



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH SEPTMEBER 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phare, Ursell, Warren, Firkins, Metherell, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk),
 Cllrs Crick and Dennis were present although not committee members

1. Apologies: Cllrs Mander, Wilcox

2. Minutes of the meeting held:

Environment meeting Thursday 23rd August 2012, proposed as a true and correct record by Cllr Firkins, seconded by Cllr Metherell, unanimously agreed.

3. Matters arising

Allotment hedge – It has been confirmed that Simon Duckett is to continue as the acting secretary for the association for the next couple of months. The Clerk has resent the original letter regarding the hedge to Simon. Cllr Warren will obtain a quote for the trimming of the hedge for the next meeting.

Litter bin – Cllrs Firkins confirmed that the bin should be moved within the next two weeks. The dropped litter issue will then be addressed at the next meeting with Two Sisters. **Action Cllr Firkins**

4. Cemetery

Painting of the bier – Cllr Firkins has purchased the sealant and will paint the bier when the weather permits.

New hedge quotes – Two quotations have been received, quoting for both a Hawthorn and Beech hedge. The first is for £1700.00 and the second for £1050.00. Cllr Firkins proposed accepting the £1050.00 quote as it meets the criteria, Cllr Ursell seconded, unanimously agreed. Cllr Warren offered to liaise with the contractor.

Grave levelling – Four more payments have been received. Brian Bussell will be asked to level those paid for at the beginning of October. The remaining graves will also be levelled at the same time. In future the graves will be levelled annually. **Action clerk**

5. Jubilee Parish Field/South View Close play areas

Equipment repairs/replacement – a quote is being sought for the replacement anti wrap bar.

Health and safety – BMX cycle track – the football club has been asked to submit a quote to cut the grass.

Skateboard facilities – Funding to be discussed at the next full council meeting.

Play area - Willand Moor Road/Lupin Way – email from parishioner forwarded to Cllrs 21st September – Cllr Dennis confirmed that the play area in Orchard Way does not have a fenced off area. Cllr Dennis suggested forwarding District Cllr Brandon the email. Cllr Phare will liaise with Diane. **Action Cllr Phare**

6. Raised bed repairs – Cllr Metherell to seek a quote. **Action Cllr Metherell**

7. Land at B3181

The Clerk will ask Mid Devon County Council to check with Land Registry to confirm ownership. Cllr Brandon's assistance will be sought. **Action Clerk**

8. General maintenance of Willand's roads – Cllr Dennis reported to Devon County Council that the road towards the end of Willand Old Village is in need of repair. The road has been marked in readiness for repair.

9. Parishioners query - 11 Blenheim Drive Oak Tree – the Oak tree is in need of attention. The Mid Devon District Council Legal Department is viewing the tree within the next two weeks to decide responsibility. **Action Clerk to update the householder**

10. Allotment holder – pond request Cllr Firkins proposed not allowing a pond for reasons of health and safety. Cllr Warren seconded, unanimously agreed. **Action Clerk**

Meeting closed: 21:55

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee