



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

Present: Cllrs Wilcox, Ursell, Warren, Grantham, Phare, Clerk Kate Taylor,

Apologies Cllr Mander

2. Chairman's announcements: Meeting recorded

3. Public questions – No members of the public attended.

4. Minutes of the meeting held: Thursday 26th February 2015 Proposed Cllr Warren Seconded Cllr Wilcox, that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. **AGREED**

5. Matters arising

Play Area Provision in Mid Devon – It was noted that MDDC were unable to commit to anything at the moment so that it was difficult to focus discussion. Cllr Warren brought forward a proposed response to MDDC regarding the open space and play area provision in Willand. Proposed Cllr Wilcox, Seconded Cllr Ursell that the response should be sent to Adrian Cook **AGREED** **ACTION:** Clerk

The Parish Council wished it to be noted that it is grateful to those members of the village who have undertaken action in their areas in support of retaining the play areas.

Allotment hedge – Cllr Grantham reported that the cost of the cut would be for seven hours labour and the fuel.

Diocese – Cllr Ursell reported that the Parish Council had written to the Diocese and asked for notice on the churchyard to be declared. It was noted that they would need to be informed of the change of Clerk and it was agreed that this would be a good time to remind them that the Parish Council is not going to cut the grass in the churchyard from April 2015. Cllr Ursell to provide a letter to go to the PCC. **ACTION:** Cllr Ursell

6. Jubilee Parish Field

Signage – The current sign says that dogs are allowed in the field if they are under control, however there are some dog owners who do not abide by this. The information

from MDDC Cllr Chesterton had not been clear. It was agreed that he would be approached for further details **ACTION:** Cllr Phare

Fencing – Two contractors had been asked to provide a quotation. So far received one quote for £1,500. It was agreed that when the second quote was obtained it would be agreed offline so that the work could proceed. **ACTION:** Cllr Phare

Household fencing – It was agreed that this had been on the agenda in error as it was not within the remit of the Parish Council.

Grass surface damage around the football posts. Cllr Grantham reported that he had viewed this with the handyman and it was badly damaged. Following discussion it was agreed that one goal area should be reseeded now and the other next year. This would allow one area to be blocked off while it recovered leaving one working goal. An area has worn away on the boundary line of the field and needs to be filled.

ACTION: Cllr Grantham

7. Cemetery

Memorials – the memorial has been levelled and this has been paid for.

Bench – this is not able to be refurbished. Agreed that it would be replaced for a cost of no more than £392. **ACTION:** Cllr Grantham

8. Improving the state of the village campaign

Weed spraying Cllr Warren to ask DCC Cllr Ray Radford if he had money to support this **ACTION:** Cllr Warren

As a pesticide licence would be required to spray the weeds it was agreed that the Handyman would be asked if he had this licence. **ACTION:** Cllr Grantham

Grass cutting – DCC had confirmed that the recent grass cut was the final cut of last year. It had been suggested that MDDC would fund grass cutting this year so that the Parish had time to prepare for the additional expenditure. This would need to be confirmed.

ACTION: Cllr Warren

It was agreed that Cllr Warren would meet with the clerk to discuss the spreadsheet.

Meeting closed 21:02

Cllr Richard Phare

Chair Willand Environment Committee