

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th March 2013 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Troman

12/106B **Apologies as noted above**

12/107B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	12/116B	Personal	None
Cllr Peeks	12/118B, 12/119B. 12/109.2B	Pecuniary	None

12/108B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th February 2013**

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

12/109B **Matters to Report**

12/109.1B (Item 12/93.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note that this had been discussed at the meeting with Orchard Wyndham on 8th March and it was agreed to arrange another "walkabout" including the proposed route. During the meeting it was learnt that the eastern side of the road was the property of the estate and it was **resolved** to propose that a route was looked at on this side of the road from the proposed development site to the Liddymore Estate on land owned by Orchard Wyndham. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Thompson Foster, Trustee, to request permission enclosing a copy of the proposed route. Cllr Wood gave details of grants that may be available for cycle paths and it was **resolved** to wait until permission had been granted from landowners before exploring this option. It was noted that this item was also on the Finance and Administration agenda with a view to requesting Watchet Town Council for support and it was **resolved** to ask the Committee to make requests regarding this project to the Environment and Planning Committee rather than take separate action in order to avoid confusion and duplication of work.

12/109.2B (Item 12/94.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note that some progress had been noted at the recent Regeneration Forum.

12/109.3B (Item 12/93.4) Sustainable Verges It was **resolved** to note the letter of permission from Somerset County Council and the terms of the licence with specific requirements. It was **resolved** to appoint a working party to look at the planting and Cllrs McDonald, Woods, Wood and Troman would form the working group and meet the Groundsman on site on 20th Wednesday at 11 am. The licence would be passed to the Finance and Administration Committee for approval before signing. It was noted under the terms of the licence that the 2.5 metre area adjacent to the highway would need to be included with the Somerset County Council's grass cutting areas and the work given to the appointed contractor.

12/109.4B (Item 12/93.7B) Empty Free Press Office It was **resolved** to note the reply from Tindle Newspapers Ltd and Cllr Wood agreed to chase this. She advised that she had contacted Bernard Seward from the National Printing Heritage who had expressed a keen interest in acquiring the printing works and had suggested that it could stay in its present location as part of a museum. The upstairs area could possibly become a community centre. She agreed to continue her investigation into this possibility.

12/109.5B (Item 12/94.3B) Request for Street Lighting at North Road A site meeting had been held at 6.30pm on 11th March. It was felt that a light was required if possible and the Clerk was asked to check the price and look at the feasibility of placing this between 7 and 9 North Road at the junction of the track into the field.

12/109.6B (Item 12/84B) Enhanced Cricket Facilities at Danesfield It was **resolved** to note Cllr McDonald's report of the meeting held with Mr Bradbury of the Quantock Federation on 28th February. He added that the meeting was very positive and that Mr Bradbury was happy for the school fields to be used for cricket by the community but would like Parish Council support to obtain an astroturf surface. It was **resolved** to write and ask for full details of his proposals including the access availability for the community.

12/109.7B (Item 12/100B) Footpath from Catwell to Townsend It was **resolved** to note that the landlord would be approached regarding moving the fence. Cllr Peeks had been in contact with Glen Martin who had warned that moving the footpath would give the landowner a right to close it and it was suggested investigating rock armouring the path instead. She agreed to look further into this option. Cllr McDonald advised that he had received a call from Magna House requesting a site meeting to look at the path at the back of Townsend. This had been arranged on 18th March at 9.30am.

12/110B **Correspondence**

12/110.1B It was **resolved** to note the Waste Core Strategy Adoption Statement from Somerset County Council.

12/110.2B It was **resolved** to note the letter from Magna West Somerset advising that the plot of land adjacent to 9 Whitecroft would be sold to a small developer as an open market dwelling and the proceeds would be put towards affordable housing.

12/111B Highways Matters

12/111.1B Parking at Bridge Street It was **resolved** to note that consideration would be given to removal of some of the yellow lines in the new financial year.

12/111.2B Pedestrian Crossing at Long Street It was **resolved** to note that work was due to start before Easter but put on halt during the Easter holidays.

12/111.3B Barrier outside Fish and Chip Shop It was **resolved** to note that this matter had been passed to Peter Owen for his consideration.

12/111.4B Various highways issues Updates to various outstanding highways issues had been received from Cllr May.

12/112B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was **resolved** to note that the hogging at the Recreation Groun would be raised with a member of the Environment Agency on the next "walkabout" but in the meantime the project would be put on hold pending the results of the questionnaire on the pavilion.

12/113B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

12/113.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that the final copy had not been returned although it had been chased.

12/113.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note that a request for a plan had been received from the bank's landlord who agreed to look into the matter.

12/113.3B Doniford Car Park There was nothing to report.

12/113.4B Recreation Ground There was nothing to report

12/113.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report

12/114B Report of Meeting with Smiths Gore held on 8th March 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and that it has been very positive. A date for a "walkabout" was being arranged.

12/115B Broken stile opposite Police Station at Mamsey House

Cllr Peeks advised that she had already reported this in her role as SCC Parish Paths Liaison Officer.

12/116B Somerset County Council's Library Service Review

After some discussion it was **resolved** to reply recommending that the Library remained in its current location but if an alternative was required it would be preferred that this was relocated to Danesfield School provided it was an outside area available to the community with disabled access and parking. Members supported the Library being used as a community hub and if the County would like to explore the use of Parish owned land members would be happy to meet them to discuss this potential.

12/117B Review of Parish Boundaries

It was **resolved** to recommend writing to the Boundaries Commission suggesting that the 4 barns at Washford relocate to Old Cleeve, Blade Mill at Yarde relocates to Nettlecombe and the unlit section of Tower Hill up to Raglands Cross relocates to Williton from Sampford Brett after first writing a generic letter to Old Cleeve, Sampford Brett and Nettlecombe Parishes advising them of members' intentions.

12/118B Proposal to invite David Gliddon to a future meeting

It was **resolved** to defer this item until a decision had been made on the recent planning application.

12/119B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/004	16 Half Acre	Erection of two storey three bedroomed dwelling	No objections
3/39/13/003	Catwell House Barn	Erection of garden room to the rear of the property	No objections

It was **resolved** to note that the planning application for solar panels at Aller Farm had been deferred.

12/120B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/001	Lloyds Bank Plc – Displa y of illuminated and non- illuminated signage	Granted

12/121B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 8th April 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed at 8.40pm