed that he contacted Adrian Cook of Mid Devon District Council and gave him the exact positions in which the trees were to be planted, unfortunately the trees were planted nearer to the play area than requested and one tree was immediately damaged. Cllr Mander will contact Adrian Cook to reconfirm where the trees should have been planted. **Action Cllr Mander**

Parish field grass cutting/rent – Cllr Ursell suggested contacting the football club to state that in the committee's original discussions the football club would be able to use the Parish Council half of the Parish Field for training in return for the football club cutting the grass. The committee felt that as this half of the field includes the children's play area and that is the time consuming area to cut the Environment Committee will pay the football club for the grass cutting in this area. The committee unanimously agreed to this. **Action Clerk**

3. Allotments

Site meeting report – Cllr Wright did not attend the meeting. The committee is concerned that the hedge trimming should take place during the autumn. Therefore quotes will be sought during the summer. Cllr Mander offered to arrange two quotes. **Action Cllr Mander**

4. The Big Tree Plant

Cllr Mander reminded the committee that the Big Tree Plant is a Government funded scheme by the Forestry Commission and that the next applications are in September. Cllr Mander confirmed that David Richie the Tree Warden suggested two replacement Silver Birch trees in Meadow Park. Cllr Ursell reminded the committee that the Parish Council budgeted for two trees in the Precept, with matched funding there could therefore be four new trees. Alternative sites suggested were the Pre-school or Primary School, the children could then be included in the planting process.

5. Grit bins

Cllr Mander suggested that following last years adverse weather conditions grit bins are required at Willand Moor Road, Foxglove Chase and near the cemetery. Cllr Mander confirmed that a 200 ltr grit bin is £141.00 + VAT. Cllr Baker suggested asking local businesses to sponsor a bin. Cllr Phare suggested asking Mid Devon District Council if S106 money could be used. The committee decided to ask County Councillor Radford if Devon County Council could supply the grit bins first as the County Council is responsible for maintaining grit bins. Cllr Crick stated that the grit in the bin at Barnes Close is completely solid and unusable. **Action Cllr Ursell**

6. Reports

Parish field

Signs – dog mess – the signs on the gates are gates are mucky and in need of cleaning. Cllr Phare offered to look as the signs to see if they need replacing. Cllr Baker stated that posters are needed around the village regarding dog mess not being cleared away. Cllr Baker said that the situation had improved in Gables Road following the Dog Warden leaving a sign. Cllr Crick asked if dog mess is a problem in certain areas of the village, this needs to be confirmed. Cllr Baker pointed out that the street signs in the village are dirty. Cllr Ursell confirmed that he and Eddie Dennis have arranged to clean the signs themselves. It was decided that next time the Litter Picker could be asked to complete this task.

Access gate – The new play equipment will be delivered and fitted on Tuesday 10th May. The Parish Council has a key for the side gate to the field but access will also be required by the school gate. The school will need to be informed that the work is taking place as it can then make parents aware of the situation. Cllr Wright will have to be contacted to ensure that the equipment is erected in the correct position. Cllr Mander will meet the contractors if he is available.

Action Cllr Mander, Clerk

Outdated sign attached to the fence behind the concrete sheds - see above
Cemetery

Bush removal: The Clerk will visit the cemetery to see if the bushes have been removed. **Action Clerk**

Headstone repair – Cllr Crick suggested making enquiries in Cullompton Post Office to see if any one knows the contact the Parish Council has been given. It was also thought that Eddie Dennis might know of someone in Cullompton who knows a lot of people in the town and therefore might know the contact.

Replacement hedge planting: Cllr Mander offered to purchase the Beech saplings, Brian Bussell will then be asked to plant them.

Grave levelling – Cllr Mander confirmed that he has spoken to the grave digger, Rex and Brian Bussell and they have both confirmed that the memorial contractor should level the grave and place the spoil to side of cemetery. The Clerk confirmed that this instruction is now included in each confirmation letter sent to memorial contractors. Cllr Mander offered to ask Rex about levelling the older graves in the cemetery. Cllr Phare suggested the Cllrs visit the cemetery during the next village walk.

7. Village Quartile Walk

No 3 (Willand Old Village) - Sunday 8th May at meet 14:00 in the Village Hall car park.

Meeting closed 20:03

Cllr Ray Ursell

Chair Willand Parish Council