



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 23 JULY 2015 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Grantham, Cllr Mander, Cllr Phare, Cllr Ursell & Cllr Warren

1. **Apologies** Cllr Wilcox & Clerk K Taylor.
2. **Chairman's announcements:** Meeting recorded
3. **Public questions** No members of the public present.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held** 25 June 2015 proposed Cllr Warren, seconded Cllr Mander and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true record

5. Matters arising

6.5a) Play areas: responses from District Councillors to letters - Noted. Councillors were concerned as to the actions being taken currently but noted the offer of Adrian Cook to come and speak with the Parish Council in relation to questions we had asked. It was resolved to invite him to attend the September Full Council Meeting. Clerk to arrange. **ACTION: Clerk.**

6.6iii) Leaves on Harpitt Playground. This matter had still not been dealt with in spite of two requests. There was potential damage to the surface and danger of slipping when wet. The hedge also needed cutting. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Warren to seek action through District Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk & Councillor Warren.**

6.6b) Offer of new bench and licence application – update Cllr Grantham. Devon CC had forwarded Clerk licence documents which was discussed and considered to be 'over the top'. The history of the damaged bench and the offer of replacement by a local person in memory of a member of his family were discussed. Proposed by Cllr Phare, seconded by Cllr Mander that the Clerk approach the potential donor and advise of the potential cost implications and confirm that he was prepared to fund it. We would not consider paying a licence fee to DCC as the damaged bench was on their land and we were just offering to replace it after their refusal to act. If the donor was prepared to proceed the matter would be formally raised with County Councillor Radford. Unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk.**

6. St Mary's Churchyard – Councillor Ursell reminded of history and reasons for agenda item. Notice had now been served by PCC and acknowledged to clarify legislation and date of notification. Members had been able to consider information and advice supplied by NALC. Detailed discussion followed on the options and cost implications. The majority felt that the process should be put into action to pass the responsibility to MDDC. Proposed Cllr Ursell seconded Cllr Mander that a Full Council meeting be called for 13 August 2015 with this one item on the agenda. Councillor Ursell would prepare the wording of the motion to be discussed and prepare a draft letter for consideration to MDDC if the motion is passed.

ACTION: Cllr Ursell & Clerk.

7. Improving the state of the village campaign. Various sites were discussed where issues had been resolved and some new sites for action by the Clerk.

8. Identification of open space areas – After discussion it was decided that issue should be kept on the agenda but no decisions could be made until we had received further information from MDDC Forward Planning Unit. It was also felt that the forthcoming meeting with Adrian Cook may also assist in the decision process.

The meeting closed at 20:59

Cllr Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee