



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2017

Present: Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Dennis, Councillor Dilke-Wing Councillor Grantham, Councillor Phare, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox, Clerk K Taylor

1. Apologies: Councillor Mander

2. Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.55 and informed that it would be recorded

3. No members of the public were present

4. It was proposed by Councillor Bartlett seconded by Councillor Phare, and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2017 be signed as a true and correct record.

5. Progress reports for information

a & b) Councillor Grantham reported on the play equipment in the Jubilee Field and the work for the handyman as follows:

- i. The board is ready for replacement in the multi play area.
 - ii. The trim trail posts have been tightened but engineers will be returning to put in more concrete
 - iii. The matting under the monkey bars had been removed by someone so will need to be replaced at a cost to the Parish Council
 - iv. The skateboard ramp had been mended and replaced.
 - v. Goal posts have been prepared for painting and should be finished by the end of the week.
 - vi. The fence had been taken down near the gate and the area cleared. It was suggested that the bin that the children are kicking over should be moved to that area. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Stuart Noyce to ask if it would be acceptable to move the bin and re class it as a mixed-use bin. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - vii. Councillor Grantham had reported the broken window in the Gables to the police. The window has been repaired by the handyman. The Clerk to give an order to him to do this. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - viii. The repair following the removal of the clock is still waiting for the lead work to be done on the hall roof so will be delayed.
 - ix. The Jaycroft benches & planter removal & posts are still on the list to be done.
- c) New plants had been purchased and were being distributed it was agreed to ask the litter picker to deliver the remaining plants as soon as possible. **ACTION:** Clerk
- d) blocked drainage ditch in Jaycroft no further information received, none of the Councillors had been able to identify it so will remove from the agenda, but Councillor Tobin will ensure that there is not a problem with it. **ACTION:** Councillor Tobin

6. Improving the state of the village campaign –

a) Councillor Dennis gave a brief introduction into how she saw the scheme working in which named Councillors took on responsibility for designated areas of the village and proposed that such a scheme be introduced. Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and following discussion a vote was taken. The motion was defeated by 5 votes against with 2 for and 2 abstentions.

b) Grass cutting to agree a way forward for current financial year.

There was a lengthy discussion reiterating points about the grass cutting that had been discussed in previous meetings. Previously DCC Councillor Radford had suggested a meeting between DCC Highways Officer, MDDC and the Parish Council to try to move this forward. This had not yet been

held and there was some misunderstanding about the purpose of such a meeting. It was clarified that this would be to hear proposals from Mid Devon as to what they would cut and the cost to Willand for this, also to establish the amount of money available to Willand from DCC if they took on the grass cutting. A quotation had been obtained from a local contractor to do a one off cut of all the grass under DCC responsibility. Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Parish Council employ the contractor for a one off cut which could be used as a way of establishing the costing for future years. Councillor Tobin seconded this proposal. A vote was taken and there were 4 votes for it 5 voted against the proposal, with no abstentions, the motion was defeated. Councillor Warren made an amendment to the proposal to delay a decision until after the meeting was held with MDDC and DCC. The amendment was carried by 7 votes for with 2 against and no abstentions.

c) A specification for the repair of the pathway in the Jubilee Field was agreed and it was also agreed to try to implement repairs in 2017/18. Councillor Warren proposed that the specification be sent to three contractors with a view to the path being repaired during this year. Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. MDDC

Information from Andrew Pritchard, Director of Operations MDDC regarding fencing playgrounds Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Warren and Councillor Grantham would attend the PDG to hear the discussion and report back to Full Council.

ACTION: Councillors Warren/Grantham

8. Play area updates

a) South View, further documents had been received regarding the boundary and would be considered and moved forward by the Chair of Council and Clerk.

ACTION: Councillor Warren/Clerk

b) Orchard Way there was no further progress to report

9. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox reported that the drain cover in Station Road had not been repaired

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Bartlett requested that everyone use a large font in emails and documents.

Councillor Dennis reported that she had approached the monthly Craft market to see if it would be possible for the Parish Council to hold a surgery there each month. She would keep the Parish Council informed.

Councillor Warren had put weed killer down in the Gables but it needed strimming. Councillor Tobin offered to have a look with a view to doing this.

ACTION: Councillor Tobin

He requested that the Clerk put in an order to the handyman to remove the concrete post, although both he and Councillor Grantham had authorised it to be done.

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Warren informed the Parish Council that the document for consideration by MDDC Full Council regarding the dog bins was not the amended one. It was agreed that Councillor Warren should go and ask questions about this.

ACTION: Councillor Warren

Meeting closed 21.25

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee

27 July 2017