



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2013 AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Warren, Ursell, Phare, Mander, Firkins, Wilcox, Thompson, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman

1. Apologies: Cllr Metherell

2. Chairman's announcements: meeting recorded.

3. Minutes of the meeting held: Thursday 28th March 2013 proposed Cllr Warren seconded Cllr Thompson, unanimously agreed.

4. Matters arising

Raised bed – Devon County Council have admitted this is their responsibility and cut back some of the overgrowth.

Orchard Way play area – Cllr Phare met with Mike Watts, two no dog signs will be erected at the two open entrances of the play area in 6 -8 weeks. Cllr Phare offered to record the number of dog walkers using the area. Parishioners have requested a bench in the park. Prices will be sought for a metal bench, \$106 money could be used to purchase the bench. **Action Cllr Phare, Clerk**

Jubilee Parish Field – gate/bolt removal/basket ball hoop – K & S Autos have repaired the gate and basket ball hoop free of charge. Cllr Firkins is arranging for the hoop board to be replaced. Sign studs have been purchased to cover the ends of the bolts. Web site to be updated to thank K&S Autos. **Action Cllrs Firkins, Ursell, Clerk**

Play surface cleaning – The committee decided against using the quote supplied by Mid Devon District Council **Action Clerk**

Grass cutting – Five quotes sought, two quotes received. Cllr Firkins proposed accepting the Countrywide quote, and increasing next years precept allowance for grass cutting, Cllr Thompson seconded, unanimously agreed. The football club

has confirmed that it will no longer be using the field for youth training. **Action Clerk**

B3181 land ownership – District Cllrs Brandon will wait to see what information County Cllr Radford can supply before making enquiries.

5. **March Parish Walk** – All findings have been submitted to the relevant bodies. The Parish Council bench at Townsland needs repainting. Weather permitting on 10th June the younger Scout will clean the benches and swings in the play area. The older Scouts will cut back the footpath from Meadow Park. Weed spraying will be carried out by Devon County Council this year. The trees at South View will be felled and the stumps ground out during May. The stumps will also be removed in Maple Close.
6. **Jubilee Parish Field kerb** (from Finance and Administration meeting) – Steven Densham has confirmed that this will be completed this year.
7. **Community Payback:** Simon Newcombe is exploring the possibility of using the Community Payback scheme to sweep the footpaths for which neither Mid Devon District Council nor Devon County Council claim responsibility. Cllr Firkins proposed accepting this, Cllr Ursell seconded, unanimously agreed. Cllr Warren to liaise with Simon Newcombe. **Action Cllr Warren**

Meeting closed: 21:02

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee