

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Troman

13/79B **Apologies as noted above**

13/80B **Declarations of Interest**

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/82.6B	Personal	Participation
Cllr Peeks	13/90B & 13/86.4B	Personal	No comment

13/81B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th October 2013**

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

13/82B **Matters to Report**

13/82.1B (Item 13/67.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note that no further response had been received from Wyndham Estate and the Clerk agreed to chase this again.

13/82.2B (Item 13/67.2B) Empty Buildings It was **resolved** to note the reply from Bernard Seward and that he was unable to fully commit to charring the project but he drew attention to a recent inspection from West Somerset Restoration whereby concern was expressed at the deterioration of the building and the water that was getting in which could severely damage the press. It was **resolved** to write to Attracta Astley of Tindle News enclosing copy of the letter and asking when repairs to the building were likely to take place and to draw attention to the possible damage to their rare asset. Cllr McDonald agreed to write an article in the Williton Window giving details of the history of the press to raise public awareness and the Clerk agreed to write to the Building Control Officer alerting them to the deterioration of the building and the potential danger.

13/82.3B (Item 13/67.3B) Footpath from Catwell to Townsend It was **resolved** to note the response from Alex Johnstone and it was **resolved** to accept their proposal of a permissive path provided it would remain for 20 years. The agent would also be asked to consider stoning the path as it became very boggy.

13/82.4B (Item 13/67.4B) Review of Parish Boundaries A response had been received from Bruce Lang advising that a change to the boundaries would a very long and expensive process and it was therefore **resolved** to take no further action and to advise Nettlecombe Parish Council of the decision.

13/82.5B (Item 13/67.6B) Waste Dumping along Doniford Stream It was **resolved** to note that Alan Bulpin had agreed to look again later in the month when the weeds had died down. It was therefore **resolved** to defer to the next meeting.

13/82.6B (Item 13/75B) Coastal Access from Brean Down to Minehead A detailed report had been received with plans detailing the proposals for the new coastal path. After some discussion it was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council some minor amendments to the proposals in order to get walkers off the road and to keep them away from the beach which would be inaccessible at high tides.

13/83B **Correspondence**

13/83.1B It was **resolved** to note the draft Exmoor National Park Local Plan Consultation and make no comment.

13/83.2B It was **resolved** to note the West Somerset Mineral Railway Association Newsletter.

13/84B **Highways Matters**

13/84.1B Unauthorised Parking A meeting had been held with Ian Timms of the Highways Department on 24th October when it was agreed that consideration would be given to extending the white zig-zag lines part way in front of the Post Office leaving one space for loading/unloading Post Office vehicles only. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Timms for attending and to ask if progress had been made with this proposal and to request that the missing notice on the post regarding loading times was reinstated. Concerns was expressed regarding the chaos caused on alternative routes to Minehead from Williton during the A39 road closure and it was **resolved** to put this on the next Full Council agenda.

13/84.2B Maintenance of Bus Shelter at Tropiquaria It was **resolved** to note that an acknowledgement only had been received to this request for information.

13/85B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was **resolved** to note that the cost of an additional sign at Doniford would be £220 and the price would be held until 31st March 2014. It was further **resolved** to go ahead with the order for 3 signs at a total cost of £665.17 from the Safe Route to Schools budget subject to finding a suitable location at Liddymore Lane.

13/86B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

13/86.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that the three dead trees had been replaced and that it had been agreed by the Estate to place more stones to prevent vehicles parking.

13/86.2B Bellamy's Corner There was nothing to report.

13/86.3B Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to note that the potholes needed repairing and the Clerk agreed to check on what was required and arrange for them to be repaired.

13/86.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note three quotations for the cost of the repairs, the two lowest prices being the same, and it was proposed by Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Koch and carried by 3 votes plus one abstention, to appoint Darren Greenslade on the grounds that his standard of work was already known, provided the work could be done before the end of the year.

13/86.5B Street Furniture It was **resolved** to note the response from the District Council regarding the proposal to relocate the litter bin to Brook Road and it was further **resolved** to write to Mr Notaro to ask permission.

13/86.6B Grass verges It was **resolved** to note that the verges at Long Street were still in a poor state and the Clerk was asked to chase this up with David Peake.

13/87B Planning Application 3/39/13/011 – Williton Community Hall Site – Erection of Stock and Rail Fence

It was **resolved** to note the response from Adrian Coward regarding the badger sett, however, as his proposal would result in loss of land due to the repositioning of the fence, it was **resolved** to recommend to the Trustee of the Williton Community Hall not to proceed with the application until the future of the whole project had been determined.

13/88B Flooding Matters

Cllr McDonald advised that a public meeting had been arranged for 26th November at 7pm in the Council Chamber when representatives from the outside agencies would be present to give advice to the public and residents would be asked to contribute ideas to the Parish Plan before going to print. Wardens and sites to locate the sheds were still required.

13/89B Parking at Danesfield School

Concerns were raised at the parking outside the school at the end of the school day at the entrance gates which was causing problems and an extension to the zig-zag lines were suggested. The Clerk agreed to check with Cllr Bennett who had taken a photograph of the problem and to forward to Mr Bradbury so that he could ask parents to park without causing obstruction.

13/90B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/031	Doniford Bay Holiday Village	Installation of 16 caravan bases to enable the siting of 16 static caravans, new access route, creation of lake and associated landscaping and infrastructure.	No objections but concerns were expressed regarding the water levels and possible flooding and means of escape with only one entrance
3/39/13/032	15 Five Bells	Erection of a single storey extension to the west elevation and convert the existing garage into habitable accommodation	No objections

13/91B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/026	Police Station, 4-6 Priest Street – Installation of surface mounted fibre optic cabling	Granted
3/39/13/029	Roughmoor Industrial Estate – display of one non-illuminated sign	Granted

13/92B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 13th January 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm