

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10th June 2013 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors Peeks (Chairman), Koch, Bruford, and McDonald
Public None
Other Ms J Johnson-Smith

Apologies:

Councillors Troman, Woods and Bigwood

13/20B Apologies as noted above

13/21B Declarations of Interest

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/30	Pecuniary	No comment

13/22B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th May 2013

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

13/23B Matters to Report

- 13/23.1B (Item 13/06.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note that the agent advised that he had seen a draft response to be sent to the Estate. The Clerk agreed to continue to chase this up.
- 13/23.2B (Item 13/06.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note that the flat above 26 Long Street was now occupied and that some change was expected to take place shortly with the cottage next to the Free Press building. The Clerk was asked to write to Nick Jobson for further updates.
- 13/23.3B (Item 13/06.4B) Empty Free Press Office Cllr McDonald reported on the site meeting with Brian Doel from Tindle Newspapers. He advised that the building was in a very poor state but had great potential for community use as a possible art studio and/or museum. The printing press was still there and could be part of the museum. It was noted that the District Council had shown an interest. Contractors had been instructed to make repairs to the thatched cottage roof. The Clerk was asked to write to Cossar Press to ask for advice regarding grants to create a museum and art studio. She was also asked to write to Brian Doel to ask if he would be happy for the Council to write to arts groups to check interest in such a project and if they would consider using the building as a museum.
- 13/23.4B (Item 13/06.5B) Request for Street Lighting at North Road It was **resolved** to note the budgetary cost for the installation of the street light included the installation of a column as the existing pole was not suitable. It was **resolved** unanimously to recommend not to go ahead with this due to the cost and as no provision had been made in the current year's budget. The Clerk agreed to notify the resident who had requested this.
- 13/23.5B (Item 13/06.6B) Enhanced Cricket Facilities at Danesfield It was **resolved** to note the school's response.
- 13/23.6B (Item 13/07.7B) Footpath from Catwell to Townsend It was **resolved** to note the response from Glenn Martin with advice from the Environment Agency that remedial work would be too costly. He suggested that the bank erosion would probably cease once the stream found its way through the small oxbow that was forming. Members were unanimous that they did not want a permissive path and the Clerk was asked to reply requesting a link was created to the oxbow and/or to formally divert the definitive path.
- 13/23.7B (Item 13/06.89B) Review of Parish Boundaries It was **resolved** to note that Sampford Brett and Old Cleeve Parish Councils would return their comments after their next meeting.
- 13/23.8B (Item 13/12B) Former Toilet side adjacent to Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to note the response from the District Council requesting more information and advising that this matter would be placed on the next Asset Management Group Meeting. The Clerk was asked to advise them that members would like to extend the existing car park with similar surface and no lighting.
- 13/23.9B (Item 13/13B) Unauthorised Parking The Clerk agreed to contact all members and make a rota of 2 hour slots from 8.30 to 5.30 on 27th June. It was suggested that there were 2 people working together on each shift. All members present agreed to take part in the monitoring.
- 13/23.10B (Item 13/14B) Speed Limit at Doniford Road It was **resolved** to note the response from the Highways Department and that they were unable to place restrictions due to lack of accident records and suggested making the 30mph section part of the speedwatch programme.
- 13/23.11B (Item 13/15B) Union Lane – Community Clean Up Day – 20th July It was **resolved** to note that Veolia had agreed to supply litter pickers and hi-vis jackets and to collect the waste at the end of the day. It was **resolved** to meet at 10.30am at the Long Street entrance. The Clerk was asked to write to all Councillors and to Veolia to see if anyone was able to collect and return the equipment from Minehead and to write to Jill Martin Pope to ask if she would be willing to send a volunteer to clean up the horse muck on the day. Notices would be placed around the village requesting volunteers and advertised in Williton Window.

13/23.12B (Item 13/16B) Dumping along Doniford Stream It was **resolved** to note that no reply had been received from Alan Bulpin and the Clerk was asked to chase this up. She was also asked to write to Orchard Wyndham to advise them that more waste was being dumped blocking the stream next to Danesfield School.

13/24B Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence

13/25B Highways Matters

13/25.1B Barrier outside Fish and Chip Shop It was **resolved** to note that the Highways were willing to pay half the costs of the repairs and that the work would be carried out shortly.

13/26B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was **resolved** to pay £140 for a speed detection device from the projects budget as no second hand one could not be found.

13/27B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

13/27.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) No reply had been received from the estate regarding the diminishing of the ground and a request for stones and the Clerk agreed to chase this up.

13/27.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note that the condition of the wall was deteriorating and as no evidence of ownership could be established the Clerk was asked to write to Somerset County Council, Magna Housing, David Gliddon and National Westminster Bank requesting copies of their deeds with plans.

13/27.3B Doniford Car Park There was nothing to report

13/27.4B Recreation Ground It was **resolved** to note that the ground was looking good but hedges needed cutting.

13/27.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report

13/27.6B Grass verges It was **resolved** to appoint the following officers to check the new areas of responsibility
 Cllr Koch Foresters/Townsend/Poundhead Cross
 Cllr Peeks Long Street/Dovetons Drive
 Cllr Bigwood White Croft/North Croft/Larviscombe Rd
 Cllr Woods Sustainable verge at Doniford
 Cllr James would be asked to check on Longfield Close

13/28B Dog Law

It was **resolved** to note the information circulated by Cllr Troman.

13/29B Ideas to Brighten Village

It was **resolved** to note that the shop owners were renovating the front of the shops and to defer the item to the next meeting as Cllr Woods was absent.

13/30B Planning Applications for consideration

Application	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/011	Williton Community Hall site, Memorial Ground	Erection of stock and rail fence to rear boundary	No comment
3/39/13/017	Mill Barn, Stream	Proposed flood protection – bank reinforcement and channel wall repair	No objections
3/39/13/018	Sunnybank Caravan Park, Doniford	Demolition of existing bungalow and refurbishment of Park Home site including works to road, new bases for 23 static units and parking bays	Members object to residential use as this is contrary to planning policy and it would set a precedent for more residential development in open countryside. This would also increase traffic in this area.
3/39/13/016	The Orchard, Bardon, Washford	Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the property as a dwelling house	There is evidence from one of our members there was no development when he visited the site to read meters for SWEB in 2000. He also visited the site as a retained firefighter for inspection in 2005 and the building was not there then.

13/31B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/025	Land to the east of Doniford Rd/Liddymore Lane – Erection of 29 dwellings	Granted
3/39/13/006	28 Half Acre – Erection of wooden shed/summer house	Granted
3/39/11/007	Hartnells, 28 Long St – Re-felting and re-tiling kitchen extension roof	Granted

13/32B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Doniford Signs; Steps leading from Limpetshell Lane to Townsend

Meeting closed at 8.40pm