



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to Parish Council Mrs T Leaman, 11 Lower Town,  
Sampford Peverell, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 7BJ 01884 822914  
Email: willandclerk@willandmatters.org.uk

### THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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, Mander, Firkins, Grantham, Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Wilcox, Thompson, Myers, Volunteer Brian Holmes
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded
3. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Ursell that they be signed as a true and correct record, unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters arising**
  - War memorial maintenance – Cllr Phare will submit a grant application.
  - Churchyard wall – William Browne is unable to undertake the work until August and Bryan Vincent confirmed it is not work he would carry out. Cllrs Firkins Mander, Grantham and Ursell offered form a working group to undertake the work, a date will be arranged at the end of May beginning of June.
  - Cemetery layout – drafted letter to be sent to grave digger and grass cutter.
  - Proposed acquisition of Jubilee Parish Field – no further information. Entrance drop kerb postponed until more information is received.
  - Gate replacement - The gate painted and ready for hanging.
  - Willand sign repairs – update Cllr Myers – postponed until next meeting.
  - MDDC Open Space and Play Area Study – submitted
  - Holly tree – Cllr Firkins has left messages but would like to arrange a meeting with the parishioner to discuss prior to any work being undertaken.
5. **Willand In Bloom** – Cllr Warren proposed removing from the agenda as it is now too late for this year.
6. **Church/Parish/Diocese Relationship** – reply not received from Diocese. The

work completion form will be completed and sent to the PCC when the work is absolute.

**5. Improving the state of the village campaign** – Cllr Warren updated the committee.

Cllr Firkins questioned the committee's decision, Environment committee meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March, of sending a hedge cutting request letter to Simon Green despite a unanimous decision being made by those committee members present.

Cllrs Myers and Firkins and will arrange for the Gables hedge to be cut. It was stated and agreed that the work would be carried out at their own risk

**6. Weed spraying:** DCC will be weed spraying this year but later in the growing season. William Browne is unable to undertake the work on behalf of the Parish Council until August. Bryan Vincent quoted - £450.00, this includes the spray and use of a sprayer, no VAT. Cllr Mander Proposed, Cllr Phare Seconded the Parish Council undertaking the spraying, 2 Cllrs voted in favour, 3 Cllrs voted against, Cllr Warren abstained. Cllr Ursell then Proposed, Cllr Grantham Seconded discussing the issue with DCC and making and decision at next month's meeting.

**Meeting closed: 20:58**

**Cllr Richard Phare**

**Chair Willand Environment Committee**