



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2018 AT 19:45

Present: Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Glover, Councillor Grantham, Councillor Mander, Councillor Phare, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox.

In attendance: One member of the public, Clerk K Taylor

1. **Apologies** Councillor Manktelow, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Scott
2. The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.45 and said that it would be recorded
3. There were no public questions
4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 23 November 2017 had been previously circulated. Councillor Mander proposed that they be signed as a true record of the meeting. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed

5. Progress reports for information

- a) DCC had provided a grass cutting contract to be signed in order for the Parish Council to claim the money towards the verge cutting. Following discussion, it was agreed to delegate to the Chair of Council to read the contract and raise any issues with the rest of the Council, if there are no issues then he would sign it and the Clerk would return it. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren/ Clerk
- b) South View Play area lease had been sent to the Land Registry before the Christmas break and the solicitors were waiting for its return. It was agreed that the Litter Picker would be asked to carry out safety checks of the play equipment. **ACTION:** Clerk
- c) The Clerk had agreed with the contractor that the first clean of the bus shelter would take place at the end of January weather permitting.
- d) Contract for cutting South View & Mallow Court play areas had been agreed.
- e) Councillor Grantham reported that there were two outstanding tasks for the handyman, the goal posts are waiting to be painted, the seats have been pressure washed and replaced now waiting for the weather to be dry so that they can be oiled.
- f) It was reported that the litter bin outside the chip shop is falling over Councillor Wilcox agreed to take a picture and report to MDDC. **ACTION:** Councillor Wilcox

6. DAAT light

MAT electrics had sent a quotation and specification for maintenance and repair of the light. Councillor Warren reminded the Council that a key should have been issued to the Parish Council once the light had been installed. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to ask for the key and to enquire what the current hourly chargeable rate for repairs was. **ACTION:** Clerk
Councillor Warren suggested that he contact Toby Russell from DAAT to ask his opinion of the offer from MAT electrics and this was agreed. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

7. Christmas Lights

Following discussion Councillor Bartlett proposed that the Parish Council agree to change the Christmas lights and take on another contract. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and this was passed by 5 votes with 2 abstentions. The Clerk would now investigate a new contract and lights. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Improving the state of the village campaign

It had not been possible to identify any green areas in the Willand Moor area where it might be possible to turn green areas into extra parking. There were areas around the other areas of the village where it might be possible. Councillor Wilcox and Councillor Glover agreed they would

contact Councillor Warren with pictures of suggested areas and he would put together a report for MDDC Councillor Chesterton to take forward. **ACTION:** Councillors Wilcox/Glover/Warren

9. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Bartlett indicated that he would be bringing a motion before Full Council regarding the WHCC lease and he would be proposing that a deadline is given to the Trustees after which there should be alternative options explored. Councillor Mander, Councillor Grantham declared an interest as Trustees of the WHCC and Councillor Wilcox declared an interest as a volunteer for the WHCC. The Clerk advised that a formal proposal with a seconder should be sent in to go on the agenda in time for Full Council.

Councillor Mander reminded the Council that at the last Full Council meeting it had been agreed that the sub group would meet with the Trustees to discuss the issues around the lease. He would like to reiterate that this meeting should take place.

Councillor Wilcox reported that she had met with the Litter Picker and he reported that the system with the bin and MDDC was working well. He was retiring from the Village Hall Caretaker position in February but would continue with the position of 'Litter Picker' and safety inspections for play areas.

Councillor Warren reported that he had been informed that the Victoria Close play area has been turned into a BMX track. Councillor Grantham had taken photographs and undertook to contact MDDC. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

It had been reported to Councillor Warren that the footpath between Muxbeare Lane and Station Road has had the cross barriers removed that stopped motor bikes etc driving through. Councillor Phare offered to take photos in order to report this. **ACTION:** Councillor Phare

Councillor Warren had received a call from Mr Marrow to offer assistance. He does not want to become a Parish Councillor but has offered to help in a voluntary capacity. Councillors to be mindful of this when volunteers are needed.

There had been a number of complaints about the increase in dog mess and some of the dog walkers have offered to use pink spray. It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase some to be given out. **ACTION:** Clerk

It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer support for a competition for the children to create a poster to ask people to pick up after their dogs. It was agreed Councillor Glover would approach the Head teacher. **ACTION:** Councillor Glover

Councillor Grantham reported on the incident of the sheep in the cemetery and following discussion Councillor Bartlett proposed that this is monitored and if it happens frequently then the Council take action. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. The Clerk reminded that Mike Watts of had emailed with reference to the play equipment in the Jubilee park due for replacement in the future. Councillor Grantham agreed to investigate and report back to the next meeting. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham/Clerk

The Clerk informed the Council that she had met with the Monitoring Officer regarding the Code of Conduct. The Officer had suggested that there is a review of the Code of Conduct and the Clerk would bring this forward to Full Council. **ACTION:** Clerk

The Clerk had now retrieved the details on the Protocol on Royal deaths and would circulate to all Councillors. **ACTION:** Clerk

The Clerk had attended a meeting of Clerks where the implementation of the GDPR in May had been discussed. The Parish Council would need to appoint a Data Protection Officer and more information would be brought to Full Council, it was suggested that Councillors Sellick and Scott might be able to provide some further insight into this.

It was agreed that the discussion on yellow lines in the village should be put back on the full council agenda **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed 20.47