



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2014 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, Ursell, Warren, Wilcox, Firkins, Mander, Thompson, Grantham,
Volunteer Brian Holmes, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Myers
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded, Parish walk Sunday 26th January, weather pending, Cllr Phare will make a decision by 1pm on Sunday.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 28th November 2013, Proposed Cllr Wilcox, Seconded Cllr Thompson that they be signed as a true and correct record, unanimously agreed
4. **Matters arising**

Improving the state of the village update/letter – the committee decided to continue with the Parish Council letter rather than DCC's as it is more personal. The list of outstanding jobs is now almost up to date.

The Gables hedge will not be cut by DCC, Cllr Warren will send a Parish Council tidy up our village letter to see if it has an effect.

Silver Jubilee tree – Cllr Myers has contacted Western Power Distribution who might take the top off free of charge if they feel it will damage their power lines. David Richie advised that rot could set in following the loss of a substantial branch. David sought further advice and confirmed that with Tulip trees, self-healing can often take place. Committee decided to wait until the Spring and then reconsider.

Jubilee Parish field hedge/grass/weeds – The weeds issue will be reconsidered in the Spring. Cllr Phare proposed accepting Ken Broom's quote to cut the hedge along the Youth Club side of the field, Cllr Warren Seconded, unanimously agreed.

Allotment association – gate widening – Cllr Warren proposed that Allotment Association apply for planning permission, they will have to state that Willand United Charities own the land, Seconded Cllr Thompson, unanimously agreed. Community Composting – cutting of trees – The composting group proposed planting appropriate hedging in line with the rest of the Silver Street site after consideration the committee decided no hedge planting necessary.

5. Devon Waste Plan: Pre-submission Consultation – The Parish Council is concerned that DCC do not have a consistent approach to waste. Clerk and Cllr Phare to respond. **Action Clerk Cllr Phare**

6. Church Yard –Wall – Following a discussion Cllr Mander Proposed seeking quotes from local builders to deal with the water drainage issue by arranging for a channel to be dug and filled with gravel. Seconded Cllr Wilcox. Cllr Ursell asked Cllr Firkins to provide a detailed specification and supporting diagram, unanimously agreed. **Action Cllrs Firkins, Phare? Clerk**

Cllr Ursell has received a letter from the Diocese, they suggest the Parish Council did not follow certain conditions when the wall was rebuilt. Cllrs Ursell and Phare will draft a letter confirming that supporting evidence is available. A meeting with the Diocese will be arranged if possible. **Action Cllr Phare, Ursell**

7. Willand in Bloom – postponed to next meeting

8. Churchyard tree/shrub trim/reduction and Cemetery hedge replacing failed saplings – Cllr Warren offered to trim the overgrowing bush behind the War Memorial. The saplings in the cemetery have been replaced and an invoice for the remaining amount received. **Action Cllr Warren**

9. Cemetery layout – Cllr Phare offered to draft document for the Clerk, Rex Sanders and Brian Bussell to ensure that each is aware of the proposed layout. The proposed area will be marked out at the cemetery. **Action Cllr Phare.**

10. Proposed acquisition of extension to Jubilee Parish Playing Field – The committee confirmed that the letter sent to the District Cllrs for consideration should now be sent to Kevin Finan, Chief Executive MDDC. **Action Clerk**

Meeting closed: 21:30

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee