



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phare, Ursell, Mander, Warren, Firkins, Metherell, Wilcox, volunteer Brian Holmes, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk). Cllr Dennis although not committee member

1. Apologies - None

2. Minutes of the meeting held

Thursday 26th July 2012 – Cllr Warren proposed signing the minutes as a true and correct record, Cllr Metherell seconded, unanimously agreed.

3. Matters arising

Allotment hedge – The Clerk is still awaiting confirmation of the new secretary.

Action Clerk

Cllr Warren confirmed that Brian Vincent had suggested running a strimmer along the side of the hedge in the New Year.

Litter bin – Cllrs Firkins suggested that the mess might be made by Lloyd Maunder employees, Cllr Ursell offered to mention this at the next meeting with the group. The bin will be moved. **Action Cllrs Mander, Firkins**

South View Close Play area – Cllr Dennis confirmed that he and District Cllr Brandon have met with two suppliers and are waiting for quotes, thought to be in the region of £10,000.00, funding would need to be explored. Local children have confirmed their preferred choice of climbing frame. Adrian Cook has agreed that the Conifers are in the way and they will be felled and stumps ground down. Adrian Cook is of the opinion that the work could be complete by March 2013 he also confirmed that Mid Devon District Council will maintain the equipment. **Action Cllr Dennis**

4. Fir Close Trees

Cllrs Dennis has been in contact with Nick Sanders to confirm that they are Mid Devon District Council's responsibility.

5. Cemetery

Future needs update -

Painting of the Bier – the colour has been selected. Cllr Phare asked for volunteers to assist with the painting. Cllr Phare will email suitable dates to Cllrs.

Quotation for new hedge – Cllr Mander is seeking quotes for Beech and Hawthorn hedges. Once received the quotes will be emailed to all Cllrs a decision can then be made online.

Deeds - Cllr Warren is currently checking through the paperwork.

Grave Levelling – Brian Bussell has been asked to carry out the levelling for those who have paid.

Cemetery rules – the current rules will be kept. **Action Cllr Phare, Mander, Warren**

6. Jubilee Parish Field/South View Close play area

Equipment – repair/replacement – Cllr Dennis has contacted Stoneman Engineering and is awaiting a reply. The Clerk will send another reminder to Adrian Cook regarding the invoice for the monthly inspections.

Skateboard facilities – Cllr Wilcox confirmed that some Cllrs visited a skateboard park at Exmouth which incorporated some of the old equipment in with the new equipment. Cllrs Phare and Mander expressed concern that the Parish Council would need to find £50,000.00 of funding for a relatively small number of children. Cllr Wilcox confirmed that there is a lack of play equipment in the village for older children. Cllr Metherell suggested that a designated area is needed as Willand Moor Road is still being used as a skating area. It was agreed that the children should be encouraged to be involved in the project. Cllr Firkins suggested that the design should be suitable for skateboards, bmx and blades. Funding will be explored at the next Finance and Administration meeting. Cllr Firkins asked which committee will discuss the formal entrance to the Jubilee Parish Field, Cllr Ursell confirmed that it will be discussed by the Community Sub committee. **Action Cllrs Dennis, Clerk, Finance and Admin committee**

7. Churchyard wall

Discussions are moving forward between the Church and the Diocese. Across the road from the wall the vegetation has been removed.

8. Raised bed adjacent to Townlands

Brought forward from 26th July – Cllr Dennis confirmed that he has been making enquiries regarding responsibility for a number of months and not received a definite answer. Cllr Dennis proposed the Parish Council take responsibility for the raised bed. This was unanimously agreed. Small repairs are needed to the raised bed it could then be combined with the other planters in the village.

9. State of the Village - Cllrs Warren confirmed that the weed spraying was carried out when it was raining and an improvement has not yet been noticed. Payment will not be made until an improvement can be seen. Cllr Warren also confirmed that Devon County Council was seen spraying weeds in the village this week. Cllr Dennis offered to contact the Parish Lengthsman to find out what areas of the

village are being treated and will report back to the Environment committee.
Brian Holmes offered to assist with ensuring that the owners of the cars parked between Pitfield House and Pitfield Close remove the cars so that the area can be treated. **Action Cllr Warren, Dennis Brian Holmes**

10. Future of Parish Council owned land on edge of B3181/Woodland Trust – Brian Holmes confirmed that previously the Parish Council decided to look after this area of land until another group claimed it, it has since not been claimed. Cllr Warren suggested that the area is in need of tidying up. Cllr Phare asked Cllr Warren to compile a specification for quotes. **Action Cllr Warren**

Meeting closed: 21:06

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee