

## WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.00 pm at The Parish Office, Williton

#### Attendees:

**Councillors** Peeks (Chairman), Bigwood, Koch, McDonald, and Gower

**Public**

**Other** Mrs J Johnson-Smith

#### Apologies:

**Councillors** Hall

11/113B **Apologies as noted above**

11/114B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	11/121B	Personal	None

11/115B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

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

11/116B **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

11/116.1B (Item 11/103.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note the reply from Wyndham Estate agreeing to new route but would confirm after negotiations had been finalised with existing tenants regarding relocating to part of the field in question.

11/116.2B (Item 11/103.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note the update from Ian Timms of the District Council and to keep an eye on progress.

11/116.3B (Item 11/103.3B) Union Lane It was resolved to note the reply from Wyndham Estate regarding the delay in appointing a contractor to clear the ditch and that this should be resolved shortly. They further requested to work with the Parish Council once the work had been done to prevent further litter appearing and it was **resolved** to send notices to the adjoining properties requesting them not to dump rubbish and to help keep the lane tidy and to mention this in the Williton Window article. It was further **resolved** to write to Kim Lewington of the District Council requesting a Litter Abatement Notice that could be put up. The Clerk was asked to reply to the Estate offering to help with putting up notices if they, in turn as landowners, provided litter and dog bins and the Parish Council would encourage them to be used. It was reported that a fence had come down next to the steps on Union Lane at the bottom of Long Lakes and horses were being led through at this point. The Clerk was asked to write to Magna Housing to enquire if this was their responsibility.

11/116.4B (Item 11/103.4B) Williton Signage It was **resolved** to note that the signs had been made and a site meeting was being arranged with the Highways. Cllr McDonald suggested attending the site meeting so that the exact location could be discussed, and it was suggested moving the location on the A39 approach to the village to include the cottages at Highbridge.

11/116.5B (Item 11/103.5B) Village Clock Details of a new bracket had been received from the clockmakers and this had been approved by the architect. The Clerk agreed to check with the roof installers to see if it met with the warranty conditions. On confirmation the Clerk would then go ahead and order the clock with the agreed wording and contact the electrician to arrange installation.

11/116.6B (Item 11/103.6B) Building Community Programme Paul Weston had offered another free session before the end of March and it was **resolved** to accept the offer and arrange a meeting and Cllr McDonald agreed to write a press release inviting interested parties to attend.

11/116.7B (Item 11/103.7B) Conservation Area It was **resolved** to note the progress report received from Lisa Bullock of the District Council.

11/116.8B (Item 11/109B) Queen Bee Site It was **resolved** to note that the Police were in contact with Risdon regarding contacting the owner.

11/117B **Correspondence**

11/117.1B It was **resolved** to note response to the consultation on the Waste Core Strategy from Somerset County Council and in particular regarding their approach to radioactive waste management.

11/117.2B It was **resolved** to note the letter from Williton resident, Christine Human, and her concerns regarding parking and to pass on her request for permits to the District Council and her comments regarding double yellow lines at Half Acre to the Highways Department.

## 11/118B Highways Matters

It was **resolved** to note the copy response from the Highways Department to Cllr Trollope-Bellew reporting that they had found no problems with the visibility at the junction of North Croft and Long Street. It was **resolved** to reply asking if they had checked the visibility as a driver or as a pedestrian as there was a definite need for vehicles to creep forward on exit from this junction.

## 11/119B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was **resolved** to note that projects now finalised in the budget were Village Clock and Village signs.

## 11/120B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

11/120.1 The Copse It was **resolved** to note the response from Wyndham Estate regarding the renewal of the lease and to reply stating that we were happy to maintain the land provided there was no charge on the lease nor legal costs incurred.

11/120.2 Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note the reply from Risdons advising that results of a search from the Land Registry showed the wall to be registered with the County Council. The Clerk was asked to write back to the Council with this information. If the responsibility was still disputed then it was **resolved** to arrange a site meeting with all neighbouring landowners to discuss the problem.

11/120.3 Doniford Car Park It was noted that the potholes were getting bigger and fly tipping was an ongoing problem. It was noted that the Groundsman had been asked to fill the potholes and to contact neighbouring landowners requesting them to keep an eye on the fly tipping. It was further noted that the lease had not yet been returned from Risdons and the Clerk was asked to chase this.

11/120.4 Recreation Ground There was nothing to report.

## 11/121B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Comments
3/39/12/004	Bridge Farm, Bridge Street – Variation of conditions re flooding	No objections as it has complies with requirements
3/39/12/005	Stuckey's Coach House, High St – Change of use of existing storage building to single dwelling	Concerns regarding access on to the main road. Concerns about the roof height as a lot higher than original ridge and would recommend 2 bedrooms instead of 3 to minimise the number of car movements
3/39/12/006	Withywindle, 10-12 Half Acre – erection of shed and fence	No objections
3/39/12/007	Shells Cottage, Shell Lane – Erection of 3 units of holiday accommodation (re-submission)	No objections

## 11/122B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/11/048 & 049	West Cottage, 14 Half Acre – single storey extension	Granted
3/39/12/002	Webbers Post, The Croft – Residential development	Granted
3/39/11/046	18 Bridge Street – proposed change of use of existing cottage	Granted
3/39/12/003	26 Shutgatte Meadow - Extension	Granted

## 11/123B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

State of Townsend Play Area

Meeting closed at 8.35pm