



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015 AT 19:45

Present: Cllrs Grantham, Mander, Wilcox, Warren, Clerk K Taylor

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Phare

2. **Election of Chair of Environment Committee**

Cllr Wilcox proposed Cllr Grantham, Cllr Grantham agreed to stand, Cllr Mander seconded the proposal, unanimously agreed.

3. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded

4. **Public questions** there were no members of the public present.

5. **Minutes of the meeting held 28 May 2015** Proposed Cllr Warren seconded Cllr Wilcox and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

6. **Matters arising**

5a) Play areas – email had been received from Adrian Cook regarding a number of play areas being closed in Mid Devon, a total of three in Willand. The last letter received from Mr Cook had indicated he would be in contact following the MDDC meeting on 22 June. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to ask when the meeting would be arranged. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the three District Councillors regarding the issues concerning the play areas. **ACTION:** Clerk

6iii) Leaves in Harpitt playground – MDDC had been informed about the hedge and leaves twice but nothing had been done. It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

6.8) Weed spraying had been completed and the claim forwarded to Cllr Radford for payment.

6.b) Offer of new bench – no information had been forthcoming about the necessary licence. Agreed that the Clerk would send a follow up email.

ACTION: Clerk

9 Complaint about the fence around the composting site had been resolved

7. **Improving the state of the village campaign**

Cllr Wilcox confirmed that the Fir Close walkway had been cut back

Cllr Warren confirmed that the tree over pavement in Orchard Way from Cherry Close had been cut back.

It was noted that it had been reported in the news that volunteers in an area of Devon had cut the grass in the neighbourhood and had been charged by DCC for disposal.

The Parish Walk had been rained off, another would be arranged.

8. Identification of open space areas

a) Ideas from Councillors as to best use of the available money
Fencing for parish field already in progress which would use some of the money. Cllr Phare is progressing this.

Deferred this item to next meeting of Environment Committee as waiting for a response from Mid Devon regarding current play provision and Jubilee Field.

Meeting closed 20:20

Cllr Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee
23 July 2015