



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor Grantham, Councillor Phare, Councillor Scott, Councillor Tobin, Councillor Warren, Councillor Wilcox

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

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Glover, Councillor Manktelow

2. **To receive any declarations of interest from Members for any of the agenda items.**
Councillor Tobin declared an interest under item 9 and would not contribute to the discussion
Councillor Grantham declared an interest under item 7 and would not vote

3. Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.44 and said that it would be recorded

4. There were no public questions

5. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 October 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) Councillor Scott reported that he had had a productive meeting with one of the young people who were keen to develop the BMX track. Councillor Scott confirmed that they had discussed the safety issues and that the user was aware of them and was encouraging all those who were using the track to be aware and not to bring dangerous objects on to it. They had identified two areas of the track that needed attention and some gravel and soil replacement. The Parish Council agreed that this could be purchased and Councillor Scott would arrange for this to be done.

ACTION: Councillor Scott/Clerk

b) Councillor Grantham reported that he has in hand the actions required by the ROSPA reports for the play equipment repairs in the Jubilee play area. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would look at replacing the large piece of equipment and one of the rockers. This would be done prior to making a decision regarding the safety surface. The repair to the swing was authorised providing the expected quotation was reasonable. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

Councillor Warren proposed that the quotation to repair the surface to the Worcester Crescent play area should be accepted. Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

It was agreed that there should be a programme of works instigated to keep the swings greased on a 3-monthly cycle.

ACTION: Clerk

It was noted that the Clerk had yet to provide an order for the handyman to do the repair to the equipment in Mallow Court.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Dual bins for recycling and rubbish in Jubilee park information circulated by Clerk
Following discussion Councillor Wilcox proposed that the Parish Council do not go forward with this seconded by Councillor Phare and unanimously agreed.

d) The Clerk informed the Council that some outstanding S106 money had been found and it had been agreed that this could go towards new benches for the Jubilee field. Now waiting to see if the Communities Together fund would pay for the remainder of the grant application. The Clerk would pursue with MDDC.

ACTION: Clerk

e) The Clerk confirmed that the work had been completed on the trees in the allotment.

7. Cemetery

Following discussion of the four very competitive tenders Councillor Wilcox proposed that the contract for the year was awarded to Quarlfox. Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and it was agreed with one abstention. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) To discuss whether the Parish Council should use this campaign in the village to try to combat increase in dog mess being left on roads footpaths and in open spaces. Following a debate about the effectiveness of posters and chalk spray Councillor Phare proposed that the Clerk establish the size and cost of the 10 posters and providing they were as required then proceed with the purchase. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was carried by four votes, one against and one abstention.

There was a discussion about the lack of bins on Willand Moor road and it was agreed that the Clerk would complete the MDDC form for a new bin and copy this to the Ward Councillors for their support. **ACTION:** Clerk

9. The Parish Council had received a request from an allotment holder to put a shed on his allotment. It had been confirmed that the proposed structure was within the approved size and would be on the allotment. Councillor Warren proposed that this was approved, Councillor Scott seconded the proposal and it was agreed by those present. **ACTION:** Clerk

10. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox had been approached by a resident about the possibility of a structure to hold books for a free swop outside the post office. It was noted that this was a conservation area so people wishing to set it up should contact MDDC. Councillor Wilcox would speak to the resident who proposed it and tell them this and ask for further information as it was not clear what involvement was required from the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Councillor Wilcox

Councillor Wilcox informed that the problem with the flooding on the footpath previously reported had been really bad during the recent heavy rainfall and extended into Fir Close. Councillor Warren would report this to his contact in MDDC. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

Councillor Warren gave a brief update on the Orchard Way play area as the gates had been installed but there was a requirement to lay a concrete pad held up by the weather. The lease was still in progress as the boundaries needed to be clarified. The Clerk had asked for a copy of the latest ROSPA safety report and any items needing attention should be dealt with before the lease was signed.

Councillor Warren would be contacting Community payback to remind them about the footpaths not yet done **ACTION:** Councillor Warren

It was noted that the defibrillator has been used outside the post office and this had meant new pads were required. It was agreed that as the defibrillators were for all the community that the Parish Council would purchase replacement pads. It was noted that an allowance for this should be put in the budget for next year. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren gave a brief report on the 2 Sisters Liaison Committee he had attended. The group will be meeting every four months and he reported that it looked as if it could be useful.

Councillor Scott expressed concern regarding lorries parked up on the road from the roundabout to the Co-op causing some difficulties with the entrance to the car park. It was noted that this was not an adopted road and that a polite notice on the windscreen might be the only action that could be taken. Councillor Scott had agreed to attend the Police Liaison meeting on 11 December at MDDC and would report back to the Full Council. **ACTION:** Clerk

The meeting closed at 21.01