

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th May 2013 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	Peeks (Chairman), Woods, and McDonald
Public	6 members of Sampford Brett Parish Council
Other	Ms J Johnson-Smith

Apologies:

Councillors Troman, Koch and Bigwood

13/01B Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Peeks was unanimously elected as Chairman and Cllr Bigwood Vice Chairman

13/02B Election of Grounds Maintenance Officers

The following Grounds Maintenance Officers were elected

Responsibility area	Councillor
Bellamy's Corner	Bruford
Doniford Car Park	Bigwood
The Copse	Bruford
Street Furniture	Troman
Recreation Ground in relation to Groundsman	Troman, McDonald
Sustainable Verges	Woods

13/03B Apologies as noted above

13/04B Declarations of Interest

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/17	Pecuniary	No comment
Cllr Peeks	13/06.4B	Pecuniary	No comment

13/05B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2013

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

13/06B Matters to Report

- 13/06.1B (Item 12/125.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note there had been no further response from Wyndham Estate and the Clerk agreed to chase this.
- 13/06.2B (Item 12/125.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note that the flat above the former pet shop was now occupied.
- 13/06.3B (Item 12/125.3B) Sustainable Verges Cllr Woods advised that the area had now been planted twice with wild flowers. The Clerk was asked to check that Somerset County Council would cut the 1m strip next to the highways.
- 13/06.4B (Item 12/125.4B) Empty Free Press Office The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Brian Doel of Tindle Newspapers who had advised that Cossar Press would not be interested in the press as the cost to remove it was prohibitive, however he acknowledged that work needed to be done and there were plans to repair the roof. He suggested meeting on site with a member of the Council to discuss any ideas and he put forward some dates later in the month. Cllr McDonald agreed to meet Mr Doel and those who were not at the meeting would also be invited.
- 13/06.5B (Item 12/125.5B) Request for Street Lighting at North Road It was **resolved** to note the acknowledgement from the Highways Department and that a site meeting was being arranged.
- 13/06.6B (Item 12/125.6B) Enhanced Cricket Facilities at Danesfield No response had been received from Mr Bradbury regarding the request for further information and the Clerk was asked to chase this.
- 13/06.7B (Item 12/125.8B) Footpath from Catwell to Townsend It was **resolved** to note the response from Glenn Martin and that he was waiting for further information from the Environment Agency

13/06.8B (Item 12/125.9B) Review of Parish Boundaries Members from Sampford Brett Parish Council had attended the meeting and voiced concern at losing the properties at Tower Hill to Williton. There were 37 properties within their Parish and if the boundary was moved as suggested this would result in a loss of 34% of their income. They agreed to put their concerns in writing. In view of their comments it was **resolved** to recommend that the status quo of all the boundaries was maintained.

13/07B Correspondence

13/08B Highways Matters

13/08.1B Pedestrian Crossing at Long Street It was **resolved** to note that work had started and was expected to take 2 months.

13/08.2B Barrier outside Fish and Chip Shop A cost of £379.66 had been received to carry out the repairs. It was **resolved** to write and request that if the Parish Council contributed £190 would they be prepared to pay the other half and to put forward this recommendation to Full Council.

13/09B Finance and Budget Considerations

There was nothing to report

13/10B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

13/10.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that the final copy had still not been returned and to note there were now 2 dead trees. Concern was expressed regarding the “diminishing” land due to car parking and highways maintenance and it was suggested putting more stones in place.

13/10.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note that tulips had been donated which Cllr Woods agreed to plant in the area. It was noted that the magnolia tree was looking good.

13/10.3B Doniford Car Park There was nothing to report

13/10.4B Recreation Ground It was **resolved** to note that the bins needed emptying. Some barbed wire had been placed across a gap in the play area and Cllr Bruford had made this safe.

13/10.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report

13/11B Dog Law

It was **resolved** to defer this to the next meeting and to chase the up to date information on the legislation.

13/12B Former Toilet site adjacent to Doniford Car Park

It was **resolved** to write to the District Council asking what plans were in place for the land of the old toilet block and if they would be willing to negotiate with the Parish Council regarding the use of the land for car parking.

13/13B Unauthorised Parking

Concern was expressed that the situation had not improved despite new procedures in place from the County Council regarding illegal parking. It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council to set a date and a rota for monitoring the parking and traffic with a camera in order to get evidence of the problems being caused by the obstructions.

13/14B Speed Limit at Doniford Road

Cllr Woods expressed concern at the speed of traffic on the Doniford Road as there were no speed restrictions in place. It was **resolved** to write to the Highways Department for advice.

13/15B Union Lane

An offer of help to clear the lane had been received as this had become a problem with waste dumping again. The Clerk was asked to contact May Gurney to request bags and litter pickers and arrange a “community clean up” day and invite the volunteer, other residents and Councillors to join in.

13/16B Dumping along Doniford Stream

A notice from a resident had been received regarding building rubble and soil being dumped in the field leading from the land to Egrove Farm. As this was beside the stream there was concern that heavy rain could cause the rubble and soil to get washed into the stream causing problems. The Clerk was asked to write to the Waste Disposal team at the County Council.

13/17B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/010	Fairfield Hse Hotel, 51 Long St	Erection of ground floor side extension (resubmission)	No objections
3/39/13/008	White House Hotel, 11 Long St	Conversion of barn to additional guest accommodation	Welcome additional accommodation planned in a sympathetic manner
3/39/13/006	28 Half Acre	Erection of a wooden shed/summer house	Members object on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, setting a precedent, and that it is higher than existing hedgerow
3/39/13/007	Hartnells, 28 Long St	Re-felting and re-tiling kitchen extension roof	Happy in principle but suggest they use reclaimed tiles
3/39/13/012	Lloyds Bank, Fore St	Display of illuminated ATM tablet and one window marketing unit	No objections

As there was not a quorum at this point of the meeting, these comments would be submitted provided there was agreement with at least a third member of the Committee.

13/18B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/005	Flat 4,, Quantock Court, Robert St – Lawful Development Certificate	Granted
3/39/13/004	16 Half Acre – Erection of two storey three bedroom dwelling	Granted
C/39/13/001&002	14 Half Acre – Discharge of conditions	Granted
3/39/11/002	Land at Bank St – Development of food store etc	Refused

13/19B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 10th June 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Ideas to brighten village

Meeting closed at 8.35pm