



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018 IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor Grantham, Councillor Phare, Councillor Scott, Councillor Sellick, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox.

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Glover, Councillor Manktelow, Councillor Mander
Councillor Tobin
2. The Chair opened the meeting at 19.34 and announced that it would be recorded
3. No members of the public were present.
4. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 January 2018 had been previously circulated. Councillor Wilcox 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) Possible parking areas in Willand, Councillors Wilcox & Glover had provided information and Councillor Warren had forwarded a document to MDDC Councillors who had arranged a meeting with the Andrew Pritchard. The Parish Council would wait to hear what MDDC decides to do about this issue.
 - b) DAAT light maintenance – Councillor Warren had contacted the DAAT representative who had agreed that the Parish Council should have a key and they would be trying to obtain it from MAT Electrics. Councillor Grantham proposed that as the installation was covered for 2 years that any further maintenance contract should be reviewed after the two years. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to MAT Electrics and inform them of this. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - c) Victoria Close play area – Councillor Grantham gave a brief report on his conversation with Michael Watts regarding the BMX bikes. It was noted that it would be possible to put up signs but they would not be enforceable, an email had been received by the Clerk from Mike Watts and this would be forwarded to all.
 - d) Replacement bin in Jubilee Field play area had been ordered and delivered to Councillor Grantham. An order had been provided to the Handyman to fit and was in hand.
 - e) In the absence of Councillor Glover, it was agreed that the competition to design a dog mess poster should be put on to the next Environment Committee meeting. The Parish Council had a brief discussion about possible rules, age range and entry requirements for any poster competition. The Clerk would contact Councillor Glover and relay the suggestions regarding prizes and rules to her to discuss with the Headmistress for her input. **ACTION:** Clerk/Councillor Glover
6. **Improving the state of the village campaign –**
 - a) It was noted that the weed spraying quotation received from the current contractor was still lower than other quotes received in previous years and therefore was considered to be value for money. It was not considered necessary to go out to other providers, and it was considered that this should run alongside the current play area grass cutting contract which had two financial years to run. Councillor Grantham proposed that the weed spraying quote received for the year 2018/19 be accepted and that the contractor be invited continue this for the next two years. Councillor Warren seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - b) The question of inspection of play equipment owned or leased by the Parish Council was fully discussed and the information received from the insurance brokers considered. Councillor

Grantham proposed that Willand Parish Council continue to use MDDC for the coming year. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

c) The Parish Council had previously decided to take up a three-year contract for the Christmas lights. The Clerk had circulated some information she had researched from contractors and following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Wilcox that the Parish Council take up Blachere Illuminations Option B. Councillor Sellick seconded the proposal and this was agreed by 4 votes with 2 abstentions. **ACTION:** Clerk

7. Councillors Roundtable

It was noted that the pink spray is now being put by volunteers around the village highlighting the dog mess being left on the street & in play areas.

Councillor Sellick asked if anyone knew why the village sign was missing from the stone at the entrance to the village by the Esso Service station. No one knew any details and it was agreed that the Clerk would make some enquiries and report to the police. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Grantham had made a visit to the cemetery with the Clerk to look at the situation with the grave digging as concerns had been raised by the grass cutting contractor. It was agreed that the Clerk would take this up with the Funeral Directors. **ACTION:** Clerk
They had met Rex Saunders (retired grave digger) at the cemetery and Councillor Grantham had discussed a number of points with him and noted his in-depth knowledge of the cemetery. He had raised the question of the water pipe that ran in the field where the extension to the cemetery would be. Councillor Phare confirmed that this would be identified on the plan and he believed it to be outside of the extension area. Councillor Grantham would check the drawings and confirm at the next meeting. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

Meeting closed 20:26

Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee

22 March 2018