



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING MEETING IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

**Present:** Cllr Mander, Cllr Phare, Cllr Ursell, Cllr Warren, Cllr Wilcox, Clerk K Taylor, 1 member of the public.

#### 1. **Apologies** Cllr Grantham

**2. Chairman's announcements:** a) Cllr Mander chaired the meeting and announced that it started at 20:13 and would be recorded.

b) Cllr Mander informed Council that the Clerk had received an email requesting contact details for a snow warden. It was confirmed that Willand Parish Council do not have a snow warden. **ACTION:** Clerk

**3. Public questions:** James Marshall asked if the Parish would be purchasing the large field from Mid Devon, and if so how he would pursue the installation of a Trim Track around the field as he is potentially able to access funding for it. The Parish Council's position would be clarified in the discussion under item 6.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held:** 27 August 2015 it was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Phare and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true record.

#### 5. **Matters arising**

6b) Cllr Grantham had contributed an article for the next magazine regarding dogs in Jubilee field. Cllr Warren reported back from the meeting on 22 September of MDDC. There are only 3 dog and litter wardens in the MDDC area now so will not be much support for enforcement from MDDC.

6c) Dog bin and rubbish bins had been ordered for the Jubilee field.

6d) Fencing in Jubilee Field –Cllr Phare had collected together all of the required information except for the original minute when it was agreed.

7a) Had been dealt with at meeting between Cllr Warren and DCC Cllr Radford but Cllr Warren would be following up on this.

7c iv) The Parish walk had been arranged for 27 September at 14:30. Cllr Wilcox had to give her apologies for this.

All other actions had been completed or were on the agenda.

## 6. Play areas

Cllr Warren had prepared a document pulling together all the issues for consideration and also updated the Council on information from the MDDC meeting of 22 September. It was noted that the questions previously raised by Willand Parish Council had still not been answered. This included the question of the legality of shutting down play areas provided through the planning process. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wilcox that the Chair write to Cllr Evans to ask for an answer on this, and if a satisfactory result is not obtained then to make a formal complaint. Seconded by Cllr Ursell and unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Cllr Warren/Clerk

There was a detailed discussion on the options outlined in the paper and it was proposed by Cllr Warren that a draft response would be put together with the suggestions from the meeting. This would be circulated for further consideration and final decision. Cllr Wilcox seconded this proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Cllr Warren/Clerk

James Marshall left 21:03

## 7. Grass Cutting

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would go for Option 3 on the original plan. *Not to agree to any of the above options and therefore either except(sic) the reduced specification for cutting grass verges and understand that this may result in MDDC withdrawing from the agreement with DCC due to financial viability.* Proposed Cllr Phare seconded Cllr Wilcox unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

## 8. Improving the state of the village campaign

The hedge on the main road has been cut.  
Cllr Radford would be approached about the outstanding issues

## 9. Identification of open space areas

No further information at this point.

Meeting closed 21:32