



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2018

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

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor, 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Glover Councillor Phare

2. **To receive any declarations of interest from Members for any of the agenda items.**
None were received

3. The Chair opened the meeting at 19:43 and announced that it would be recorded

4. Mr Donald did not have any questions but reported that Highways England had cleaned the subway but they had not yet replaced the lights.

He had been in contact with the Rights of Way Officer who had agreed to cut back on the footpaths either side of Durban Works but this had not yet been completed. It was agreed that the Clerk would report to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer that no work had been done and it had got worse and been brought forward by residents

ACTION: Clerk

The Chair thanked Mr Donald for his continual involvement in trying to improve the village.

5. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 September 2018 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Wilcox, and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true and correct record.

6. Progress reports for information

a) Allotment Trees and hedges.

The Clerk reported that the Chair of Council had updated the specifications for the hedges and she had received an update from Tony Mander regarding the hedge along Jaycroft. She had therefore instructed the Handyman to cut both hedges. The Clerk had met with a contractor at the allotments and they had reviewed the work required on the trees to remove the dead wood and sever the ivy which had regrown. A quotation of £500 was received for this work. Councillor Warren proposed that the Clerk be authorised to place an order for this work. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

b) Hedge by Pitfield Close

Following discussion Councillor Sellick proposed that Willand Parish Council do not accept any liability for this hedge. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Wilcox and unanimously agreed.

c) BMX track

It was noted that there had been a great deal of digging and remoulding taking place on the track and following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Councillor Wilcox would put out a message on social media asking for this behaviour to stop.

ACTION: Councillor Wilcox

d) Branch from a tree in the Jubilee Field into garden of resident of Lea View.

MDDC had referred the householder to the Parish Council and the Clerk had instructed the Handyman to remove the branch. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask MDCC to see if the householder had right of access to the field through a garden gate. There was further discussion regarding action that the Parish Council could take with regard to the dead bush and tree and the Clerk was authorised to proceed if necessary.

e) Dual bins for recycling and rubbish

The Clerk had no further information at this time.

f) Cemetery tidy up

Councillors Scott and Wilcox and a volunteer had spent some time at the cemetery and had tidied up some of the grave areas. They identified a grave that needed to be levelled as a memorial stone had not been erected. **ACTION:** Clerk

The Chair thanked the working group for their time on this.

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Snow Warden scheme

A resident of the village had volunteered to do the training to become a snow warden for the DCC scheme. There was a detailed discussion raising a number of concerns regarding storage of salt/grit, safety of volunteers, and insurance cover. The discussion resulted in a proposal from Councillor Grantham that the Parish Council did not support the Snow Warden scheme. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. The Clerk was asked to make the volunteer aware of the decision and thank them for the offer. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox raised the question of electricity cuts in the village which have been happening in increasing numbers for short periods of times, this was affecting the running of the internet in the Village Hall and she had taken steps to enable it to be easier to reset.

Councillor Scott had received complaints from residents of Ash Close regarding the dust and muck on the road from the new developments. It was noted that another resident of Ash Close had contacted the Chair supporting the contractors on site. The Parish Council had contacted the Enforcement Officers at MDDC regarding this and complained that the Developers had not complied with conditions, this was as far as the Parish Council could go.

Councillor Warren raised the question of the 6 panels of Heras fencing bought by the Parish Council when church wall was falling in. This was now in use at the Gables and with the disposal of the site the Parish Council need to decide what to do with it. It was also noted that there are a number of items in the Gables building that need to be removed. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Pre-School to see if they would like to purchase the fencing. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Grantham reported that he was arranging to amend the Clerk email address on the signs in all the playgrounds but this would cost about £25 + VAT for each sign. It was agreed that he should go ahead and order this work. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

The Clerk reminded the Council that the three-year contract for cutting the Jubilee Field will be up for renewal at the end of the year. This would be on a future agenda for decision.

Meeting closed at 21.01

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee