



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2014 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phare, Ursell, Warren, Mander, Firkins, Grantham & Volunteer Brian Holmes,

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Wilcox & Parish Clerk Tracy Leaman
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held:** Environment Committee, Thursday 26th June 2014,
Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Mander that they be signed as a true and correct record, unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters arising**

Willand sign repairs – Cllr Firkins offered to collect materials and invoice from former Cllr Myers and take on task. Cllr Mander offered to assist. **Action: Cllrs Firkins & Mander.**

Parish Field – Tree appears to have been removed. Cllr Firkins outlined suggested work needed on gates at either end of field. Members agreed suggested action. **Action Cllr Firkins.** Cllr Warren advised that District Cllr Chesterton had told him that the decision for Willand to take over the MDDC half of the Parish Field had been deferred for a year until after the election. Cllr Chesterton was making more enquiries.

Churchyard wall – Date for working party to be arranged. **Actions: Cllrs Phare & Firkins.**
5. **Churchyard** – Cllr Ursell produced a suggested letter to the Diocese/Church with regard to whether or not the Parish were legally responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard. Amendments were agreed by consensus that Parish would notify PCC, with copy to Diocese that we would cease to maintain churchyard. The church needs to declare notice and then we can follow the processes. It was agreed that the current grass cutting contract would be allowed to run its course. Concern

was expressed by some that it would be a issue if the appearance of the churchyard be allowed to deteriorate. Cllr Ursell would amend letter and circulate to members for final approval and then Clerk to send letter. **Action: Cllr Ursell & Clerk.**
Cllr Phare confirmed he had handed the final papers concerning the churchyard wall to the vicar before he retired.

6. Cemetery

Marker pegs – Work in progress. **Action: Cllrs Phare & Ursell.**

New Hedge – Clerk awaiting quotes. **Action: Clerk.**

Purchase of Padlock – to be actioned. **Action: Cllr Ursell.**

Use of reserved land – Cllr Mander had made enquiries and follow up action to be taken. **Action: Cllr Phare & Clerk.**

Revision of Rules – Cllr Phare advised that work had started but yet to be completed. **Action: Cllrs Phare Wilcox & Clerk.**

- 7. Allotments** – Cllr Mander reported on works which had been carried out to allow access to hedges for maintenance. **Agreed** that we would arrange a visit with Secretary of Allotment Association and works can be agreed as to hedge work needed during winter. **Action: Cllr Mander.** The states of Plots 9 and 13 were discussed. **Agreed** that Clerk would be asked to write to holders in accord with tenancy agreements. **Action: Clerk.**

- 8. Improving the state of the village campaign** – Cllr Warren update members as to works done and his recent discussion with Mr Pike DCC. Other members advised of works which had been carried out – some appeared to have been carried out by residents. Cllr Warren to prepare article for next magazine. **Action: Cllr Warren.** Volunteer Brian Holmes produced maps of public footpaths in the parish which he had acquired over time. Cllr Phare thanked him and would arrange for them to be scanned. **Action: Cllrs Phare & Warren.**

Meeting closed: 20:28

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee