

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th February 2013 at 7.20pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors Bigwood (Chairman), Koch, Woods and McDonald
Public One member
Other Ms J Johnson-Smith

Apologies:

Councillors Wood and Troman

12/90B Apologies

It was **resolved** to note apologies as noted above.

12/91B Declarations of Interest

There were none.

12/92B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th January 2013

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

12/93B Matters to Report

12/93.1B (Item 12/78.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note there was no further update.

12/93.2B (Item 12/78.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note there was no further update.

12/93.3B (Item 12/78.3B) Conservation Area It was **resolved** to note the letter from Andrew Goodchild of the District Council advising that they would not proceed with the proposed conservation area as they did not consider the area suitable to be classified as a conservation area. It was **resolved** to write to express disappointment at their decision and the length of time it had taken to come to this conclusion.

12/93.4B (Item 12/78.4) Sustainable Verges It was **resolved** to note that no response had been received from Nichola Bown regarding permission to plant on SCC land at Doniford Road and the Clerk agreed to chase her to ask permission for the Groundsman to strim the land to prepare for planting seeds. It was **resolved** to leave the area by Butts Close opposite St Peter's School until the planning issues with the proposed new development had been resolved.

12/93.5B (Item 12/79.6B) Preferred Options Consultation of the Somerset Minerals Plan Cllrs Peeks and Koch had looked at the document and agreed with most of their suggestions and the Clerk agreed to forward the responses. Comment was made that it was a very extensive, well prepared report.

12/93.6B (Item 12/83B) Dog Litter Bin at Watchet Hill Prices of £172.60 or £245.89 per bin plus £260 per year for emptying were submitted by the District Council. After a proposition by Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr McDonald it was **resolved** unanimously not to go ahead with the purchase of this as it was not in the budget but Cllr Koch agreed to investigate the "stick and flick" option that was used elsewhere in the country,

12/93.7B (Item 12/84B) Empty Free Press Office It was **resolved** to note the letter sent from Cllr Wood requesting information on plans for the building.

12/94B Correspondence

12/94.1B It was **resolved** to note the letter from Somerset Waste Partnership advising of new regulations for Concessionary Waste Permits and that charges would be made in the next financial year. The Clerk agreed to ask the Groundsman how often he would need to use this service in order to gauge costs.

12/94.2B It was **resolved** to note a request for details of potential housing sites from the District Council. It was **resolved** to request that more pressure is put on the County Council to develop the site at Croft House.

12/94.3B It was **resolved** to note the repeat request for a street light at North Road and to write back advising there was no money in the budget in the next financial year but representative members would be happy to meet on site to look at the problem. It was suggested looking at it at 6.30 pm on 11th March before the next Committee meeting.

12/94.4B It was **resolved** to note the Inspector's Final Report of the Waste Core Strategy

12/95B Highways Matters

12/95.1B Parking at Bridge Street Mr Farmer from Bridge Street attended the public part of the meeting to ask what progress was being made with lifting the parking restrictions as he felt that more parking space was needed and suggested residential parking permits could solve the problem as some residents were parking in the road rather than their own drives. The Clerk was asked to write again to Richard Newby.

12/95.2B Pedestrian Crossing at Long Street It was **resolved** to note there was no further update

- 12/95.3B Barrier outside Fish and Chip Shop It was **resolved** to write again to Richard Newby requesting that the barrier was put back in the interest of Health and Safety and to improve the look of the centre of the village.
- 12/95.4B Illegal parking at Robert Street Complaints had been received of a vehicle persistently parking on the recently painted white lines near the recreation ground. It was thought the driver was a member of staff at the doctors' surgery and the Clerk was asked to write to the surgery asking them to have a word with the member of staff concerned. If the situation persisted the Police would be contacted.
- 12/95.5B Various highways issues Updates to various outstanding highways issues had been received from Cllr May. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Newby regarding blocked drains in Robert Street and Station Road.

12/96B Finance and Budget Considerations

The Clerk had written to the Highways seeking advice before proceeding with the work. She was asked to chase this but as the work had started on the wall to the neighbouring property it was felt that the surfacing should be delayed until this work had finished.

12/97B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

- 12/97.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that the final copy had not been returned
- 12/97.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note that no reply had been received from the bank's landlord.
- 12/97.3B Doniford Car Park There was nothing to report.
- 12/97.4B Recreation Ground There was nothing to report
- 12/97.5B Street Furniture It was **resolved** to note that the Groundsman had inspected the seat at Tower Hill and found no damage.

12/98B Enhanced Cricket Facilities at Danesfield School

Cllr McDonald agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr Bradbury to look at the options.

12/99B LARC Funding

Cllr Woods advised that she had looked at using LARC funds for a footpath to Doniford Halt but as a second footpath had been requested from Natural England on the same land the landowner was reluctant to grant permission for two paths. If the path went ahead funding would be available from the County Council.

12/100B Request for signage from Archie Project

A request had been received to place signage for Dementia Friendly Village and the Clerk was asked to write back suggesting they contact the Highways Department but pointing out that the sign could not be placed on the existing village signs.

12/101B Footpath from Catwell to Townsend

A response from Glenn Martin regarding the state of the footpath had been received and it was **resolved** to request that due to the dangers of the existing path, the path was relocated to its original place in the centre of the field as shown on the ordnance survey map.

12/102B Report from Exmoor Community Energy Meeting

It was **resolved** to note the report.

12/103B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/001	Lloyds Bank PLC, 23 Fore Street	Display of illuminated and non- illuminated signage	No objections
3/39/13/002	Webbers Post, The Croft	Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of 4 bungalows, garages and associated works	Due to low lying area members would like assurances about drainage due to flooding issues and would request that hard standing surfaces are of a porous material. The bungalows should be elevated from the ground with steps.

Late notification had been received of amended plan 3/39/11/002 and it was **resolved** to invite any interested member to look at the plans and meet at the Parish Office on 18th February at 9am to put forward recommendations to Full Council. Views were sought from neighbouring Parish Councils regarding proposed solar farm at Aller Farm. As it did not affect Williton no comment was given.

12/104B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/12/053	16 Catwell – Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling	Granted
3/39/12/052	12 Bridge Street – Installation of secondary glazing	Granted

12/105B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 11th March 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed at 9pm