

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton**

**Attendees:**

**Councillors** Peeks (Chairman), Koch, Woods, McDonald, Bruford and Bigwood (left at 7.30pm at Item 13/121.5B)  
**Public** None  
**Other** Ms J Johnson-Smith

**Apologies:**

**Councillors**

**13/117B Apologies as noted above**

**13/118B Declarations of Interest**

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/120.1B	Personal	Participation
Cllr Peeks	13/121.1B & 13/125B	Personal & Prejudicial	No comment

**13/119B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes after deleting Cllr McDonald from the Apologies.

**13/120B Matters to Report**

**13/120.1B** (Item 13/107.1B) Pedestrian Routes It was **resolved** to note that a site meeting had been arranged the following day with Cllr McDonald, Cllr Eddie May and Alex Johnstone representing the Wyndham Estate to look at the proposed footpath for the Safe Route to Schools, the eroding footpath from Townsend to Catwell and to look at ways to alleviate the areas prone to flooding at Doniford. Cllr Koch and Cllr Peeks also hoped to join them to look at the Catwell to Townsend path. Cllr McDonald agreed to report back to the next meeting.

**13/120.2B** (Item 13/107.2B) Empty Buildings It was **resolved** to note that a reply had been received from Brian Doel at Tindle Newspapers stating that the proposal regarding the use of the building would be considered and they agreed to seek advice and look at alternatives and get back later in the year. The Clerk agreed to acknowledge the letter. Meanwhile several signatures of support for the restoration of the building had been received. Cllr Peeks pointed out that some change was taking place at 13 Dovetons and it was hoped that this would be habited shortly. She also advised that the Empty Homes Officer position was being made redundant and these duties would be included with a new position.

**13/120.3B** (Item 13/107.3B) Waste Dumping along Doniford Stream Cllr Koch advised that she had looked at this recently but advised it was difficult to see at the time as the water was too high. She agreed to look at it the following day during the site visits.

**13/120.4B** (Item 13/112B) Overgrown vegetation on steps of Limpetshell Lane The Clerk advised that she had written to the owner of no 78 Townsend who confirmed that he was not the owner or responsible for this area, although he had tidied it up in the past but was not willing to continue to do so. Cllr Koch agreed to ask the residents in Long Street if the area was part of their land and Cllr Peeks agreed to look at the planning permissions for the neighbouring properties.

**13/120.5B** (Item 13/113B) Dog Litter Bins It was **resolved** to note the response from the District Council and that all the litter bins were well used and therefore it would not be viable to relocate any. As it was clear that there was a need for a further dog bin and the Council had not yet purchased one, it was **resolved** unanimously after a proposition by Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Woods to purchase one dog bin from the Safe Route to Schools/Footpaths budget at a cost of £120.32 plus fitting of £70 and to locate at the bottom of Watchet Hill as this would tidy up the paths in this area. The maintenance costs would be included in the EPC Grounds Maintenance budget for the following years.

**13/121B Correspondence**

**13/121.1B** It was **resolved** to note the letter in support of a forthcoming planning application from Jill Martin and it was **resolved** to reply stating no observations could be made until the application had been submitted.

**13/121.2B** It was **resolved** to note the consultation regarding the Levels and Moors 20 Year Flooding Action Plan and as it did not affect the Parish no comment would be made.

**13/122B Highways Matters**

**13/122.1B** Unauthorised Parking It was **resolved** to note the response from the Highways Department and that the proposed marking of zigzag lines at the pedestrian crossing was to be on their schedule later in the year.

**13/123B Finance and Budget Considerations**

13/123.1B Village signs at Doniford It was **resolved** to note a site meeting had been held and the location of the signs discussed. It was **resolved** unanimously to submit the order for the signs at an estimate of £596.66 and to note that the final sum would not be confirmed until work had been completed. It was **resolved** the Clerk would sign the order and return with the cheque so that it could be included in the present financial year.

**13/124B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**

- 13/124.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that Cllrs McDonald and Bigwood would arrange to place the stones the following week. A request had been received from Quantock Eco to plant 2 raised vegetable boxes on this area and it was **resolved** to ask Alex Johnstone for his permission when meeting him the next day.
- 13/124.2B Bellamy's Corner A request had also been received from Quantock Eco to plant 2 raised vegetable boxes on this area and it was **resolved** to arrange a site meeting after first checking the terms of the lease.
- 13/124.3B Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to note that the car park had been very busy the previous day due to the good weather.
- 13/124.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note that more vandalism had occurred to the fencing in the playground and it was suggested to ask the Trustee to purchase anti vandalism strips for the top of the fencing.
- 13/124.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report
- 13/124.6B Grass verges It was **resolved** to write to the Highways Department requesting that they reseed the grass area at Long Street and to look at the visibility splay near Railway Inn which was in need of a concrete strip between the path and the grass. It was **resolved** to make some changes to the list of members responsible for checking contracted areas of maintenance.

**13/125B Planning Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/14/005	J Gliddon & Sons Ltd, 2 Bank Street	Installation of new shop front	No objections but would have liked to have seen floor plans as there was no mention of disabled access either from front or rear of building
3/39/14/006	J Gliddon & Sons Ltd, 2 Bank Street	Display of internally illuminated fascia sign to replace existing non-illuminated fascia sign	No objections

**13/126B Notification of planning decisions**

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/14/001	Public Conveniences, Killick Way – Change of use of part of toilet block to work space/storage	Granted
3/39/14/002	Doniford Farm – Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 3/39/11/023	Granted
3/39/14/003	Doniford Farm – Internal and external alterations to Barn H	Granted
C/39/13/008	Doniford Farm Park – Discharge of Conditions	Granted

**13/127B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office**

Wall at Bellamy's Corner

Meeting closed at 8.25pm