



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Warren, Clerk K Taylor

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Wilcox
2. The Chair declared the meeting open at 20:23 and that it would be recorded.
3. There were no public questions
4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2016 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Grantham, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

#### 5. Progress reports for information

- a) Councillor Grantham had prepared a specification for the fencing for the new area of cemetery. Following discussion minor amendments were made and it was agreed that this specification would go out to three contractors. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham & Clerk
- b) Councillor Grantham reported that the play area signs are a work in progress.
- c) Councillor Tobin had confirmed that he had dealt with the brambles in Mallow Court.
- d) Councillor Warren had no progress to report on the application to the Tesco fund for more play equipment.
- e) The Clerk reported that only a few of the tenancy payments were outstanding for the allotments, and there had been some dispute over the sub division of plots but this was being sorted out by the Allotment Association. The contract had been placed for the hedge cutting and that a report on the TPO trees had been requested as agreed at Full Council.
- f) The Clerk reported that the Solicitors had confirmed that they were expecting the leases for the play areas to be with them from MDDC on 28 October and they would then forward all documents to Willand for signing. The Clerk would expect to be able to arrange this in the week beginning 31 October as signatories had already been agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk  
Councillor Warren reminded the Parish Council that there had been a letter written to Councillor Davey regarding the costs of the leases which it had been understood was to be borne by MDDC. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact MDDC Councillor Richard Chesterton to ask him to take this forward on behalf of Willand Parish Council. **ACTION:** Clerk

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

- a) Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Warren would investigate further the information circulated regarding the Community PayBack Opportunity for Communities to see how it might work and how Willand could take advantage of the project. He will report back to the Environment Committee. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

b) There was a discussion around possible community involvement in highway maintenance and Councillor Warren proposed that as the Parish Council do not have any resources to take this on then the Parish Council continue to report any defects to MDDC and DCC highways as was the current practice. Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. No further action was required.

### **7. Councillors Roundtable**

Councillor Mander asked if there was any development on the proposals from Willand for a boundary change. The Clerk confirmed that a meeting was to be arranged with Uffculme to discuss the proposals with them. Further information would be circulated when a date was agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren reported that the Parish Council had received an invitation to contribute to the annual village carol service on 4 December at 6.30pm by suggesting a carol and for someone to read a lesson. The money raised was to be put towards the proposed air ambulance night landing pad on the field. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the invitation. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren raised the letter that had been received from the Trustees regarding the proposed lease for the gables site. It was agreed that this would go on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk

The meeting closed at 21:15

Councillor Keith Grantham  
Chair of Environment Committee