



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016

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

Present: Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Ursell, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, 1 Member of the Public, Clerk Kate Taylor.

1. Apologies There were no apologies

2. Chairman's announcements: The Chair declared the meeting open at 20:18 and that it would be recorded

3. Public questions there were no public questions

4. Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 28 January 2016

Proposed by Cllr Warren seconded by Cllr Mander and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true record.

James Marshall had attended the meeting to discuss ideas for play equipment in the Jubilee field. The Chair therefore brought forward this under 5d (i)

Mr Marshall was invited to present the ideas discussed in the paper he had prepared and he ran through the reasons why he had chosen the particular items of equipment. The Parish Council were enthusiastic and supportive of the suggestions and it was agreed that Mr Marshall would now concentrate on researching funding for the items. It was noted that the Parish Council were prepared to provide matched funding for the equipment.

Cllr Warren proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Marshall for his work on this project and suggested that he was co-opted on to the Environment Committee in order to research and advise on further developments and the funding for the new equipment. Cllr Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

Mr Marshall agreed to this and then left the meeting at 20:48.

5. Matters arising

5 b) TAPS fund applications – awaiting confirmation of agreement for the defibrillator and the Football Club application. The Parish Council had supported Halberton's application put forward by the Scout troop.

5 c) Paint to spray dog mess – it was proposed by Cllr Warren and seconded by Cllr Phare that the Clerk purchase 3 cans to be given to those members of the public who had suggested it, the third would be used by Cllr Wilcox. This was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

5 d) (i) Lease of Field Cllr Warren reported that it is with MDDC legal department and is a work in progress.

5 d) (ii) Lead paint & play equipment Cllr Grantham reported that he is waiting to hear from MDDC and would expect to report at the next meeting. **ACTION:** Cllr Grantham

5 d) (iii) Rubbish collection and dog bin emptying – It had been agreed at Full Council on 11 February that District Councillor Doe would take this forward with MDDC.

5 d) (iv) Specifications for grass cutting and ground maintenance – Waiting to hear from MDDC that the field is the responsibility of the Parish Council before going out to tender.

It was reported that there is some fencing down on the field from a house in Gables Lea. It was noted that the occupiers had been approached by the Parish Council but it had not been rectified. It was agreed to contact MDDC. **ACTION:** Cllr Warren

9 Village Hall Clock – Councillors Phare and Mander confirmed that the clock is now running 20 mins slow. It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox seconded by Cllr Warren and unanimously agreed that the clock be righted at the time when the clocks change at the end of March. **ACTION:** Cllr Phare/Cllr Mander

6. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Planters Cllr Warren proposed that the item be carried forward until the next meeting which would follow the publication of the magazine article. Cllr Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **AGREED**

b) Fencing around the swings Cllr Warren reported that the gate is the more expensive part of the proposal. In light of the discussions regarding the new play equipment it was proposed by Cllr Wilcox that the fencing would not now be done. Cllr Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to explain this to the contractor and that Cllr Warren would contact MDDC regarding the 106 money. **ACTION:** Clerk/Cllr Warren

c) Parish Walk. It was noted that the Parish Councillors were unable to commit to a Parish walk at this time but that they would raise any issues during the item 'Improving the state of the village campaign' on future Environment Committee agendas.

d) Weed spraying. It was agreed that Devon County Councillor Radford would be approached for funding for this for the forthcoming year. Cllr Warren proposed that the Clerk obtain a quotation from Mr Vincent for two instances of weed spraying for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Phare and unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. Identification of open space areas

Councillor Warren confirmed that as there were no current planning applications that would warrant requesting money under the new system in Willand at the moment, there was no further action to be taken.

The meeting closed at 21:14

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee