



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 27 JULY 2017

Present: Councillor Tobin, Councillor Dennis, Councillor Phare, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Wilcox, Councillor Mander

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Warren, Clerk K Taylor
2. Councillor Grantham opened the Meeting at 19.47 and informed that the meeting would be recorded.
3. No members of the public were present
4. It was proposed by Councillor Wilcox seconded by Councillor Tobin, and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2017 be signed as a true and correct record.
5. **Progress reports for information**
 - a) Councillor Grantham reported on the work completed by the handyman:
 - Gables Lea gate into the Jubilee field had been lifted as it was dragging.
 - Dog signs are all up.
 - Noughts and crosses had been removed and replaced with a board.
 - Baby swing had been repaired.
 - Goal post had been painted but the rust has come through so it is going to be done again.
 - Councillor Grantham is going to re-tension the gate in the Jubilee field.

ACTION: Councillor Grantham

 - Jobs remaining:
 - Benches in Jaycroft.
 - Pieces of wood to be replaced in one Planter.
 - Planter in Dean hill road is going to be removed by Dave Maynard.
 - Clear weeds and cut hedge at the Gables.
 - MDDC have granted permission to move the bin so this has also been added to the list.
 - b) Village Hall Committee agreed to have a bin placed under the tree at the front entrance for the use of the Litter Picker. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - c) Village Hall Committee agreed to accept the Parish Council offer to install WIFI. Councillor Wilcox to organise the installation of the line with Clerk. The Parish Council will be responsible for the bill for the two-year contract. At the end of the contract the Parish Council will give notice and the Village Hall Committee would then have the opportunity to take it over. Once the line is installed the Parish Council will then get the equipment required to feed the signal throughout the hall, and obtain quotes from

electricians to install this equipment. Alex Wilcox has offered to oversee the project. Councillor Tobin proposed we ask the Clerk to advise the Village Hall Committee that the project is going to go ahead and ask Councillor Warren to draft an agreement between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. Seconded Councillor Phare unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk, Councillor Wilcox, Councillor Warren

d) No information/proposals from DCC & MDDC on grass cutting for 2018/19 Councillor Phare Proposed we ask Clerk to chase information. Seconded Councillor Dennis unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

e) Update on fencing of play areas – Councillor Grantham advised the Police have no policy for play areas. Leave on agenda for an update from Councillor Warren. **ACTION:** Clerk

6. Improving the state of the village campaign –

a) Jubilee Field repair to pathway. Concerns were expressed over the T&C's Councillor Dennis requested we ask Councillor Warren to go back to one of the contractors and seek further clarification on the T&C's the Parish Council have concerns about and request a fixed quote. Seconded Councillor Mander unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Councillor Warren

b) Councillor Dennis advised the pathways either side under the railway bridge in Station road was impassable. Asked if the Clerk could report. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Dennis expressed concern that MDDC had made improvements to their properties such as solar panels, heat pump and this is causing trips in the electric supply. Councillor Dennis had asked Councillor Doe to take up with MDDC. It was agreed to move to Full Council if it continued to be problem. Councillor Dennis to let the Clerk know if it needed to be a future item on the agenda.

Councillor Tobin had looked at the ditch in Jaycroft and because the weeds and grass are so tall that you cannot see the ditch. No further action required.

Councillor Wilcox reported the weeds / hedge have been cut back between Bradford's and KS Auto's. The path between Fir Close and Somerlea near the flats where the dog bin is, is virtually impossible to pass especially with a pushchair. Broken drain cover in Station road now has a cone placed on it. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting Finished 20.33

Councillor Grantham
Chair of Environment Meeting

24 August 2017