



## WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN  
WILLAND VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020

**Present:** Councillors Grantham, Little, Phare, Scott, Tobin, Warren, Whatley, Wilcox (part)  
**In attendance:** Clerk K Taylor 1 member of the public

Councillor Grantham opened the meeting at 19.07

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Glover

The Clerk reported that Councillor Wilcox had been detained but would be joining the meeting

**2.** Councillor Grantham declared an interest under protocol and good practice on item 6 as he knew one of the contractors and would not be voting on the item.

**3.** Councillor Grantham gave a brief report on the meeting he had attended regarding the Culm Garden Village, he would be attending future meetings and would report back to the Council.

**4.** The resident gave a brief report on the email he had received from DCC Emergency Planning Officer answering his query regarding possible safety incidents at the AD plant. There was no incident management plan for this. The Clerk had forwarded the email to all Councillors

**5.** Councillor Warren proposed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2020 be signed as a true record, Councillor Tobin seconded the proposal and the minutes were signed

19.16 Councillor Wilcox joined the meeting

**6.** Three quotations had been received for the fencing of the cemetery extension. Following discussion a proposal that R&R services be awarded the contract was made by Councillor Phare seconded by Councillor Little and agreed by 7votes with Councillor Grantham abstaining from the vote. It was further agreed that two strands of stretcher wire should be installed.

**ACTION:** Clerk

There was a brief discussion on how the new area of land that would be opened up would be managed and this included ideas of a wild flower meadow, an area for trees, benches and an area for scattering ashes. It was noted that once the fence had been installed then hedges would need to be planted along it, it would be an ongoing project for the Parish Council.

**7. Progress reports for information**

a) Potholes

The Parish Council expressed concern at the state of the roads in Willand and the actions that had been taken to repair some of the potholes which were not deemed to be adequate. Councillor Warren reported that County Councillor Radford had met with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer and reported back that Station Road and South View Road are proposed to be repaired during the coming financial year however this would depend on the DCC priorities county wide.

b) Play area equipment

The Chair reported that the swings had been replaced in Mallow Court and that this had been noted by residents on Facebook. The repair to surfaces was being held up by the weather but was in hand.

With regard to the replacement of the roundabout and multi play equipment in the Jubilee field the Chair had been in contact with a company and was meeting them on site to consider the options for this equipment. He would report back with proposals at a future meeting.

**ACTION:** Councillor Grantham

Councillor Warren raised the possible provision of a picnic bench in Orchard Way near to the play equipment and it was agreed that this would be a good idea. It was further agreed that the Parish Council would apply to the locality budget for this via Councillor Radford.

**ACTION:** Clerk/Councillor Warren

c) Fly tipping

Dean Hill Rd is still a problem area, MDDC are looking at trying to improve the powers for the enforcement officers. Household waste is still being put in the bins around the village and Councillor Warren confirmed that MDDC are again trying to work on this, and it should be reported when seen.

**8. Councillors Roundtable**

Councillor Phare suggested that the Parish Council support the school initiative to encourage reading by providing some book tokens for prizes. Following discussion it was agreed by 7 votes to use the remaining donations budget for this purpose. Councillor Whatley voted against providing more resources for children and reminded Councillors that there were other causes within the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look at any proposals that came forward to improve the village for its residents.

**ACTION:** Clerk

Councillor Warren reported that and Councillor Evans had attended a liaison meeting at 2 Sisters. Regarding the odours there are issues with the offal store building which should be repaired the week beginning 9 March information is on the website and will be put on Facebook. There was discussion on the litter around the site and from the lorries. The car parking problem is also being looked at, it seemed that the new managers would also be looking to improve community relations. It was considered to be a positive meeting but only time will tell.

Councillor Little reminded the meeting that the Clerk, Councillor Grantham and he would be meeting with MDDC regarding the play area in Chestnut Drive next week. Councillor Warren made some points regarding the area of land and what he thought that MDDC might be open to.

Councillor Little suggested that the Council look at the way that the meetings are organised, and if they needed to be twice a month. Following discussion which included the need for timely planning responses it was agreed that further thought should be given to this and that any changes could be implemented from the AGM in May when committee procedures were discussed. All Councillors should consider how they would like the Parish Council to work. The Clerk would also be prepared to consider and make proposals for change.

**ACTION:** ALL

The Clerk had received a request through SLCC as to whether any Parish Council was putting in place possible actions in view of the Coronavirus emergency. It was agreed that this would be a medical emergency and as such the Parish Council would only respond to requests from Health Professionals in accord with the current Emergency Plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.19

Councillor Keith Grantham  
Chair of Environment Committee