



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019

Present: Councillors Glover, Grantham, Little, Phare, Sellick, Scott, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor 2 members of the public

Election of Chair of Environment Committee

Councillor Wilcox proposed Councillor Grantham for the Chair and Councillor Grantham accepted the nomination. Councillor Glover seconded the proposal and there being no other nominations Councillor Grantham was elected. Councillor Grantham took the Chair and formally opened the meeting at 20:05 reminding that it would be recorded.

Councillor Grantham asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Environment Committee. Councillor Phare nominated Councillor Scott who accepted the nomination, Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

1. Apologies: Councillor Dilke-Wing

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. There were no items brought forward by the Chair

4. Public questions: It was reported that some progress had been made regarding the garden rubbish being dumped along Lloyd Maunder Road and this had been reported to MDDC. The reference numbers would be sent to the Clerk for the record.

5. The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 April 2019 had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Wilcox and unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true record.

6. Progress reports for information

a) The Clerk reported that the date for the Cemetery memorial inspection was agreed as 28 June, time to be confirmed. The Clerk would inform Councillor Grantham of the time if he wished to attend. The advice received regarding notification was that if it was put on the website and social media with a notice on the gate this would be sufficient. The Clerk had received a complaint about the maintenance of the cemetery and it was agreed that Councillor Grantham would ask the contractor to ensure that he cleaned the memorial stones following the grass cutting.

b) Councillor Grantham would be providing the Clerk with information in order for the quotes for the Cemetery extension fencing to be obtained. **ACTION:** Cllr Grantham

c) Update on the handyman tasks – email circulated 15/5 this was noted. Cllr Warren reported that MDDC Cllr Evans had chased the issue of the gate into the field which was on going since February. It was confirmed that MDDC were dealing with this. Nothing further had been heard about the seat around the tree it was agreed that the Clerk would chase the suppliers. Clerk and Councillor Wilcox to provide some information for Social media and the website regarding the new seats.

d) Councillor Warren gave a brief update on equipment for Orchard Way play area. Confirming that the BLF fund had been approached but that he had also been offered some support from a local business and that an application would be going in to DCC Locality Budget through Councillor Radford.

e) Councillor Glover asked about the noise issues at 2 Sisters and it was reported that a response had been received from the company regarding a complaint from a local resident about noise of lorries reversing and music at night which seemed to be very positive. The situation was being closely monitored.

7. Improving the state of the village

- a) It was agreed that there would be no formal implementation of the Parish Walk as a number of councillors walked the village regularly and would report any issues back to the clerk.
- b) It was noted that if Councillors see or are informed of overgrown hedges and bushes, they should report to the Clerk who can write to ask the owner/occupiers to deal with the growth.
- c) It was agreed that Councillor Scott and the Clerk would report back to the Council regarding a possible notice board in Jaycroft. **ACTION:** Cllr Scott/Clerk

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Glover asked if the Clerk could contact the police to inform them of more complaints received regarding the issue of drink & drugs being consumed in public places. Also, to write to them about parking in the village around the school where complaints had been received.

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Warren reported that James Marshall had sourced two nets for basketball hoops and it was agreed that handyman would be asked to put them up if required.

Councillor Wilcox had received information from an allotment holder who had started to erect a fruit cage but had received complaints from other Allotment holders. Councillor Sellick and the Clerk had both received information from the Allotment Association on this matter and reported that the Association had no issue with the fruit cage. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no issue with this so long as it complied with the allotment tenancy agreement. **ACTION:** Clerk

The Allotment Association had also asked if there would be any concern from the Council regarding putting in another dip tank. It was agreed that so long as this would not be a further cost to the Council or compromise the pathways it would not be of concern. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting Closed 20:55

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee