

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2012 at 7.30 pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors Peeks (Chairman), Bigwood, Koch, McDonald, and Gower
Public Paul Weston, Community Consultant
Other Mrs J Johnson-Smith

Apologies:

Councillors Hall

11/100B **Apologies as noted above**

11/101B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	11/110B	Personal	None

11/102B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2012**

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

11/103B **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

11/103.1B (Item 11/88.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note that no reply had been received from the landowner despite being chased.

11/103.2B (Item 11/88.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note the response from the Building Control Officer regarding Corner Cottage and to keep an eye on the situation. It was further **resolved** to note the reply from Nick Jobson who agreed to give further details of priorities but nothing had been received and the Clerk was asked to write to Ian Timms of the District Council to request pressure put on resolving the empty properties and in particular the houses next to the Police Station and the thatched cottage next to the Free Press office.

11/103.3B (Item 11/88.3B) Union Lane It was reported that some vegetation had been cut back and some of the litter cleared away but more litter was being deposited. It was **resolved** to keep an eye on the situation.

11/103.4B (Item 11/88.4B) Williton Signage It was **resolved** to note the reply from the Highways regarding the installation of the signs and to write to Activesigns asking them to install the signs on the existing posts after renovating and painting them.

11/103.5B (Item 11/88.5B) Village Clock Two quotations had been received for double faced drum clocks and as both had the same technical specifications it was **resolved** to go ahead with the cheaper quote provided the additional costs were the same. It was further **resolved** to have the wording "Queen's Diamond Jubilee" engraved around the edge of the clock in gold and "2012" on the face of the clock in black. The Clerk would check with an electrician regarding the best location on the Parish Office building. It was further **resolved** that a donation of £500 had been received from Magna Housing to offset some of the costs.

11/103.6B (Item 11/88.6B) Building Community Programme The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Paul Weston regarding Neighbourhood Planning. It was agreed that there was a lot of work involved but it would be important to involve the community and would be a worthwhile exercise in the long term. It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council to pursue the notion of a Neighbourhood Plan and appoint a working group to invite the community, professional bodies and Sampford Brett Parish Council to work together.

11/103.7B (Item 11/95B) Conservation Area It was **resolved** to note that work was in progress and should be completed in the near future

11/104B **Correspondence**

11/104.1B It was **resolved** to note the request for a street light between 7 and 9 North Road and to reply stating there was no money in the budget at present and suggest security lighting as a means of resolving the problem.

11/104.2B It was **resolved** to note the Pre-Planning Public Consultation on 15th February regarding the proposed housing development at Watery Lane received from Summerfield Homes.

11/104.3B It was **resolved** to note the booklet on Neighbourhood Planning from the Campaign to Protect Rural England which Cllr McDonald agreed to read and circulate within the Committee.

11/104.4B It was **resolved** to note the Forum 21 Public Meeting on 22nd February regarding planning policies and the Localism Act.

11/105B Highways Matters

It was **resolved** to note the response from the Highways Department and their reluctance to install a box junction due to new Civil Parking Enforcement coming into operation shortly. It was **resolved** to reply requesting that a junction be installed if there was no improvement after monitoring the situation for 3 months after the new enforcement notices were in operation.

A verbal request had been received from a resident in Bridge Street requesting residents' permits for Nos 1,3,5 and 7. As there was no current scheme for residents' permits it was suggested he writes to the District Council to request setting up such a scheme.

Regarding the problems of visibility at the junction of North Croft and Long Street it was **resolved** writing to the owners of Fairfield House requesting that they cut back the hedge.

11/106B Finance and Budget Considerations

As no reply had been received regarding the bus shelter it was **resolved** to take this out of the budget.

11/107B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

11/107.1 The Copse There was nothing to report

11/107.2 Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note the reply from the County Council regarding the responsibility towards the maintenance of the wall and to send copies of their reply to the neighbouring landowners.

11/107.3 Doniford Car Park It was noted that the potholes were getting bigger and it was suggested asking the Groundsman to fill them with some hardcore.

11/107.4 Recreation Ground There was nothing to report.

11/108B Signage of Industrial Estate

It was **resolved** to defer this item one more time as Cllr Hall was not present.

11/109B Queen Bee Site

Cllr Gower advised that this site had deteriorated and he had carried out some research on the internet where it appeared the site had been designated a conservation area. It was **resolved** to write to the District Council and the Police expressing our concern and requesting their advice on locating the owner.

11/110B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Comments
3/39/11/048 & 049	Wet Cottage, 14 Half Acre – Single Storey extension to rear, low boundary wall to front, internal alterations and changes to external joinery	No objections
3/39/12/002	Webbers Post, The Croft – Residential development to rear of Webbers Post	No objections
3/39/12/003	26 Shutgate Meadow – Extension over double garage to form bedroom	No objections

11/111B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/11/033	Wishtaref, 20A Five Bells – Retention of Summer House	Granted
3/39/11/041	Williton Pet Care – Change of use to Retail	Refused
3/39/11/043/044/045	The Royal Huntsman – Change of use of public house	Granted
3/39/12/001	Land to rear of 1 North Street – Conversion of barn to dwelling	Granted
3/39/11/050	Williton Fire Station – To form accessible door and ramp	Granted

11/112B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 12th March 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm