

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2012 at 7.00 pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors Peeks (Chairman), McDonald, Bigwood and Wood

Public

Other Mrs J Johnson-Smith

Apologies:

Councillors Hall, Koch, Woods and Gower

12/01B Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

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

12/02B Apologies

It was **resolved** to note apologies as noted above.

12/03B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	12/06.2B 12/06.7B 12/12B	Personal	No comment
Cllr Wood	12/12B	Personal	No comment

12/04B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10th April 2012

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

12/05B Matters Arising from the Minutes

12/05.1B (Item 11/127.1B) Safe Route to Schools There was nothing further to report and the Clerk was asked to chase up Smiths Gore. Some information had been received regarding a scheme from DEFRA and the Clerk was asked to get more details

12/05.2B (Item 11/127.2B) Empty Homes It was advised that a new person had been appointed at the District Council to deal with this matter. It was suggested prioritising the empty properties as follows:
Building next to Free Press Office
2 Police Cottages
Flat above the empty shops and adjoining the house at Long Street
13 Dovetons Drive
Houses in Tower Hill (Cllr May to advise details)

12/05.3B (Item 11/127.3B) Union Lane As there had been no reply from the agents it was suggested writing to Sylvana Chandler to ask her to put pressure on them to respond to all outstanding queries.

12/05.4B (Item 11/127.4B) Williton Signage It was **resolved** to note that the signs were ready and should be installed the following week.

12/05.5B (Item 11/127.5B) Village Clock It was **resolved** to note the quotations to install the clock and to appoint Stuart Freeman to carry out the work who had agreed to install it as soon as it had arrived. It was due to be delivered and installed before the Jubilee weekend.

12/05.6B (Item 11/127.6B) Building Community Programme Cllr McDonald expressed concern at the lack of interest from the community and felt that it was far too much for the Parish Council to take on without support. It was **resolved** to hold another meeting but to give the public more notice and review the situation again.

12/05.7B (Item 11/127.7B) Conservation Area There was nothing to report.

12/05.8B (Item 11/127.8B) Queen Bee Site It was **resolved** to note that the Solicitor was unable to help other than suggesting writing to the Land Registry or paying for a tracking service. It was suggested contacting the Police advising them that we wish to talk to the owner in his interest and ask if they would be able to pass on a letter to him or to give it to his Solicitors.

12/05.9B (Item 11/132B) State of Townsend Road Play Area There was no reply from the District Council and the Clerk was asked to chase this.

12/06B Correspondence

12/06.1B It was **resolved** to note the anaerobic digester progress from Somerset Waste Partnership.

12/06.2B It was **resolved** to note details of free insulation and the Wakeham Trust in the Community Matters Newsletter 26/4/12. It was suggested including the details of free insulation in the next article of Williton Window. Cllr Wood agreed to look into potential funding from the Wakeham Trust.

12/07B Highways Matters

There was nothing to report.

12/08B Finance and Budget Considerations

There was nothing to report.

12/09B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

12/09.1 The Copse It was **resolved** to take this item off the agenda as no reply had been received from the agents.

12/09.2 Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note that there was still no reply from the County Council regarding the falling rocks. It was suggested writing back reminding them of their public liability should any accident occur as a result of the damage. It was **resolved** to note that a magnolia tree would be planted as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

12/09.3 Doniford Car Park It was noted that there had been some fly tipping near the toilet block and the Clerk was asked to report this to the District Council.

12/09.4 Recreation Ground It was advised that the dog mess was particularly bad at the present time. Cllr Wood asked if the idea of a Community Café could be put on the WWMRG agenda for discussion as she had been approached by interested parties.

12/10B Draft West Somerset Local Plan

It was **resolved** to submit the final responses to the consultation.

12/11B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Comments
3/39/12/009	51 Long Street – Erection of Conservatory	No objections
3/39/12/017	Garden Cottage, Orchard Wyndham Estate – remedial and restoration work	No objections

Due application 3/39/12/009 being inquorate the comments were recommended to Full Council.

12/12B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/12/005	Stuckeys Coach House, High St – Change of use of existing storage building to dwelling	Granted
3/39/12/008	Williton Pet Care – Change of use from office area to dog grooming area	Granted
3/39/12/015	14 Catwell – Loft conversion	Granted
3/39/12/014	Land adjacent to 9 Whitecroft – Erection of 1 residential dwelling	Granted

12/13B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 11th June 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed at 8.55pm