



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016 AT 19:25 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 Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, Clerk K Taylor

1. Apologies Councillor Sellick

2. Chairman's announcements: Meeting recorded

3. Public questions No members of the public were present.

4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2016 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Phare, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Progress reports for information

- a. Fencing the new area of the cemetery – Councillor Grantham reported on the work that he had done on the new part of the cemetery. Following discussion regarding the necessary fencing Councillor Grantham undertook to continue this work and establish a tender document to send to 3 contractors. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham
- b. Grass cutting specification – Councillor Grantham updated the committee on his progress in establishing a ball park figure for cutting the total area of DCC grass. It was agreed that he would continue to work on this. Councillor Mander proposed that Willand Parish Council would not take on the cutting of the grass at this time but would continue to plan for the future. Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and the vote was passed with one against and five in favour. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham
- c. Councillor Warren had sent all the information from the Parish Council Solicitor to all Councillors. He reported that a quote for the work would be around £500 - £750 for each of the 3 leases. It was proposed by Councillor Warren that he draft a letter to Councillor Neal Davey regarding costs Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren & Clerk
- d. Councillor Warren informed the committee that the instillation of the new play equipment should be started week beginning 12 September and the company would only be on site for two days. He also reported that MDDC had not yet replied regarding the S106 monies and Councillor Chesterton had agreed to take this forward.

6. Inspection report on play areas

This was discussed at some length as there were a number of items showing in need of action but all were seen as low risk. It was agreed that Councillor Grantham would ask the handyman to look at the skateboarding ramp to see how it could be put right. Councillor Warren would

include the state of the Multi Play Equipment where components were damaged in the letter to Neal Davey, asking if it could be repaired before the handover. Councillor Tobin would deal with the brambles in the Mallow Court play area.

ACTION: Councillors Grantham, Warren, Tobin

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) It was agreed that where action had not been taken following the letters written to residents about growth over the pavements from gardens, the Clerk would send copies of the letters to Willy Pike, DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer and ask him to deal with it. It was agreed that the Clerk would also mention the brambles growing out into the road from the stone planter in Willand Old Village which belonged to DCC.

ACTION: Clerk

b) Councillor Warren informed that the handyman had cut the hedge on the Parish Council land around the Gables but the hedges belonging to the residents were going to need cutting back in the near future. It was agreed that this would be monitored and discussed again at the next Environment Committee meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Councillor Phare raised that fact that the allotment hedge looked untidy along Jaycroft. It was agreed that this would be cut in October and it would be necessary to put this out for tender. The Clerk would find the specification and check with the Chair that it was still correct before starting the tender process. Councillor Mander would provide the name of another contractor to send it to.

ACTION: Clerk

d) It was agreed that the Handyman should be asked to take off and clear the brambles that protruded from the hedge anywhere around the Jubilee Field.

ACTION: Clerk

8. Councillors Roundtable

a) Councillor Mander reminded the Parish Council that the composting site would be reduced to opening on two days a week, on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1 September.

b) Councillor Phare raised the question of the response received from the Trustees to the Gables Lease. It was agreed that this would be discussed in detail at the next Finance and Administration meeting. The Clerk and the Chair of the Parish Council would discuss an interim response.

ACTION: Councillor Warren & Clerk

c) Councillor Grantham informed the Parish Council that MDDC had send out a document and survey on street cleaning. This would be circulated to all Councillors and would be an item on the Environment Agenda in September.

Meeting closed 20:32

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee