



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2013 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phare, Warren, Wilcox, Thompson, Grantham, Aldridge, Myers, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Mander, Ursell, Volunteer Brian Holmes
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded. Bench Orchard Way installed. Christmas lights lit up. Improving the state of the village, Cllr Warren forwarded the spreadsheet to all Cllrs, Cllr Warren is meeting with William Pike and Laura Gadd on Tuesday 3rd December to discuss ongoing issues.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 24th October 2013, Proposed Cllr Warren following a spelling correction, Seconded Cllr Thompson, unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.
4. **Matters arising**
 - South View Close play area – \$106 money been transferred. Contractors hoping to complete the work within the next two weeks.
 - Jubilee Parish Field – weed infestation, Clerk contacted Agrii who will view the site and contact the Clerk.
 - Hedge - Cllr Phare to arrange. Cllr Myers asked if in future Cllrs could cut the hedge themselves. Insurance will be confirmed. The gate is outstanding. Action **Clerk, Cllr Phare**
5. **Cemetery request** – The committee agreed that the plaque should be replaced with One of the same dimensions. Mr Jones will be asked to keep the size of the rhododendron under control. **Action Clerk**
 - Grass cutting – extra cuts Cllr Warren Proposed 1 additional cut if necessary, Seconded Cllr Wilcox **Action Clerk**
6. **Silver Jubilee tree** – Willand Old Village. The MDDC Tree Warden suggested

planting and replacement tree nearby and removing the damaged tree once the new one is established. Cllr Myers will confirm that the damaged tree is the Jubilee tree rather than a memorial tree, in which case the family would be contacted. If it is the Jubilee tree the Cllr Phare proposed asking David Richie to purchase a replacement to a budget of £100.00. Cllr Myers would then plant the tree, Seconded Cllr Aldridge, unanimously agreed. **Action Cllr Myers, Clerk** Cllr Phare thanked Cllr Myers and Brian Holmes for removing the broken limb after the storm.

7. Allotment Association requests – forwarded to Cllrs 5th November. Gate - Cllr Phare will photograph the current gateway and the Clerk will ask the Planning Department if it would be possible for the allotment Association to enlarge the gateway.

Hedge – The Parish Council will suggest a double row of whip Hawthorn, which will provide prickles to keep people out. Hazel could be planted in between which would grow quickly and increase the height of the hedge so adding further security.

Third party insurance – the Allotment Association would have to provide their own insurance.

Sylvia Statham's request to rent the Hazel copse. Yes, the plot should be numbered and rent decided.

Tenancy agreement – the amended agreement will be forwarded to all Cllr before submitting to the Allotment Association.

Tidying – Sylvia Statham emailed tenants stating what was needed. The Parish Council will inspect the site next year. **Action Cllr Phare, Clerk**

It was noted that the trees near the Community Composting have been cut. The Parish Council was not consulted. Cllr Mander may be able to assist.

8. Willand in Bloom – Cllr Myers recommended that Silver Street should be brightened up and suggested asking the Gardening Club to donate plants. Cllrs should suggest possible locations for more planters at the next meeting

Meeting closed: 20:25

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee