

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th July 2014 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Bigwood and Lyder

14/29B **Apologies as noted above**

14/30B **Declarations of Interest**

| Name | Agenda Item | Interest | Action |
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| Cllr Peeks | 14/37B & 14/40B | Pecuniary | No comment |

14/31B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th June 2014**

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

14/32B **Matters to Report**

14/32.1B (Item 14/18.1B) Pedestrian Routes It was **resolved** to note that the footpath from Catwell to Townsend was now being used and a fence erected. It was further **resolved** to write to Alex Johnstone to arrange another site meeting to look again at the route of the proposed footpath from St Peter's School to Doniford.

14/32.2B (Item 14/18.2B) Empty Buildings It was **resolved** to note that no further progress had been made regarding the empty buildings and to write to the District Council asking for an update and expressing concern that the properties that were drawn to their attention were still unoccupied.

14/32.3B (Item 14/19.2B) State of Road at St Peter's Close It was **resolved** to note the response from Magna Housing and that the area was not under their tenure but to write again requesting them to recheck their responsibility as they had originally put up the bollards and safety barrier after the houses had been built.

14/32.4B (Item 14/25B) Union Lane Cllr Stiven advised that Love Williton had agreed to tidy up the area on 27th September and the Clerk was asked to request some litter pickers and a litter collection from Veolia and to arrange for the details to be included in the Williton Window.

14/33B **Correspondence**

14/33.1B It was **resolved** to respond to the Rural Housing Policy Review with the agreed responses.

14/33.2B Notice from Natural England had been received that the report on the England Coast Path from Brean Down to Minehead had been published and approved and it was **resolved** to reply commenting that members felt disappointed that their views were not taken into account.

14/33.3B It was **resolved** to note the email from local farmer, Ben Lintott, who was concerned about the sheep worrying that had been taking place on his land and it was agreed to raise his concerns in the article in the Williton Window. The Clerk was asked to suggest he improve his fencing around the problem area near the Bakelite Museum. Mr Lintott also expressed concern regarding the overflowing litter bin at Bridge Street and the Clerk was asked to report this to the District Council.

14/33.4B It was **resolved** to note the Speed Indicator Device would be relocated to the top of Tower Hill as requested.

14/34B **Highways Matters**

14/34.1B It was **resolved** to note that the advertising of the change in markings at the Post Office should take place within a couple of months and a further site meeting would be convened nearer the time. The Clerk was asked to arrange the site meeting before the next Committee meeting if possible.

14/35B **Finance and Budget Considerations**

14/35.1B Village signs at Doniford It was **resolved** to note that the verge had been cut and all checks had been completed and the signs were due to be installed by 21st July.

14/36B **Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**

14/36.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) There was concern expressed that the newly planted trees were looking very unhealthy and the Clerk was asked to seek advice from Adrian Turner of the District Council.

14/36.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note that the area was looking very good and that Magna had completed the work to the walls and Love Williton had helped Cllr Woods with planting and weeding. The Clerk was asked to write to Magna and Love Williton to thank them for their work and to ask Cllr Bruford to check the state of the rest of the wall and report back to the next meeting. Love Williton had requested that they look after the flower beds along the wall and it was **resolved** to write formally and ask them to do this.

- 14/36.3B Doniford Car Park The Clerk advised that she had asked the District Council to consider installing an additional litter bin due to the constant problem of overflowing dog litter and she was asked to draw their attention to the fly tipping taking place and ask them to install a formal "Fly Tipping" sign. She was also asked to write to the owner of Doniford Farm drawing attention to the rubble that was being dumped in the lime kiln.
- 14/36.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note that the annual play inspection was due and the Clerk was asked to check costs from companies other than Wicksteed as they would have an interest.
- 14/36.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report
- 14/36.6B Grass verges It was **resolved** to note that the grass cutting had been done including Long Street and the areas around the village were looking tidy.

14/37B Williton Top 5 Parish Priorities

The following recommendations would be put forward to the Full Council
Provision of community and recreational facilities in the village:-

- Pavilion/Community Hall and recreational use of Village Hall site
- Outdoor youth recreational facilities/Cricket/Play equipment for older children
- Footpaths/cycle paths
- Street scene to improve the environment in the centre of the village
- Flood prevention measures

14/38B Village Information Board

Cllr McDonald asked members to consider the placing of two information boards within the village to indicate the facilities and attractions available. It was suggested that Love Williton would help with the funding and he agreed to carry out some research before setting the budget in the autumn.

14/39B Street Light at Danesfield School

Cllr May had expressed concern at the lack of lighting at the last Full Council meeting but it was **resolved** not to pursue the matter as it had been fully investigated previously and was considered far too costly.

14/40B Planning Applications for consideration

| Application No | Location | Details | Comment |
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| 3/39/14/020 | The Royal Huntsman, 7 Long Street | Change of use of the approved retail and tea room into HMO (house of multiple occupants) (Class C4) | No objections |
| 3/39/14/019 | Land and buildings, Bank Street | Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the land and buildings as a shop (Class A1) (letter attached) | Photographs are not dated therefore there is no proof and one can only assume the shops that can be seen have been used as retail. Members query areas marked on plan as C, E F and G but are happy with areas A and B on the ground floor only as presently being used as shops. |
| 3/39/14/018 | The Orange Pip, Fore Street | Change of use to one retail unit and one cafe | In principle no objections but owner of the property should have applied before alterations were carried out |
| 3/39/14/017 | Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way | Siting of mobile home to be used as an equestrian/agricultural/forestry workers' dwelling | Members object to this application as they believe applicant already has a residence in Williton and has continued to run her business very successfully without the need of a mobile home and this is therefore surplus to need. |

14/41B Notification of planning decisions

| Application No | Location | Outcome |
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| 3/39/14/011 | Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground – Erection of a multi-sport, recreation and community pavilion, demolition of part and re-ordering of the remaining existing changing facilities. MUGA, disabled and service vehicle access from Robert Str and associated parking | Refused |
| 3/39/14/014 | 7 Rylands Close – Installation of dormer window to front elevation | Granted |
| 3/39/14/012 | Land at Rydon Farm – Removal of 4 cabinets and 3 antennas and installation of Phase 4.5 Headframe installed on the existing 15m high CU Phosco Headframe and one additional equipment cabinet located within existing VF cabinet at ground level | Prior approval not required |
| 3/39/14/016 | 1 Long Street – To put in a 2m opening between the shop and the bakery. Also to remove the old conti board and shutter board in the bakery to repair water damaged walls | Granted |
| 3/39/14/013 | Land to the north of Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way – Erection of building for storing agricultural and forestry machinery and log store | Prior approval not required |
| 3/39/14/015 | Unit 6, Roughmoor Trading Estate – Change of use from business use (B1,B2) to B8 and A1 retail for the storage and retail of motor spares and accessories | Granted |

14/42B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 9th September 2014 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office

Hanging Baskets for Shops

Meeting closed at 8.30pm