

## WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.00 pm at The Parish Office, Williton

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#### Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	James (Chairman), Saunders and Peeks
<b>Public</b>	Jenny Gibson
<b>Other</b>	Jude Johnson-Smith

#### Apologies:

<b>Councillors</b>	Bigwood, Lakin and Lapham
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10/117B **Apologies as noted above.**

#### 10/118B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	10/121.1, 10/121.2B & 10/128B	Personal	Gave information

#### 10/119B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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

#### 10/120B **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10/120.1B (Item 10/108.1B) Safe Route to School from Married Quarters to St Peters It was **resolved** to note that a site meeting was still to be arranged with the other landowners to establish agreement to a permissive path through their land. If agreement was reached a letter would be drawn up for all landowners agreeing the Parish Council would maintain the surface of the route and the fencing in exchange of use of the land. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council to ask if planning permission was required. The Clerk would also look at the application form for S106 funds to see which details were still required.

10/120.2B (Item 10/108.2B) Conservation area around church Mrs Gibson had produced a detail report to present to the District Council for which a vote of thanks was given. It was **resolved** to send a copy of the report to Full Council and to recommend adopting the proposal to designate the area as a conservation area.

10/120.3B (Item 10/108.3B) Commercial use of Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to defer this item as Cllr James was not present.

10/120.4B (Item 10/108.5B) Request for Street Light at Long Street It was **resolved** to note that details of costs were still to be received.

10/120.5B (Item 10/109.3B) Lighting between Williton and Watchet It was **resolved** to note the response from the Highways Department and a recommendation that lights could be dimmed during hours of reduced traffic flows.

#### 10/121B **Correspondence**

10/121.1B Somerset County Council – Waste Planning Consultation It was **resolved** to note the details of the consultation.

10/121.2B West Somerset Council – Further feedback to survey of top priorities Members of the Committee put together some further responses to this survey.

#### 10/122B **Highways Matters**

10/122.1B It was **resolved** to write to the Highways requesting suggestions of alternative ways to stop cars parking at Tower Hill eg white lines including clearway.

#### 10/123B **Finance and Budget Considerations**

Cllr James advised that flags had been purchased for the Royal Wedding day and an invoice would be forwarded. The costs were within budget. The Groundsman would be asked to help in erecting the flags but if he was not able to do this then another parishioner had offered help.

#### 10/124B **Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**

10/124.1B The Copse It was **resolved** to ask the Groundsman to look at one of the trees which looked like it could be dying.

10/124.2B Bellamy's Corner The Groundsman would be asked to cut the grass.

10/124.3B Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to contact the District Council regarding the dead elms that were in danger of falling towards the access of the car park and see if it was their responsibility.

10/124.4B Recreation Ground There was nothing to report.

#### 10/125B **Review of Parish Plan**

As there was no further action to take it was **resolved** to take this item off the agenda.

#### 10/126B **Update on Empty Homes**

The Clerk was asked to chase the response from Nick Jobson of Sedgemoor District Council regarding the position of prioritising the empty properties that had been reported to him, and in particular the empty property next to the Free Press office that had been empty for more than 20 years.

#### 10/127B **Christmas Lights**

Cllr James advised that she had spoken to the electricians who had carried out work for Watchet Town Council and had donated their time and she confirmed that she was looking for volunteers to install the sockets for the Christmas lights. The Parish Council would be asked to supply the materials at £20 per unit and the businesses would supply the electricity.

#### 10/128B **Planning Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/11/004	32-36 Long Street	Change of use from vet to funeral home	No objections but concern as to whether the access would be easy for a hearse and provided the current proposed hours do not adversely affect the amenities of the existing neighbours
3/39/11/007	Doniford Holiday Village, Watchet	Adventure facility providing high ropes, climbing wall, zip line and building for storage	No objections
3/39/11/008	Lloyds Pharmacy, Robert Street	Display of illuminated and non-illuminated replacement signs.	No objections

It was **resolved** to recommend these comments to Full Council as there was no quorum present to discuss this item. Meanwhile the absent members of the Committee would be consulted.

#### 10/129B **Notification of planning decisions**

Application No	Details	Outcome
3/39/10/027	1 North Street – Relocation of food preparation facilities	Granted

#### 10/130B **Matters for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office**

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm