



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 19.00 ON THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2019

Present: Councillors Grantham, Little, Phare, Sellick, Scott, Tobin, Warren (part), Whatley, Wilcox
In attendance: Clerk K Taylor, 3 members of the public

Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.02, welcomed the members of the public and reminded that the meeting would be recorded.

1. Apologies were received from Councillors Dilke-Wing, Glover, and Scott, Councillor Warren had informed he would be late
2. No declarations of interest were received
3. No items were brought forward
4. There were no public questions
5. Councillor Wilcox proposed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2019 be signed as a true record, Councillor Phare seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

6. Progress reports for information

- a) Cemetery extension fencing – Councillor Grantham had provided the Clerk with the specification but this was now non-standard fencing which may be costly to obtain. It was agreed that a revised specification would be submitted. **ACTION:** Councillor Grantham
- b) In the absence of Councillor Scott, it was agreed to postpone discussion on the notice board to the next meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk
- c) The Clerk reported that she had contacted the owners of the hedge along Silver Street and asked them to cut it back from the footpath
- d) The seating in Jubilee Field funded by S106 and Community Together Fund has been completed

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Cemetery maintenance

It was noted that there had been a number of comments on social media about the cemetery maintenance and it was confirmed that the contract had remained the same as in previous years. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the contractor to discuss with him. **ACTION:** Clerk
 It was agreed that a notice would be put up to inform visitors to the cemetery of who to contact if there were any issues and this would include a reminder that ornaments and flowers were to be restricted to the memorial stone plinths and that dogs should be on a lead. The Clerk would circulate suggested wording for the sign. **ACTION:** Clerk

19:26 Councillor Warren joined the meeting.

- b) The Clerk had received a verbal report from the MDDC Officer who inspected the play areas expressing concern about the swing seats in Mallow Court play area. MDDC had experience of similar seats rusting underneath the plastic sheath at the join. Councillor Tobin agreed to go and have a look at the seats and report back. It was noted that the report had not suggested that this was urgent but that it should be monitored. **ACTION:** Councillor Tobin

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox reported that there had been more comments on social media about the BMX track and that someone had removed the fencing and a post had been vandalised. Tools had been left lying about and had been removed. Councillor Scott had indicated that he would be in

contact with the young people and would ensure that the work was finished at the end of the month.

ACTION: Councillor Scott

Councillor Wilcox also noted that the parking issues around school pick up time have been bad and that she had seen cars parked on the crossing zig zag lines. She would forward the information to the police.

ACTION: Councillor Wilcox

Councillor Whatley reported fly tipping on the footpath behind the woodland trust land – to report to MDDC.

ACTION: Clerk

The mud on the pavement in Silver Street by the Woodland Trust in the area that flooded during the heavy rain. This was a known problem that the Parish Lengthsman used to deal with. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Neighbourhood Highways Officer regarding this.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the residents with overgrown hedges and gardens that obstructed the pavements.

ACTION: Clerk

Meeting Closed 19.50.

Keith Grantham

Chair of Environment Committee