

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2010 at 7.00 pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

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| Councillors | Bigwood (Chairman), Saunders, Peeks, James and Lakin |
| Public | None |
| Other | Mrs J Johnson-Smith |

Apologies:

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| Councillors | None |
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10/40B **Apologies as noted above.**

10/41B **Declarations of Interest**

| Name | Agenda Item | Interest | Action |
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| Cllr Lakin | 10/49B Application 019 | Personal | No participation |
| Cllr Peeks | 10/49B | Personal | No participation |

10/42B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th July 2010**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

10/43B **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10/43.1B (Item 10/31.1B) Queen Bee Site As no contact with the owner could be made and no progress had been made for some time, it was **resolved** to take this item off the agenda.

10/43.2B (Item 10/31.3B) Safe Route to School from Married Quarters to St Peters. Further correspondence had been received from Orchard Wyndham agreeing to discuss the scheme and details of estimated costs had been forwarded by Cllr Woods. This matter had also been discussed at the Finance and Admin Committee who had felt the scheme to be too costly and requested alternative options to be explored. It was **resolved** to press ahead for a footpath only at this stage and to write to Dan Martin to request the cost of a feasibility study including all plans etc to carry out work on a footpath with two options.

(a) To create a footpath inside the existing hedge, or

(b) To remove hedge and replace further inside field with a new fence along existing hedge to separate footpath from field.

It was noted that this matter was to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting of the Watchet Town Council when a reply would be forthcoming.

10/43.3B (Item 10/31.4B) Village Clock It was **resolved** to note that as responses had still not been received by Spar and National Westminster Bank this matter would be deferred.

10/43.4B (Item 10/31.5B) Conservation area around church Cllr Saunders had prepared a plan of the area and agreed to produce a report for recommendation to Full Council at the next Committee meeting after the newly elected members had been given an opportunity to inspect the site.

10/43.8B (Item 10/31.8B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note the response from Sedgemoor District Council stating that due to pressure of work their list was still to be prioritised. The Clerk was asked to reply drawing attention to the deterioration of the building next to the Bakers and buildings in Long Street, asking when these would be prioritised and send a copy to Kim Lewington of the District Council.

10/44B **Correspondence**

10/44.1B It was **resolved** to note the letter received from Quantock Federation requesting support for parking restrictions at St Peter's School and to forward the letter to the Highways Department for their attention.

10/44.2B It was **resolved** to note the Guide to the Rights and Responsibilities of Riverside Occupation and to draw attention to these in the next article of Williton Window and forward a copy to Wyndham Estate drawing their attention to the guidelines laid down in respect of Union Lane.

10/45B **Highways Matters**

Cllr Lakin advised that the hedge overhanging Long Street outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court needed cutting back and the Clerk agreed to write to the landlords, Sherwoods.

10/46B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was felt that it would be difficult to discuss the budget at this stage until it was known what services would be devolved to Parish Councils. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Trollope-Bellew and to Graham Carne of the District Council to request more information in order for the budget to be discussed at the next meeting.

10/47B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

10/47.1B The Copse It was **resolved** to note that the work to the river at Bridge Farm had been done. It was thought that two of the trees had now died and the Groundsman was asked to check and if necessary replace any dead trees. Cllr James agreed to take over as Grounds Maintenance Officer.

10/47.2B Bellamy's Corner The Groundsman was asked to trim the grass area around the boards and to keep the area tidy in readiness for the Street Art competition. Cllr James agreed to take over as Grounds Maintenance Officer.

10/47.3B Doniford Car Park Cllr Bigwood advised that the potholes were in need of attention. The Clerk agreed to write to Risdons to check on the current position regarding the lease.

10/47.4B Recreation Ground . Cllr Lakin agreed to take over as Grounds Maintenance Officer.

10/48B Review of Parish Plan

10/48.1B Outstanding Actions – Section 1-5

2avi It was **resolved** to note that one sign had been installed in the car park and a reply had been received from the Highways Department stating they were unable to authorise placing the sign on the pole outside Risdons as there were already too many signs and the structure overloaded.

10/48.2B Outstanding Actions - Section 6.0 - Skate & BMX Provision and Other Activities

6bi It was **resolved** to note that no reply had been received from Danesfield regarding a meeting to discuss the swimming pool.

10/48.3B Outstanding Actions - Section 7.0 – Williton's Youth

7iii It was **resolved** to note that positive responses had been received by Tom Bown of the District Council and Anna Carey of Somerset Youth Volunteering Network who were keen to get involved and already knew youngsters in Williton between the ages of 16 and 25 who would like to volunteer. The Clerk agreed to write back inviting them to the next Committee meeting.

10/48.4 A request had been received by the Community Council to complete an online survey and to supply information on objectives for their database of our Parish Plan. The Clerk agreed to forward these details to Cllr Peeks and Hooper and to Cilla Webb who had been involved in preparing the Plan.

10/49B Planning Applications for consideration

| Application No | Location | Comments |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 3/39/10/015 | Doniford Holiday Village, Watchet | No objections |
| 3/39/10/017&18 | Station Building, Station Rd | No objections |
| 3/39/10/019 | 12-14 Roughmoor Industrial Estate | No objections |
| 3/39/10/020 | 52 Long Street | No objections |

10/50B Notification of planning decisions

| Application No | Location | Outcome |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| 3/39/10/009 | 41 Half Acre – Side extension | Granted |
| 3/39/10/010 | 1 Sir Gilbert Scott Court | Granted |
| 3/39/10/011 | 12 Fairfield Drive, Rear extension | Granted |
| 3/39/10/013&014 | White House Hotel, Conservatory | Refused |
| 3/39/10/012 | 24&62 Sir Gilbert Scott Court – revised design | Granted |

10/51B **Matters for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th October at 7.00 pm in Parish Office**
Budget 2011-2012
Chamber of Commerce request for tourist signage of village

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm