



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013 at 1932 hours FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

*PLEASE NOTE: All Council Meetings are electronically recorded in the interests of accuracy.*

#### AGENDA

**Present:** Cllrs: Phare (Chair), Warren (Minutes), Mander, Wilcox, Firkins,

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Ursell, Thompson, Volunteer Brian Holmes, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman

**2. Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded. Mike Wright had re varnished cemetery benches - members recorded appreciation – Clerk to write letter of thanks – **Action Clerk.** Cllr Firkins advised members of condition of Jubilee benches and intention to oil same before winter.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013: Acceptance Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Wilcox, unanimously agreed.

#### **4. Matters arising**

(a) Holly Tree, Churchyard. Report from Tree Warden/Officer noted. After discussion unanimously agreed that residents of School House could cut back and remove any parts of tree actually overhanging their property at their own expense. Cllr Firkins would speak with owners. **Action Cllr Firkins.**

(b) Bench Orchard Way play area. Cllr Phare outlined discussions with MDDC who would supply and go halves with cost of seat. They would supply base, fit and maintain. Cllr Firkins proposed and Cllr Warren seconded that Cllr Phare should continue discussion with MDDC to complete action. Unanimously agreed. **Action Cllr Phare.**

(c) B3181 Triangle of land. Cllr Warren advised that District Cllr Mrs Bandon was taking matter up with MDDC but he had heard no more. He had sent reminder email to Cllr Mrs Brandon.

(d) Jubilee Parish Field – Grass cutting – Clerk had approached contractor and they had been back and cut properly into the bottom of the hedge line. Matter resolved but we would need to keep a regular check on future works. **Action Clerk & Councillors.**

5. **South View play area** – Cllr Phare updated members on actions and discussions to date. Further contact was to be made with MDDC and residents to progress finance, maintenance and type of equipment to be installed. **Action Cllr Phare.**
6. **Improving the state of the village** – Cllr Warren outlined actions as the result of the last Parish Walk. Some items had already been resolved others were being followed up through DCC and MDDC. The Rectory hedge was still unresolved due to attitude of Diocese Staff. DCC now dealing under Highways Act powers.
7. **Silver Street Hedge** – Complaint had been received as to foliage obstructing clear visibility of traffic lights. From the roundabout the problem was caused by MDDC managed land and DCC were dealing. Going towards the roundabout partial obstruction was caused from allotment hedge. Cllr Mander asked to deal urgently by seeking cut back by volunteers from Allotments or Compost Group. Cllr Mander would liaise with Allotment Association to prepare specification and obtain quotes to cut outside and top of hedges against B3181 and North Jaycroft later in the year. **Action Cllr Mander.**
8. **Jubilee Parish Field**
  - (a) Skate ramp area – Cllr Phare would organise a small working party shortly. **Action Cllr Phare.**
  - (b) Hedge Trimming – agreed that hedge and fence area next to Village Hall would need trimming back in the winter. Cllr Mander asked to prepare specification for consideration. **Action Cllr Mander.**
9. **Bridscape** – replacement boxes/next years survey. Cllr Firkins summarised the report which showed very good use of boxes. Repair work identified which Cllr Firkins offered to organise with assistance. **Action Cllr Firkins.** After discussion members agreed to fund similar survey for following year. **Action Clerk.**

**Meeting closed: 20:10**

**Cllr Richard Phare**

**Chair Environment Committee**