

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
held on 14th March 2016 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairperson), Bigwood, Kirkham, McDonald, Richards and White
Public: None
Other: Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors: None

15/105B **There were no apologies.**

15/106B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Richards	15/108.9B, 15/110.2B, 15/116B, 15/108.4B, 15/108.8B, 15/108.9B, 15/108.10B, 15/110.1B, 15/112.3B	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Peeks	15/108.1B, 15/108.9B, 15/112.3B, 15/108.8B, 15/110.1B	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting

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It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after a proposal from Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Bigwood.

15/108B **Matters to Report**

- 15/108.1B (Item 15/94.1B) Pedestrian Routes / Safe Route to School It was **resolved** to note there had been no further update.
- 15/108.2B (Item 15/94.2B) State of Road at St Peter's Close It was **resolved** to note this item had been discussed at the March Parish Council meeting and it had been **resolved** to proceed to obtain further advice from NALC.
- 15/108.3B (Item 15/94.3B) Village Information Board and Parish Guide Cllr Richards advised members that he was making progress with the village guide.
- 15/108.4B (Item 15/94.4B) Flooding Matters A reply had been received from Mr Chris Doyle, Environment Agency advising, to their knowledge, they had not carried out any work at the Mill Leat, however, Cllr McDonald had paperwork confirming the Environment Agency had installed the sluice. It was **resolved** the Clerk would reply to Mr Doyle with copies of the relevant paperwork. It was reported that the ditches along the A39 required clearing, it was **resolved** the Clerk would write to the relevant landowners to request the work is carried out, with a link to the EA website confirming due to a recent change in the law, they could be cleared. It was further **resolved** Cllr McDonald would supply a map which would be included in the letter showing where work had already been completed and where the clearing was needed. Cllr Richards expressed concern regarding erosion of the river bank by the bridge at Highbridge. Cllr McDonald confirmed he would speak again to Williton Fire Station regarding the siting of a shed which would be used as a sand store.
- 15/108.5B (Item 15/94.5) Owl Boxes in village It was **resolved** to note that Mr Lew Newman had contact details for David Noade of Savills.
- 15/108.6B (Item 15/94.6B) Planters by Village Signs It was noted that the license was still awaited.
- 15/108.7B (Item 15/94.7B) Footpath Raglands Cross to Catwell It was **resolved** to note there had been no further update.

- 15/108.8B (Item 15/94.8B) Footpath from Long Street and Danesborough View East Members were advised West Somerset Council were unable to ascertain the ownership between themselves and Magna housing.
- 15/108.9B (Item 15/94.9B) Request for Rubbish bin, Killick Way After a discussion it was noted that rubbish was no longer being left by the bench, therefore, it was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 15/108.10B (Item 15/94.11B) Clean for the Queen It was **resolved** this event had taken place on Saturday 5th March 2016 at Union Lane and Doniford. Cllr Kirkham reported only five people had helped at Doniford, Cllr Bigwood reported only three people had helped at Union Lane, both being a disappointing turn out. Unfortunately the Youth Club had not attended. Veolia were thanked for the loan of litter pickers and for the donation of bags and gloves. It was noted the roads between Doniford and Williton, and Doniford and St Audries were un-adopted roads but still needed clearing. It was **resolved** a Phase 2 cleaning would be held, the Clerk would contact West Quantoxhead Parish Council to suggest a cross partnership working party. It was **resolved** to note that Williton was one of only two parishes in West Somerset to undertake the Clean for the Queen event.
- 15/108.11B (Item 15/94.12B) Printing Museum It was **resolved** to note there had been no further update.
- 15/108.12B (Item 15/100B) Street Art in the Tractor Shed The Clerk confirmed she had requested a meeting for Cllr McDonald and Danesfield school, but had not yet received a reply.
- 15/109B **Correspondence**
- 15/109.1B It was resolved to note this item.
- 15/110B **Highway Matters**
- It was **resolved** to note that David Noad had met with Cllrs McDonald and Bigwood, visiting areas of concern around the village. It was noted that the Wyndham Estate would undertake work on the gully in Union Lane during the autumn. Concern was raised about the bank erosion being caused by horses, by the steps that lead into Long Lakes. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to Magna expressing concern that damage was being caused by the horses and it could become a public right of way. It was further **resolved** to state that if no reply was received by the 5th April 2016, then as a duty of care to public safety, the Parish Council would instruct a fence to be erected.
- 15/110.1B (Item 15/96.1B) It was confirmed the steps at Limpetshell Lane had been repointed; therefore, it was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 15/110.2B (Item 15/96.3B) It was **resolved** to note that some of the dead elms has been felled; therefore, it was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 15/110.3B (Item 15/96.4B) Cllr White spoke of his concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling along Long Street and distributed photographs of the speed signage. The speed limit on the A39 drops straight from 50mph to 30mph and Cllr White stated the speed signs were too far back from the village and the speed signs were unidentifiable. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to David Peake, Highways and ask that the signage is revisited, requesting 30mph painted on the main carriageway and repeater signs displayed. Cllr Richards suggested that evidence was compiled, including speed watch data and how many collisions there had been. Cllr White would create a map showing the areas on concern, which would be attached to the letter. It was noted Cllr White would be happy to attend a meeting with Highways.
- 15/111B **Finance and Budget**
There was nothing to report.
- 15/112B **Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 15/112.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note the grass needed to be cut.
- 15/112.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note the grass needed to be cut.
- 15/112.3B Doniford Car Park – It was **resolved** to note that Doug Edwards had filled and levelled the surface. It was **resolved** to note the reply from West Somerset Council advising the existing fence had become very close to the cliff edge after recent erosion and the request that this matter was addressed. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to Mr Clothier, Doniford Farm, to request that this matter was dealt with. It was further **resolved** the Clerk would write to Natural England advising their information board needed to be moved.
- 15/112.4B Recreation ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note the train play equipment had been repaired. The Clerk advised quotations for the repair of the Willow Chair and Willow Fence, and the re-instatement of rubber matting on the top of the Play tunnel were still awaited.
- 15/112.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report.

15/112.6B Grass verges – It was reported that large rocks had been placed on the grass area at North Croft to stop vehicles driving onto the grass.

15/113B Hanging Baskets

It was reported from the Events Committee that Love Williton had recently ceased and they had donated 15 hanging baskets and £404.39 to the Parish Council to enable the planting of baskets for display around the village this summer. It was **resolved** Croft House had offered to facilitate the filling of the baskets and keep them in their greenhouse, until they were ready to move outside. It was **resolved** the Clerk would request a list of businesses who agreed to have a basket last year and contact them to confirm if they would be happy to have another this year and agree to undertake the care and watering of them. It was **resolved** the Parish Council would help plant, but were unable to maintain the baskets.

15/114B Bus Shelter at Tropiquaria

As this was not the property or responsibility of the Parish Council, it was unanimously **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.

15/115B Somerset Day - It was **resolved** to note this item.

15/116B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/16/001	8 High Street	Change of use of building from storage (Class B8) to dwelling (Class C3) and internal refurbishment to create new bathroom and kitchen and two separate bedrooms	No objection

15/117B There were no planning decisions

15/118B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm