



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 25 JULY 2019

Present: Councillors Grantham, Little, Phare, Scott, Tobin, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor 1 member of the public

Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.47 and reminded that it would be recorded.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Dilke-Wing, Glover, Sellick

2. No declarations of interest were received.

3. No items were brought forward by the Chair

4. An update was received regarding DCC Neighbourhood Officer response to the resident's complaint about the bushes grown over the path and Station Road. DCC had also instructed the occupier to cut back the hedge on Somerville Road by the subway but this had not yet been done. MDDC had cut the footpath side growth between Old Village and Harpitt Close.

It was reported that the hedge was blocking the view at the MDDC business park entrance and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Pickering to find out who was responsible for this and ask that it be cut back.

The bushes around the subway also needed cutting back, this was the responsibility of Highways England **ACTION:** Clerk

5. Councillor Phare proposed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2019 were approved, Councillor Scott seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

6. Progress reports for information

a) The Chair intended to remove the swing seats in Mallow Court in order to check the joints. It was agreed that should they need to be replaced this action would be taken.

b) Allotment Trees

Councillor Little proposed that the actions highlighted in the report received last year that related purely to safety would be extracted to form the basis of a specification for contractors. The repeat survey would be delayed for another year. Councillor Warren seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. It was noted that there would need to be a planning application put into MDDC to allow work as the trees were under a TPO. **ACTION:** Clerk

c) Cemetery

- i. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair would liaise about the best place to put the new sign and it was agreed that the handyman should be encouraged to move any plants and vases back to the plinth and refer any complaints to the Clerk.
- ii. extension fencing specification is available on the website and Facebook. Councillors were asked to notify the Clerk of any suitable contractors' names and addresses.
- iii. The Clerk had received the memorial report which indicated that 3 memorials were loose, but were not in need of immediate action. One owner had been written to but the owners of the others were no longer at the registered address. It was agreed to put the invoice for payment at the end of July and it would be formally authorised in September.

7. Improving the state of the village campaign

a) Orchard Way Play area signage was discussed at length and the position regarding dogs in play areas in general was clarified. Councillor Grantham proposed that amended sign provided clarification and should remain. There were 4 abstentions from the decision and it was resolved that the amended sign would be left in situ. DCC Councillor Radford had given £1000 towards the proposal for the new piece of equipment and the application for the Big Lottery Fund was still on going.

b) It was agreed that Councillors Wilcox, Phare, & Scott would form the group to look at the next stage of development for the BMX track and would report back to Full Council with any recommendations.
ACTION: Councillors Wilcox, Phare, & Scott

8. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Warren reported that following the Facebook comments regarding the Jubilee Field hedge & fence he had discussed it on site with the MDDC Officer. It was noted that the bricks had not been against the fencing of any property but was between the new fence and the bank. It had been agreed that topsoil would be procured to cover the area and an order had been given for this. It was noted that holes were being dug in the field again, one in the middle of the field and one by the balance bar. The Chair undertook to have these filled in as soon as possible.

ACTION: Councillor Grantham

It was noted that the safety surface in the children's play area in the Jubilee Field is slippery in places and in need of some repair and renewal. It had been agreed previously that this would be done when the equipment was replaced.

ACTION: Councillor Grantham

A meeting had been arranged between Councillor Warren, Pencarrie and the DCC Neighbourhood Highway Officer on 2 Aug to progress the proposed bus shelter on South View Rd.

Councillor Wilcox reported that there was evidence that someone was sleeping in the wood and Councillor Warren would take this to MDDC.

ACTION: Councillor Warren

The Clerk had circulated information regarding Devon Communities Together Training opportunities for Neighbourhood Planning and Councillors Wilcox and Little expressed an interest in this.

Councillor Wilcox reminded the Council that the Co-op was hosting a fun day on 27 July in aid of the WHCC.

The meeting closed at 20.41

Councillor Keith Grantham
 Chair of Environment Committee

22 August 2019