



WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Clerk K Taylor 1 member of the public

Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.28

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Glover, Scott

2. Councillor Grantham declared that he would not vote on item 6a as he knew one of the people who had tendered for the contract.

3. No items were brought forward.

4. There were no public questions.

5. Councillor Whatley proposed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019 be signed as a true record, Councillor Warren seconded the proposal and the minutes were signed.

6. Progress reports for information

a) Maintenance contracts for the Cemetery

Following a detailed discussion on the tenders received Councillor Little proposed that the contract be awarded to Quarlfox, Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal. The Chair asked for a vote and there were 5 votes in favour with two abstentions, the contract was awarded. **ACTION:** Clerk

b) To review estimates for the allotment tree works and agree the contract.

Councillor Wilcox proposed that the contract be awarded to R&R Services, Councillor Little seconded the proposal. There were 5 votes for and 2 abstentions, the contract was awarded.

ACTION: Clerk

c) The Parish Council agreed that the contract with DCC to cut the verges would continue provided that there was no reduction in their payment for this.

ACTION: Clerk

7. Play areas

a) Update on new equipment in place and replacement equipment needed

The equipment in Orchard Way Play area had been installed and was waiting for the grass lock matting and should be able to be used in the week beginning 2 December. There was no further information on the upgrade to the equipment in the fenced play area in the Jubilee field.

b) Councillor Grantham gave a brief report on the equipment and play surfaces where issues had been raised in reports. He confirmed that the Clerk had issued an order to the handyman to do the repairs. It was noted that the surface repairs were weather dependant.

c) BMX track improvements was moved to the next agenda

ACTION: Clerk

8. Decisions on requests received for support or response to documents

a) It was agreed that the Parish Council would take no further action on the request from the national community energy campaign to support the Local Electricity Bill.

b) Councillor Whatley had read the MDDC draft Animal Welfare Licensing Policy and suggested that no action was needed by the Parish Council and this was agreed.

c) It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the Tiverton Tree Team informing that the Parish Council did not own any land that was suitable at the moment, but that it would like to have all the trees that are being felled at the moment replaced by newly planted trees.

ACTION: Clerk

9. Councillors Roundtable

Councillor Wilcox informed the Parish Council that the Finance Committee meeting in December would consider a proposal to increase the mileage claim currently at 40 pence a mile to 45 pence a mile in 2020/21 she reminded that Councillors, Volunteers and Staff were entitled to claim mileage and this should be allowed for in the precept. **ACTION:** Clerk

Coldharbour Mill had given a voucher to the Parish Council for a steam up day and Councillor Phare proposed that this was passed to CAMEO to be used for fundraising. Councillor Wilcox seconded the proposal and it was agreed by 6 votes with one abstention. **ACTION:** Clerk

It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire if Councillor Whatley and herself could attend the police meeting on 10 December **ACTION:** Clerk

The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Broom had informed her that he was retiring at the end of 2019 so would not be cutting the small play areas. The Council had employed Mr Broom for a number of years and asked the Clerk to give their thanks and best wishes to him for his retirement. **ACTION:** Clerk

Meeting closed at 20:18

Councillor Keith Grantham
Chair of Environment Committee