



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2019

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

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor, 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Councillor Manktelow

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members for any of the agenda items.

None were received

3. Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.30 and announced that it would be recorded

4. Public questions

Mr Donald raised the question of the fencing by KS Motors which is still falling down. He had been informed that it had been repaired. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to DCC customer service to say that residents have expressed concern that the fencing on the footpath from the corner of South View Rd and Somerville Road that runs all down to Silver Street is falling down. Representations have been made to the owners but so far it has not had any action taken and it is believed to be a health and safety hazard. **ACTION:** Clerk

5. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 January 2019 had been circulated. Councillor Warren proposed that they be signed as a true record. Councillor Phare seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed.

6. Progress reports for information

a) Councillor Warren reported that the benches for the Jubilee field was a work in progress but that the company might need to increase the number of seats to 7 for the bench around tree. It was agreed to proceed with the rest of the benches in order to complete before the Easter holidays. **ACTION:** Councillor Warren/Clerk

b) Worcester Crescent play area hedge management specification was issued and the handyman had completed the work.

c) Orchard Road Play Area lease no further information.

d) Councillor Scott gave a brief update on the progress with the BMX track.

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) To discuss the draft Dog fouling action plan & outline of suggested Community Volunteers group as circulated by email

It was noted that the Community Volunteers group is progressing and an article had been provided for the March/April magazine.

There was a detailed discussion around all the issues raised concerning dog fouling. It was noted that the areas had improved and that the provision of the bottles with bags seemed to have been seen as a positive step. Councillor Glover was thanked for taking on this initiative. It was agreed that in the light of this the action plan would be left for discussion at the next Environment meeting. Ward Councillor Evans had raised the question of moving one of the bins from the area of grass at the top of Old Village to the land in Willand Moor Rd therefore avoiding any cost of emptying an extra bin. Following the discussion Councillor Warren proposed that the Clerk write to Councillor Evans to ask if MDDC would approve the Parish Council purchasing and installing an 'any bin will do' on the land by post box in Willand Moor Rd. The Parish Council then agreed to MDDC removing the dog bin from the land at the top of Willand Old Village leaving the 'any bin will do' there. Councillor Wilcox seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren raised a point about the legislation being used by MDDC for littering offences and whether it was up to date. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the question of DALC. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) It was agreed that the eroded section of hedge bank on the boundary of the Jubilee Field be repaired in the interest of retaining a creditable boundary with adjoining properties and removing a potential danger by preventing children from easily accessing the top of it and causing further erosion. This will also prevent further soil and stone coming onto the field and being a potential cause of damage to grass cutting machinery. The handyman be asked to carry out the works hiring such machinery and purchasing such materials as necessary. When the bank has been reinstalled the top to be planted with suitable hawthorn whips to allow the bank to recover with vegetation blending in with the hedge on either side. **ACTION:** Clerk

c) The moss on the Jubilee field was a work in progress. The Clerk would continue to liaise with the ground maintenance contractor to ensure it was treated. **ACTION:** Clerk

d) To discuss South View play area boundary management
Following discussion, it was agreed that the hedge is part of the boundary and therefore the parish council responsibility. Councillor Grantham would check the work required and inform the clerk who would issue an order to the handyman. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham/Clerk

e) To discuss Cemetery management
Councillor Grantham declared that he was a personal friend of the handyman and although he did not have any pecuniary interest, he would not take part in any decision making on this matter. The Clerk outlined the reasons for suggesting that the handyman be asked to take on managing the marking out of new graves and general maintenance in the cemetery and following discussion Councillor Tobin proposed that these duties be included in the tasks for the handyman position. Councillor Glover seconded the proposal and it was agreed with one abstention. **ACTION:** Clerk
It was further agreed to change the lock on the bier and clean and paint the gates. **ACTION:** Clerk

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillors Grantham and Warren expressed an interest in attending the CPRE New Housing seminar and this was approved. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed 20:37

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee
28 March 2019