

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th October 2013 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Troman and Bruford

13/64B Apologies as noted above

13/65B Declarations of Interest

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Koch	13/76B 3/39/13/029	Personal	No comment
Cllr Woods	13/76B 3/39/13/029	Personal	No comment
Cllr McDonald	13/76B 3/39/13/029	Personal	No comment
Cllr Peeks	13/76B	Personal & Prejudicial	No comment

13/66B Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd September 2013

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

13/67B Matters to Report

13/67.1B (Item 13/36.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note that no further response had been received from Wyndham Estate.

13/67.2B (Item 13/53.2&3B) Empty Buildings Cllr McDonald reported on the site meeting with Bernard Seward from the NHPT at the old printing building, who was very keen to keep the old printing press in-situ and use the building as a museum area with potential to use other areas as art studios or internet café. No other interest had been shown in buying the building and if it was left in its current state it would fall down. Building firms had offered unacceptably low sums of money. A copy letter to Sir Raymond Tindle from Mr Seward had been received and it was **resolved** to write to Mr Seward asking him if would be willing to stand as Chairman if a group was formed for a project to turn the building into a museum. The Parish Council would support the project but could make no financial commitment at this stage. If he agreed to this it was **resolved** to write to Sir Raymond Tindle, owner of Tindle Newspapers with a proposal to support a museum.

13/67.3B (Item 13/53.4B) Footpath from Catwell to Townsend It was **resolved** to note the response from Glenn Martin and to request a map of the route of the existing footpath and one of the proposed permissive path and to ask why they could not divert the path rather than make a permissive route. If the only solution was a permissive path then clarification was requested on the length of time this would remain.

13/67.4B (Item 13/53.5B) Review of Parish Boundaries It was **resolved** to note the response from the Boundary Commission and that the District Council was now the authority dealing with a change in civil boundaries. The Clerk agreed to contact Bruce Lang with the request for the change.

13/67.5B (Item 13/53.6B) Former Toilet side adjacent to Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to note the response from Steve Watts and that the Council had resolved not to proceed with this option. The Clerk was asked to write and request the Council to tidy up the area as it was a tourist spot.

13/67.6B (Item 13/53.8B) Waste Dumping along Doniford Stream Cllr Koch advised that she had met Alan Bulpin on site and he agreed to wait until November for the grass and weeds to die down. The Clerk was asked to write and request that he advised us when next visiting the site.

13/67.7B (Item 13/53.9) Ideas to Brighten Village As there was a lack of interest from the traders it was **resolved** to take this off the agenda.

13/68B Correspondence

There was none

13/69B Highways Matters

13/69.1B Unauthorised Parking It was **resolved** to note the reply from the District Council regarding the delay in reviewing the parking charges. Ian Titcombe had agreed to attend a site meeting to look at the problems and it was agreed to arrange the 24th October at 2pm. It was **resolved** to note the correspondence from Mr David Gliddon requesting information on the action that was being taken to resolve the parking problems.

13/70B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was **resolved** to make some minor changes to last year's budget for 2014-2015. It was **resolved** to include £500 for Village Signage for the signs at Doniford. Prices had been obtained and the Clerk was asked to check how long these prices would be held. It may be possible to purchase these signs from the present year's budget, but more signs could be purchased next year. It was **resolved** to keep £4000 for Safe Route to Schools but to change the heading to New Footpaths to include other areas should this footpath not go ahead. Sustainable verges would be included in the EPC Grounds Maintenance budget. It was **resolved** not to include a street light at North Road within the budget as it was agreed to be no need, however, the Clerk was asked to write to the Street Lighting department requesting that the trees around the light in North Road were trimmed back as it was affecting the lighting. It was **resolved** to note the letter from Mr Childs and to reply stating that a site meeting had been held, to which he had been invited, and it was assessed that there was no requirement for a light at this location.

13/71B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

13/71.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to check with Adrian Turner how many trees were dead and to obtain costs to replace any dead trees. It was further **resolved** to ask Wyndham Estate for more stones around the edges.

13/71.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note the response from Magna regarding the repairs to the wall and that they would not be bringing the works forward.

13/71.3B Doniford Car Park There was nothing to report.

13/71.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note the Playground Inspection report and to get quotations for the cost of the repairs.

13/71.5B Street Furniture No response had been received from Notaro but a request had been received from Full Council to relocate the litter bin outside the dentist to this location. The Clerk agreed to write to the District Council to see if this was possible and if so, to check that it would still be emptied.

13/71.6B Grass verges It was **resolved** to note that the areas of concern would be cut soon.

13/72B Planning Application 3/39/13/011 – Williton Community Hall Site – Erection of Stock and Rail Fence

It was **resolved** to note that the report had still not been received and the Clerk agreed to chase this up at the end of the badger cull.

13/73B Flooding Matters

Cllr McDonald advised he had attended further meetings and a meeting had been arranged with David Peake from the Highways Department. The Environment Agency had confirmed that flood sheds were available and it was suggested locating them at Danesfield, the Fire Station and the Police Station. Cllr McDonald advised that he was still looking to recruit volunteer flood wardens and Cllr Woods agreed to make enquiries at Doniford. A further meeting with all agencies would be arranged to finalise the flood plan.

13/74B Maintenance of Bus Shelter at Tropiquaria

As the bus shelter was in an untidy state it was **resolved** to check with David Peake if this was the responsibility of the Highways Department.

13/75B Report of Meeting with Natural England held on 26th September 2013

It was **resolved** to note the written report from Cllr Woods and to wait for the report from Natural England to be published.

13/76B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/024	16 Shutgate Meadow	Single storey extension	No objections
3/39/13/025	Orchard Wyndham House	Adaptations to existing security system and installation of CCTV monitoring	No objections
3/39/13/026	Police Station, 4-6 Priest Street	Installation of surface mounted fibre-optic cabling on west-side elevation and low level retaining boundary wall	No objections
3/39/13/027&028	21 Bridge Street	Installation of two rear dormer windows, one side window and internal alterations	No objections
3/39/13/030	Bardon House, Washford	Erection of replacement dwelling (part-retrospective)	Members had no objections but were disappointed that it was a retrospective application
3/39/13/029	Roughmoor Industrial Estate	The display of one non-illuminated locational and directional business directory sign	Members unable to comment due to being inquorate. Other members would be consulted and recommendations bought to Full Council

13/77B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/021	16 Half Acre – Double Garage	Granted
3/39/13/022	39 Townsend – Erection of front porch	Granted
3/39/13/023	Bengal Spice, 7 Fore Street – Display of illuminated fascia signage and projecting sign	Granted
3/39/13/024	15 Shutgate Meadow – Single Storey Extension	Granted

13/78B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Parking at Danesfield School

Meeting closed at 8.55pm