



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 FOLLOWING THE PLANNING, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

1. **Apologies** Councillor Mander, Councillor Dilke-Wing, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Bartlett,
2. The Chair opened the meeting at 19.54 and announced that it would be recorded.
3. There were no members of the public present.
4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2017 had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Wilcox, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.
5. **Progress reports for information**
  - a) The Clerk gave an update on the progress of the South View play area lease and it was agreed that the leaflet would be photocopied and Councillor Wilcox would arrange delivery to all houses in the close. **ACTION:** Clerk / Councillor Wilcox
  - b) Councillor Grantham provided a document outlining rules for people wishing to use the Jubilee Field for events. It was agreed that Councillors would consider this and it would be discussed at the next Environment meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk
  - c) Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Parish Council agree to have a final cut of the DCC grass for the year and accept the quotation from Countrywide for this cut. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk  
Councillor Warren informed the Parish Council that he had received confirmation that the Council would be awarded the grass cutting money from DCC for the next financial year when it took over cutting the DCC areas of grass.
6. **Improving the state of the village campaign –**
  - a) It was agreed that the Parish Council would support Margaret Dennis in her application for the Volunteer Tree Warden position. David Ritchie had indicated he was resigning from the post and it was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to him on behalf of the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Clerk
  - b) There was a discussion on whether the Parish Council should consider taking on the Orchard Way play area from MDDC during the next financial year. It was noted that there would be a cost of at least £2000 for maintenance of this play area, to include management of the hedges and grass cutting. Councillor Wilcox proposed that in principle the Parish Council would take on the play area Councillor Sellick seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. There would need to be allocated funds in the precept for this. **ACTION:** Clerk
  - c) Councillor Dilke-Wing was unable to be at the meeting. It was agreed to postpone the discussion on his suggestion for TAP fund money to the next Environment meeting **ACTION:** Clerk
7. **Councillors Roundtable**  
Following discussion about the incident at the motorway bridge the previous week it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to DCC and request that they explore the safety barriers and consider putting up notices where help could be obtained. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren & Clerk

Councillor Wilcox informed the Council that the telephone line for the WiFi would be installed on 29 September.

Councillor Sellick had been asked about the responsibility for the Churchyard and it was confirmed that this is MDDC responsibility and residents should be advised to contact the Church & MDCC.

It was reported that there had been an increase in dog fouling incidents and this had been discussed on Facebook pages. It was noted that any evidence that could be provided to MDDC would result in action being taken. It was suggested that it might be an idea to encourage volunteers to resume marking faeces with spray paint as before.

Councillor Bartlett had reported that he had been contacted by residents in Willand Moor area of the parish suggesting another notice board should be put up in that area. It was agreed this should go on the agenda for the next Environment meeting. ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Grantham reported that the Church was keen to amend the parish boundaries and the Vicar had written to Rector of Halberton to try to progress this.

Meeting closed 20.38

Keith Grantham  
Chair of Environment Committee