

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 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

13/33B **Apologies as noted above**

13/34B **Declarations of Interest**

Member	Minute No	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/46B	Personal	No comment

13/35B **Approval of the Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

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

13/36B **Matters to Report**

13/36.1B (Item 13/23.1B) Safe Route to Schools It was **resolved** to note no reply had been received from the agent and Cllr McDonald agreed to chase this up at his forthcoming meeting with Alex Johnstone. It was **resolved** to note that a stock proof post and rail fence had been erected on part of the proposed route on the Williton side and the Clerk was asked to write to inform the agent and request that the fence was not taken down.

13/36.2B (Item 13/23.2B) Empty Homes It was **resolved** to note the response from Nick Jobson and that the roof to the cottage near the Free Press building had been finished.

13/36.3B (Item 13/23.3B) Empty Free Press Office It was **resolved** to note the response from the NHPT and confirmation that they would not be purchasing the Cosser Printer. This item was to be kept on the agenda.

13/36.4B (Item 13/23.6B) Footpath from Catwell to Townsend It was **resolved** to note the response from Glenn Martin and that he was in discussion with the agent regarding dedicating a new path. Cllr McDonald agreed to raise this at his meeting with Alex Johnstone and to request that consideration is given to move the fence.

13/36.5B (Item 13/23.7B) Review of Parish Boundaries It was **resolved** to note the response was mixed from Old Cleeve Parish Council as some residents were in favour of remaining in Old Cleeve and some would prefer to move to Williton. Nettlecombe Parish Council confirmed that they felt Blade Mill should be redesignated to Yarde within their Parish and the Clerk was asked to write to the Boundary Commission with this request.

13/36.6B (Item 13/23.8B) Former Toilet side adjacent to Doniford Car Park It was **resolved** to note that no further response had been received from the District Council and the Clerk was asked to chase this.

13/36.7B (Item 13/23.9B) Unauthorised Parking It was advised that the two days monitoring had highlighted a big problem with illegal parking and the Clerk agreed to collate the responses and to write to the Highways Department to request they reconsider a box junction outside the Post Office. Some complaints had been received regarding parking at Blacksmith's Close. It was noted that the road had not yet been adopted and the Clerk was asked to write to the Highways asking when this would take place and to write to Summerfield Homes to request that they speed up the process.

13/36.8B (Item 13/23.11B) Union Lane – Community Clean Up Day – 20<sup>th</sup> July It was **resolved** to note that Cllr Bennett would collect the equipment from Veolia. The Clerk would check when the litter would be collected.

13/36.9B (Item 13/23.12B) Dumping along Doniford Stream It was **resolved** to note that no reply had been received from Alan Bulpin and the Clerk was asked to chase this up as the rubble was still there.

13/37B **Correspondence**

13/37.1 It was **resolved** to note the letter from Mrs Human requesting that illegal parking was monitored at High Street and a copy of a response from Highways to her request for residential parking permits. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways asking when the residents would be able to apply for their streets to be designated for residential parking.

13/37.2 It was **resolved** to note the phone call received from the resident of 15 Catwell expressing concern about the stream at the bottom of her garden and that hedges to the neighbouring property were not being cut and this was encroaching into her back garden. The Clerk was asked to request details of the neighbour in order to write and Cllr McDonald agreed to take this up with the Environment Agency at his forthcoming meeting.

13/38B **Highways Matters**

13/38.1B Road Closure at Doniford Road It was noted that no reply had been received to the question regarding opening the road at certain times of the day and the Clerk was asked to chase this.

13/38.2B It was **resolved** to note that a bollard had been crushed outside the Co-op and the Clerk was asked to notify the Highways Department.

### 13/39B Finance and Budget Considerations

It was **resolved** to pay £45 for the annual inspection of the playground.

### 13/40B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

13/40.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note that stones had been placed to prevent cars parking. Cllr McDonald agreed to chase up the lease at his meeting with Alex Johnstone.

13/40.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note Somerset County Council had returned a plan with clear 'T' markings of ownership of the wall and the Clerk had contacted both the landowners. It was **resolved** to note that Magna had accepted liability and agreed to repair the wall within their budget of 2014-2015 but no reply had been received from Nat West Bank.

13/40.3B Doniford Car Park There was nothing to report

13/40.4B Recreation Ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note that the ground was looking good and the hedges had been cut. Screws had become bent and loose on the multi play equipment but this had been replaced. The grass in the Community Hall site needed cutting and it was **resolved** to ask the Trustee to do this.

13/40.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report

13/40.6B Grass verges There was nothing to report. The Clerk confirmed that the District Council had cut the grass at Casino Road.

### 13/41B Ideas to Brighten Village

Cllr Woods suggested using the solar lights in storage on Bellamy's Corner. It was further suggested that there could be a shop front competition and hanging baskets placed on the brackets outside the shops. Cllr McDonald agreed to take these ideas to the meeting of the District Council with the traders.

### 13/42B Weedspraying at Doniford Road and Bus Stop

Concern was expressed regarding the overgrown weeds on the pavement from Court Farm to the bridge on Doniford Road which was forcing pedestrians to walk on the road including parents with pushchairs. The area around the bus stop was also badly overgrown. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways.

### 13/43B Doniford Signs

It was suggested purchasing two signs for the entrances into Doniford as there were none. The Clerk agreed to look at the costs and Cllr Woods agreed to look at a suitable location and bring to the next meeting. This could be included in next year's budget.

### 13/44B Steps leading from Limpetshell Lane to Townsend

Concern was expressed regarding the overgrowth on the steps making them very difficult to be used. It was thought to be Magna's responsibility and the Clerk was asked to write to them.

### 13/45B Willet Brook Flood Survey

It was **resolved** to note that Magna had carried out a flood aversion survey at Willet Brook and were intending to carry out the necessary work. Cllr McDonald was thanked for his help in this matter.

### 13/46B Planning Application 3/39/13/011 – Williton Community Hall Site – Erection of Stock and Rail Fence

It was **resolved** to note the plan had been withdrawn as a survey was needed to ascertain whether the badger sett was active. The Clerk was asked to contact Somerset Wildlife Trust for advice.

### 13/47B Planning Applications for consideration

Application	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/13/020	Highbridge House, 9 Station Road	Amendments to roof and north elevation of existing outbuilding and extension following planning permission granted on 14/6/12	No objections
3/39/13/019	3 Blacksmith's Close	Installation of modern up and over garage door on existing car port	No objections

### 13/48B Notification of planning decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/13/010	Fairfiled House Hotel, 51 Long Street – Erection of ground floor side extension	Granted
3/39/13/008&009	White House Hotel, 11 Long Street – Conversion of barn to additional guest accommodation	Granted
3/39/13/013	Lloyds TSB Bank, 23 Fore Street – Display of illuminated ATM tablet	Granted

### 13/49B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office

Flooding by allotments

Meeting closed at 8.40pm