



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2015 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phare, Grantham, Ursell, Warren, Wilcox, Volunteer Brian Holmes, Clerk Tracy Leaman

1. Apologies: Cllr Mander

2. Chairman's announcements: Meeting recorded

3. Minutes of the meeting held: Thursday 27th November 2014 Environment committee,

Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Wilcox, unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

4. Matters arising

Allotment hedge – Cllr Mander supplied photographs, a decision will be made at the February meeting. **Action Environment committee**

Diocese – response forwarded to Cllrs 19th December. Proposed Cllr Ursell, Seconded Cllr Grantham, unanimously agreed, drafting a letter asking the Diocese to give notice. **Action Cllr Ursell**

5. Jubilee Parish Field

Dog control – A member of public has reported that there were conflicting signs within the Jubilee field and asked if dogs were allowed without a lead. As the Parish Council signs differ from MDDCs signs, the Parish council discussed this issue and felt that as there was no bylaw in place stating that dogs have to be on lead, and the Parish Council we were unable to police this. It was proposed by Cllr Grantham, Seconded Cllr Ursell that we would remove the Parish Council signs, agreed, Cllr Warren abstained. Cllrs Ursell and Grantham offered to remove the signs. It was also agreed that quotes will be sought to erect fencing around the children's play equipment. **Action Cllrs Ursell, Grantham, Clerk**

6. Play area provision with Mid Devon – The committee discussed the report. The Chestnut Drive play area has recently been refurbished and is now included on MDDC closure list. This play area would be the closest to the proposed development area in the new Local Plan. Cllr Warren offered to complete the questionnaire and draft a letter for inclusion. **Action Cllr Warren**

7. Jubilee tree plaques – Cllr Phare to ask Mr Firkins for the plaques. **Action Cllr Phare**

8. Cemetery

Rules – Cllr Warren offered to transfer the document to publisher and forward it to

Cllrs. **Action Clerk, Cllr Warren**

Reserved use of land. Letter sent December, reply not received. A further copy will be sent by recorded delivery. **Action Clerk**

Grave levelling/memorial securing – A letter will be sent, recorded delivery, to the family confirming that the memorial will be laid down. The Clerk will enquire which company installed the memorial. **Action Clerk**

Cllrs Phare and Ursell met with Rex Sanders to confirm the layout of the next area to be used for burials. The memorials will be placed to face the middle of the cemetery, as on the other side. The rows of memorial will be brought forward to allow room for manoeuvring near the hedge.

8. Sponsorship of services – To be reconsidered in October 2015.

9. Christmas lights – Contract now expired. The current supplier could offer the same lights for the next two or three years for a similar price, including maintenance. Alternatively the Parish Council could purchase the lights for £1,715. A storage and erection charge of £1,500 per annum would also have to be paid. Proposed Cllr Warren, Seconded Cllr Grantham, unanimously agreed, accepting the first option, leasing for a period of three years. **Action Cllr Phare**

10. Emergency Planning – Improving local resilience workshop. No Cllrs able to attend.

Action Clerk

11. Improving the state of the village campaign – Brian Holmes will seek ownership of the bench positioned near the 5 Cross Way Roundabout. If it is not claimed a letter will be sent to DCC confirming that a damaged bench is on their land. Cllr Grantham confirmed that some of the slats on one of the benches in the cemetery need replacing, unanimously agreed. **Action Brian Holmes**

Meeting closed: 21: 40

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee