



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Phare, Ursell, Mander, Warren, Wilcox, Firkins, Tracy Leaman (Parish Clerk), Cllrs Dennis, Crick and Thompson – not committee members

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Metherell, volunteer Brain Holmes
2. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Environment Committee, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012, proposed as a true and correct record by Cllr Firkins, seconded by Cllr Ursell, unanimously agreed.
3. **Matters arising**
  - Litter bin – Cllr Mander confirmed that the bin has been moved.
  - Raised bed repair quote – Mr Metherell completed the repairs free of charge.
  - Clerk to write a letter of thanks. **Action Clerk**
  - Land at B3181- District Cllr Brandon is asking Mid Devon District Council to confirm responsibility by using Land Registry. Cllr Firkins stated that no one claims responsibility for the grass outside of the churchyard wall. Cllr Warren offered to check the grass cutting maps for confirmation. Cllr Ursell suggested in future asking Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council, to confirm in writing if an area of land does not belong to them. Cllr Dennis suggested that Derek Fernell should be able to help. **Action Clerk Cllr Warren**
  - Oak tree – 11 Blenheim Drive – the Parish Council is still waiting for Julia Hiscock from the Mid Devon District Council Legal Department to confirm ownership of the tree. Cllr Warren offered to make further enquiries with Mid Devon District Council and Cllr Ursell offered to make enquiries with Willand United Charities. **Action Cllrs Warren, Ursell**
  - Play area - Willand Moor Road/Lupin Way – Cllr Phare to update the committee at the next meeting. **Action Cllr Phare**

Cllrs Dennis and Crick left the meeting 20:25

4. **Allotment –**
  - Hedge – The committee accepted the quote from Mr Vincent to trim both sides of the hedge for £150.00. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk confirmed that the Allotment Association will be tidying up the inside of the hedge. **Action Clerk**

Waiting list – The committee unanimously agreed that the Allotment Association should decide the allotment waiting list criteria. **Action Clerk**

**5. Cemetery –**

Grave levelling reducing time period from 5 years – The Clerk will seek advice from Ian Quance **Action Clerk**

Hedge planting – Cllr Warren confirm that he had reviewed both quotation one quote included VAT and the other did not, and both contractors agreed that Hawthorn is more durable and likely to have a better success rate, which had a cost increase of an extra £60 which was agreed. Mr Brown's quote has been accepted, Cllr Mander will liaise with Mr Brown. **Action Cllr Mander**

Bier painting – Cllr Firkins has completed one coat of water proofing. Further work will be completed on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 11am, weather permitting.

**Meeting closed: 20:43**

**Cllr Richard Phare**

**Chair Willand Environment Committee**