



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2016 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**Present:** Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, 1 member of the public Clerk K Taylor.

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Taylor

**2. Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman declared the meeting open at 20.00 and that it would be recorded.

**3. Public questions** Mr Metherell, a Churchwarden at St Mary's Church provided an update on MDCC taking on responsibility for the Churchyard. It was likely that there would be a few months delay before MDCC began the grass cutting regime and the Church would like to request the Parish Council support the grass cutting in the interim. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr Metherell would provide a written request outlining exactly what was required so that it could be considered at the Full Council meeting on 12 May.

Mr Metherell left the meeting.

**4. Minutes of the meeting** held on 24 March 2016 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Wilcox and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

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

5 5d (ii) Lead paint and play equipment - Councillor Grantham reported that he was not yet in a position to provide an update and requested that it remain on the agenda. **ACTION:** Clerk

#### **6. Improving the state of the village campaign**

a. Weed spraying round the village. Two quotes had been obtained and were discussed. Councillor Warren proposed that the contract be awarded to Countrywide. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. It was noted that the company had indicated that it might require advice on certain areas and Councillor Warren offered to meet them to discuss if necessary. This was agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

#### **7. Play Areas**

a. Surface of the play area in the Jubilee field.

The Litter Picker had noticed during his weekly inspections that this was deteriorating. A full discussion resulted in Councillor Phare proposing that the Clerk contact the MDCC Inspector to ask if there were any concerns regarding the play areas in Willand. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

b. It was agreed that the sign needs updating on the Jubilee Field play area and similar signs will be required for the other play areas being taken on by the Parish Council.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grantham

c. It was agreed to leaflet drop the area around Mallow Court and Worcester Crescent to ask for volunteers to assist with maintaining the play areas. **ACTION:** Cllr Warren

d. It was agreed that the Chair of F & A Committee would write to the Litter Picker to ask him to extend his inspections to Mallow Court & Worcester Crescent from 1<sup>st</sup> July. **ACTION:** Cllr Wilcox

e. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Insurance company to inform them of the increase in the number of playgrounds under the Parish Councils responsibility. **ACTION:** Clerk

f. New Play Equipment for the Jubilee Field

Various items of equipment had been identified and following a full discussion it was proposed by Councillor Wilcox and seconded by Councillor Sellick that two items identified would be purchased.

**ACTION:** Cllr Warren

### **8. Councillors Round Table**

Councillor Wilcox reported that the pink spray on dog mess would appear to have had results in play areas but that there was still a great deal of mess being left in other areas of the village. It was agreed that more spray would be purchased. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Phare reported that the clock cover on the village hall had been blown off during the high winds, and that the clock still failed to show the correct time. He provided the paperwork and contact details for the last repair of the clock. Councillor Warren proposed that the Council approach a recognised repairer and ask for the clock to be fixed, or if it is identified that it cannot be fixed then it be removed. Councillor Sellick seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

Cllr Warren reported that the Parish Council had received an offer to assist with the works that would be required to set up the helipad on the Jubilee Field but that at the moment there was no further information forthcoming from the air ambulance. He would contact them.

**ACTION:** Cllr Warren

The meeting closed at 21:05

Councillor Keith Grantham  
Chair of Environment Committee