

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 17th February 2014 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors Peeks (Chairman), Koch, Woods, Troman, McDonald and Bigwood (left at 7.30pm at Item 13/111B but was not present for item 13/110B which had been moved back)
Public None
Other Ms J Johnson-Smith

Apologies:

Councillors

13/104B **Apologies as noted above**

13/105B **Declarations of Interest**

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/114B	Personal	No comment

13/106B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th January 2014**

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

13/107B **Matters to Report**

13/107.1B (Item 13/96.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note that no further correspondence had been received and the Clerk agreed to chase this again. It was further **resolved** to change the heading to "Pedestrian Routes" to include other projects.

13/107.2B (Item 13/96.2B) Empty Buildings It was **resolved** to note that a letter had been written to Sir Ray Tindle, and that the Regeneration Forum had shown an interest in the project. Cllr Troman agreed to enlist some public interest. It was further **resolved** to note the response from the Building Control Officer and that the exterior did not appear to be in a dangerous condition.

13/107.3B (Item 13/96.3B) Waste Dumping along Doniford Stream Cllr Koch advised that Cllr May had had been in contact with Alan Bulpin but the present flooding had altered the situation. Cllr McDonald agreed to look at this again when going around the village with Cllr May shortly.

13/108B **Correspondence**

13/108.1B It was **resolved** to note the Consultation on the Pre-Submission Somerset Mineral Plan and that comments had already been submitted.

13/108.2B It was **resolved** to note the copy of the e-petition to amend the National Planning Policy Framework and that members could respond individually.

13/108.3B It was **resolved** to note the leaflets for the Somerset Levels Relief Fund and members agreed to circulate in areas of the village. It was also **resolved** to put the letter of request for financial support on the next Finance and Administration Committee agenda.

13/109B **Highways Matters**

13/109.1B Unauthorised Parking The Clerk agreed to write directly to the Manager of the Co-op regarding reimbursement of parking fees for their customers. There was no further news from the District Council regarding free parking spaces and the Clerk agreed to chase this. She also agreed to write to Ian Titcombe to ask when the zig zag lines outside the Post Office were to be extended.

13/109.2B Other Various Highways issues The Clerk advised that she had received a report of subsidence at Tower Hill which was being dealt with by the Highways. She was asked to send a copy of the email to Sampford Brett Parish Council as this was on the boundary. She had also received a report of a blocked drain at High Street which was also in hand.

13/110B **Finance and Budget Considerations**

13/110.1B Village signs at Doniford It was **resolved** to note the site meeting to discuss the location of the signs was postponed due to the recent bad weather and would be rearranged shortly. It was **resolved** to recommend the increase of cost to £582 including posts and installation as there had been a delay in the order.

13/110.2B Sale and Disposal of Assets It was **resolved** to agree to the recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee regarding the sale and disposal of assets.

13/111B **Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**

- 13/111.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that the stones would be placed shortly. It was advised that dog litter was a problem and it was hoped the situation would improve when the grass was shorter.
- 13/111.2B Bellamy's Corner There was nothing to report, however good feedback had been received regarding the bulbs which were now coming through.
- 13/111.3B Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to note that more holes had appeared after the recent bad weather. It was **resolved** to wait until the weather had improved before making any repairs.
- 13/111.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note that more vandalism had occurred in the story telling area of the playground. The Clerk would arrange the repairs.
- 13/111.5B Street Furniture It was **resolved** not to move the litter bin from the hospital as it was well used.
- 13/111.6B Grass verges There was nothing to report.

13/112B Overgrown Vegetation on steps of Limpetshell Lane

The Clerk advised that she had contacted Magna and the Highways to find out ownership but had no success. It was suggested that she contacted the District Council for advice. Cllr Troman also agreed to look into the ownership.

13/113B Dog Litter Bins

Cllr Troman asked the Council to consider purchasing two dog bins, one by the hospital and one at the bottom of Watchet Hill, as she had received several requests for these from local residents. Due to high maintenance costs it was suggested first looking at possible relocations of bins that were not being well used and the Clerk agreed to write to the District Council for details of use of all the bins in Williton including the bin at the top of Watchet Hill which was over the boundary in Watchet. She would also ask if they would be willing to provide any more bins.

13/114B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/14/002	Doniford Farm	Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 3/39/11/024 in order to regularise the building of Barn H	No objections
3/39/14/003	Doniford Farm	Internal and external alterations to Barn H	No objections and supports application
3/39/14/004	DESO Engineering, Roughmoor Ind Est	Installation of a 140kwp solar PV system on the roof	No objections

13/115B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/033	2 Long Street – Change of use of registry office (B1) to florist (A1)	Granted

13/116B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Meeting closed at 8.10pm