



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Present:** Councillor Bartlett Councillor Grantham, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, Clerk K Taylor

#### 1. **Apologies:** Councillor Mander

2. The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:50 and said that it would be recorded.

3. No members of the public were present.

4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2016 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett seconded by Councillor Warren, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

#### 5. **Progress reports for information**

a) It was agreed that the quote received for the fencing for the new area of the cemetery would be used to inform the precept planning for next year. It was noted that the costs might change due to possible increase in the costs of materials and this should be taken into account in the planning

**ACTION:** Clerk

b) Councillor Grantham updated the Council on the planned signs for the playgrounds.

c) i) Leases for Play areas had been signed by the Parish Council.

ii) Response to enquiry to Councillor Chesterton regarding costs Councillor Warren updated the Council on his discussions with Councillor Chesterton.

d) Councillor Grantham reported that the Village Hall Committee had met but had not discussed whether they wanted to keep a clock, but had reported that Parish Councillors were looking into a replacement. Councillors Tobin and Bartlett gave a brief update on the research they had made so far and they would be continuing with this. If anyone had any information they should forward it to them. They would report back at the next Environment Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** Councillors Tobin and Bartlett

#### 6. **Allotment Trees**

It was noted that the report stated that the trees were in good condition and they did not present any danger and the Parish Council did not need to take any action on them. There was some discussion about the various recommendations and it was agreed that these would be kept in mind.

There was a discussion concerning the householder who had raised the question and it was proposed by Councillor Warren that the Clerk write to him attaching a copy of the report, indicating that he was free to apply to the District Council for permission to trim the tree back if he wished. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

**ACTION:** Clerk

#### 7. **Grass cutting**

In response to the letter received from MDDC it was agreed that the Parish Council would again opt for Option 3 not to pay for the cutting of the DCC areas of responsibility. With regard to the question of any changes that could be made to MDDC grass areas it was suggested that the Parish Council request that the Orchard Way open space and playground are cut more frequently

during the summer months to enable better use of the football pitch. It was also suggested that a change of scheduled day is requested so that relevant areas are not cut on the day the bins are put out for collection. **ACTION:** Clerk

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

**a)** Councillor Warren gave an update on the Community Service pay back scheme and the current work that had been done. It was agreed that there were other areas that could benefit from some attention. These included Jaycroft, particularly around the cycle path, areas around Four Ways Roundabout, along Willand Moor Road and possible support for Willand Composting. Following discussion, it was agreed that all Councillors would let Councillor Warren know of any further suggestions and he would continue to liaise with the Highways Officer and Community Service scheme. **ACTION:** ALL

### **b) DCC composting and recycling centre consultations**

It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. It would be important for as many people as possible to complete the consultation. **ACTION:** Clerk

### **9. Councillors Roundtable**

Councillor Warren reported that the Clerk had been notified that a full planning application would be needed for the light for the helipad. He would assist the Clerk in progressing this.

**ACTION:** Clerk & Councillor Warren.

Councillor Bartlett raised the question of the mobile food vans in Willand, the pop up signs displayed and whether they had traders' licences. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to MDDC to check that these are complying with regulations. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Wilcox reported that the fundraising event by CAMEO for WHCC had been successful and that there was a meeting of the Trustees on Monday. There were indications that the Trustees would like a meeting with the Parish Council to try to move forward. It was noted that a clear agenda would be required for any proposed meeting.

The Clerk reported that donations for the Christmas lights had been received from Victoria Windows and the Pharmacy as well as the previously promised Pencarrie donation. Councillors expressed their gratitude and asked the Clerk to take the necessary action to respond and recognise the generosity in the magazine and on the website. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed:9.09

Councillor Keith Grantham  
Chair of Environment Committee