



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

The meeting opened at 19:33

1. Apologies Cllr Grantham

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Environment Committee

Following discussion it was proposed to defer electing a Chair until the next Environment meeting. Cllr Wilcox proposed that Cllr Warren continue in the chair for the meeting Cllr Phare seconded this.

It was agreed to elect a Vice Chair of the committee and Cllr Wilcox proposed Cllr Mander who agreed, seconded Cllr Phare and all were in agreement.

Cllr Mander took the chair

3. Chairman's announcements: Meeting recorded

4. Public questions no members of public were present

5 Minutes of the meeting held: 23 April 2015 Proposed Cllr Phare Seconded Cllr Warren unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

6. Matters arising

5a) Play areas – letter received from MDDC 14/05/15 from Mr Cook it was noted that he would be attending a MDDC meeting on 22 June. Following discussion it was agreed that we wait for Mr Cook to advise the Parish Council further.

iii) Leaves in Harpitt playground passed to MDDC Environmental Services ref MDRS-1955 – this has not been done now hedge growing out over the rubberised matting as well and the grass needs cutting back. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up with MDCC. **ACTION: CLERK**

iv) Jubilee Field repairs to BMX track & skate ramp had been done.

b) Churchyard – i) there had been an update from Cllr Ursell in that he had spoken with the Churchwarden and there may be some progress although there had been no official response from the Diocese.

8) Contract for weed spraying had been placed. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire as to when this would be done. **ACTION: CLERK**

6b) Offer of new bench – DCC had informed that a licence would be required to put a new bench on the site. Waiting for further information in order to obtain the relevant paper work. It would be necessary to advise the person offering to donate the bench of the situation. **ACTION: CLERK**

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Email concerning over grown footpaths in Willand sent to MDDC Cllr Chesterton & DCC Cllr Radford by a member of the public.

No action required from the Parish Council at the moment.

8. Identification of open space areas

MDDC asking for identification of places where open space should be developed. There will be another letter from MDDC regarding this and it was agreed to keep this on future agendas. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllrs would bring ideas for the best use of the money to the next environment meeting. **ACTION: ALL**

9. Formal complaint received 16 May concerning fencing around the compost site.

Cllr Mander declared an interest as involved with Willand Community Composting. Cllr Warren outlined the nature of the complaint and asked Cllr Mander to report back on his discussion with the complainant. Cllr Mander informed that he had been able to outline the reasons for the fence and that the complainant had understood and accepted them. As this had been registered as a formal complaint it was agreed the person should be contacted to confirm that he had withdrawn the complaint.

ACTION: CLERK

Meeting closed 8.20

Chair of Environment Committee

Date 25 June 2015