



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 19:12

Present: Councillor Grantham, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, Clerk K Taylor.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare
2. The Chairman announced that the meeting would be recorded.
3. No members of the public were in attendance.
4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2016 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Wilcox seconded by Councillor Warren, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Progress reports for information

- a. Councillor Grantham gave a brief report on the progress he had made on the fencing for the new area of the cemetery. It was agreed that he would provide a specification for tendering the work as per the legal documents for the first fencing and to include removing the top fence. This would be circulated for comment before being issued.
ACTION: Councillor Grantham
- b. It was agreed that the grass cutting item should be removed from the agenda until further information was obtained.
- c. Councillor Warren reported that the playground leases would shortly be ready for signing. The Parish Council had written to Councillor Davey and was waiting for a response.
- d. It was agreed that Councillor Grantham should proceed with obtaining the signs for the play areas. These would include another sign to go on to the Gables Lea gate. The signs would give the contact details as the Parish Clerk with the mobile number.
ACTION: Councillor Grantham
- e. It was agreed that the tenders for the allotment hedge would be on the agenda for Full Council in October for decision.
ACTION: Clerk
- f. The Handyman had tried to bolt down the skateboard ramp but this had been unsuccessful it needed further work. Councillor Grantham proposed that the Handyman be asked to repair the Skateboard ramp as he had discussed with him. Councillor Warren seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.
ACTION: Councillor Grantham
- g. The brambles at Mallow Court were going to be cut back by Councillor Tobin, it would be on the next agenda for his report back.

6. Improving the state of the village campaign

- a) The clerk had amalgamated Councillors responses to the street cleaning document received from MDDC and presented the proposed response for agreement. Councillor Warren proposed that this be sent, Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.
ACTION: Clerk
- b) Councillor Wilcox proposed that Willand Parish Council apply for a grant towards extra play equipment, probably a slide. Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.
ACTION: Councillor Warren

c) Councillor Warren had received an update from Willy Pike, DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer on outstanding work around the village and on the whole it had been completed. Councillor Wilcox informed that there were overgrown shrubs and hedges from MDDC property and it was agreed that the Clerk would inform MDDC. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. Allotments

It was agreed to make minor changes to the tenancy agreement in order to make it clearer and the increase in the rent for the part and full plots for 2017/18 was agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Warren reported that the play equipment was being constructed in the Jubilee Field it is expected that it would be finished before the weekend. It was agreed that there would be a press release when it was completed. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

Councillor Warren reported that he had contacted MDDC regarding fly tipping in Dean Hill Road, Councillor Wilcox reported that a bike had been left in Fir Close, the Clerk would include this in the message about the hedges.

Councillor Warren had been informed that DCC had an order in to repair the barrier at the end of Cherry Close.

Councillor Wilcox had seen Quad bikes being driven around the Jubilee Field, Councillor Warren had reported this to PCSO Sims.

Councillor Warren offered to weed spray around the Gables property and this was agreed.

It was agreed that the Handyman would be asked to cut the Gables hedge at 2 metres, square it off and strim the grass, this should be done in October. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed 19.55

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of the Environment Committee