

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

## Attendees:

**Councillors** Bigwood (Chairman – left at Item 13/134B), Koch, Woods, and McDonald (Chairman from Item 13/134B)  
**Public** None  
**Other** Ms J Johnson-Smith

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Peeks

**13/128B Apologies as noted above**

**13/129B Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**13/130B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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

**13/131B Matters to Report**

13/131.1B (Item 13/120.1B) Pedestrian Routes Cllr McDonald advised that good discussions had taken place with the landowner and the footpath officer, Glenn Martin, during the recent site visit to look at the footpath from Catwell to Townsend. The detour was not popular with the residents who were making their own path. The agent agreed to contact Western Power as some cables had become exposed. Glenn Martin agreed to make temporary arrangements and the Clerk agreed to chase this.

13/131.2B (Item 13/120.2B) Empty Buildings It was **resolved** to note the response from Sue Mountstevens regarding the empty houses at the back of the police station. It was further **resolved** to note the email from Bernard Seward enquiring if any further response had been received from Tindle Newspapers regarding the empty Free Press Building and the Clerk agreed to write again in the near future to keep this matter in their minds.

13/131.3B (Item 13/120.3B) Waste Dumping along Doniford Stream Cllr Koch advised that she had received a response from Alan Bulpin stating that the noxious substances had been washed away but he would ask Edward Martin to tidy up the bank.

13/131.4B (Item 13/120.4B) Overgrown vegetation on steps of Limpetshell Lane Cllr Koch had made some enquiries with some of the residents of Long Street whose gardens backed on to this area and concluded that this land was “no man’s land”. It was **resolved** therefore, to recommend to Full Council that this small area of land is included in the contract for grounds maintenance by the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to obtain quotes on the cost of this clearance work.

13/131.5B (Item 13/120.5B) Dog Litter Bins It was **resolved** to note the letter from the County Council outlining terms of agreement for the placement of the litter bin and to write back agreeing to the terms. The Clerk agreed to arrange with the District Council for the installation of the litter bin.

**13/132B Correspondence**

13/132.1B It was **resolved** to note the notice of the public exhibition on 15<sup>th</sup> April in respect of planning application for a proposed mixed-use development at Bank Street/Fore Street.

13/132.2B It was **resolved** to note the consultation on the operation of the National Planning Policy Framework.

**13/133B Highways Matters**

13/133.1B It was **resolved** to note that work to the ditch at Doniford had still not been done.

**13/134B Finance and Budget Considerations**

13/134.1B Village signs at Doniford It was **resolved** to note these were due to be installed within 12 weeks.

**13/135B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**

13/135.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that the lease had still not been received and the Clerk was asked to chase this again. Cllr Woods advised she had met Quantock Eco who had suggested planting five apple trees at this site. It was **resolved** to agree to this providing the request was made in writing.

13/135.2B Bellamy’s Corner Cllr Woods advised she had met Quantock Eco and it was agreed that they could place a vegetable box on the left hand side by the existing planter by the seat. They would be advised not to put anything up the wall unless there were stakes eg beans. It was **resolved** to chase Magna again for the repair of the wall now that the new financial year had started.

- 13/135.3B Doniford Car Park Fly tipping was an ongoing problem and it was suggested putting up some temporary signs regarding fly tipping and overnight parking. Cllr Woods suggested that the fence needed repositioning and the Clerk was asked to get a quote from a fencing specialist.
- 13/135.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note that the ground looked much better now the grass had been cut a couple of times.
- 13/135.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report
- 13/135.6B Grass verges It was **resolved** to note that some verges had already been cut. Some concern was expressed regarding the verge between St Peter's School and the new estate and that the footpath had still not been completed and it was suggested keeping an eye on this to see if the work would be carried out as agreed. It was **resolved** to arrange for the verge at Casino Road to be cut shortly and the contractor would be asked to meet Cllr Woods on site to check the requirements.

**13/136B Queen Bee Site**

It was **resolved** to note that the contact details of the owner were now known and that he was seeking planning permission for the container which was on his land.

**13/137B Fixed Speed Camera**

It was **resolved** to write to Chief Constable Gargan to ask for a fixed speed camera when they had been purchased by the constabulary and to write to the County Council requesting details at 5mph intervals in the SID results as it would be more accurate.

**13/138B Planning Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/14/008	Briardene, 25 Long Street	Installation of satellite dish	No objections

**13/139B Notification of planning decisions**

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/14/004	DESO Engineering, Slade Way – installation of solar PV system	Granted
3/39/14/007	Land to the north of Red Park Equestrian Centre – Erection of building for storage	Granted
C/39/13/001	Land adjacent to 9 Whitecroft – Discharge of conditions	Granted

**13/140B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office**

Meeting closed at 8.08pm