

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
held on 9th February 2015 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.**

Attendees:

Councillors: Koch (Chairperson) Bigwood (left during item 14/109.8 at 7.45pm), McDonald, Peeks and Stiven
Public: None
Other: Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors: None

14/106B Apologies as noted above.

14/1077B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	14/115B 3/28/14/005	Pecuniary, Case Officer	Left Room

14/108B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th January 2015

After a Proposal by Cllr Peeks and Seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

14/109B Matters to Report

- 14/109.1B (Item 14/89.1B) Pedestrian Routes It was **resolved** to note an email had been received in February 2014 from Alex Johnston, of which he was still awaiting a reply. Responses were made from Councillors present and it was **resolved** the Clerk would reply and report back to next meeting.
- 14/109.2B (Item 14/89.2B) State of Road at St Peter's Close It was **resolved** to note a reply was still awaited from Property Services.
- 14/109.3B (Item 14/89.3B) Village Information Board It was **resolved** to note no further information was available and Cllr McDonald was still researching the matter.
- 14/109.4B (Item 14/89.4B) State of Market Ground & the Hole in Bank Street It was **resolved** to note the hole in Bank Street had been filled and Mr Gliddon had been Thanked. It was **unanimously resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 14/109.5B (Item 14/89.5B) Flooding Matters It was **resolved** to note the full report taken to the February Full Council meeting. Cllr McDonald reported the next meeting with West Somerset Flood Group was to be held on 13th February. Cllr McDonald and Cllr Bigwood would be clearing the stretch by the Paddocks on 12th February, after which it was **resolved** to note that all streams had been cleared as far as Doniford. Cllr Koch thanked Cllr McDonald, working groups and all that had been involved for carrying out this important work.
- 14/109.6B (Item 14/89.6) Owl Boxes in village It was **resolved** to note that Lew Newman was in communication with Wyndham Estate. Cllr Denton had reported there were Owl Boxes on the Estate many years ago and Lew Newman was establishing whether they were still in situation and still suitable for use.
- 14/109.7B (Item 14/89.7B) Doniford Footpath It was **resolved** to note the detailed plan which had been requested had been received from Sarah Littler. A verbal reply had been received by Mr Edward Down to the Clerk confirming he would agree in principal, but it was **resolved** to note Mr Down would not put this in writing. No further communication had been received from Sarah Littler and it was **resolved** the Clerk would contact her for an update. It was also **resolved** the Clerk would contact Paul Conibeare from West Somerset Railway and request a meeting at the Parish Office to discuss the project and to confirm the Parish are happy to facilitate getting parties together, but that they believe the West Somerset Railway should take the lead regarding funding applications.
- 14/109.8B (Item 14/89.8B) Williton Market It was **resolved** to note further information had been received from Watchet Town Council. It was **unanimously resolved** to ask if either Watchet Town Council or Minehead Farmers Market would like to take on the organisation of a Market in Williton. It was **resolved** to report the item back to Full Council; to discuss the current situation and enquire how they would like to proceed.

- 14/109.9B (Item 14/96B) Consultation of the draft second Rights of Way Improvement Plan The document had been circulated and comments made, it was **resolved** the Clerk would now send the reply.
- 14/109.10B (Item 14/97B) Bollard / Retractable Posts for Watchet Hill / North Road The reply from Gary Warren was noted. It was unanimously **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 14/109.11B (Item 14/98B) Village Gate A quotation had been received. It was **resolved** to ask Highways again for their comments, with the possibility of proposing a trial on one entrance to the village.
- 14/109.12B (Item 14/99B) Clean-up Day It was **resolved** this would be held on Saturday 21st March 2015 at 2pm. Cllr Stiven would report to Love Williton. It was **resolved** the Clerk would include in the next edition of Williton Window. Meet at Sir Gilbert Scott Court to clear Union Lane. It was **resolved** that Veolia would be asked for litter pickers and rubbish bags as before. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Magna to request the fence be re-installed by the steps on Union Lane, where Whitecroft joins Long Lakes.
- 14/109.13B (Item 14/100B) Parking outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Highways to request double yellow lines along the outside of the property on the main A39.

14/110B Correspondence

- 14/110.1B Reply from Sarah Littler; already discussed under item 14/109.7B.
- 14/110.2B A verbal reply had been received from Madeline, Manager of Croft House regarding the storage of sand bags. It was suggested the fenced area alongside Beckett House (owned by Somerset County Council) would be suitable. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Keith Richards from District and relay the information.

14/111B Highway Matters

- 14/111.1B It was **resolved** to note a temporary road closure notice had been received regarding The Avenue, West Quantoxhead.

14/112B Finance and Budget

- 14/112.1B It was **resolved** to note the decision by Full Council to purchase scalping's for Doniford car park

14/133B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

- 14/113.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note the Betula would be planted by Wibble Farm Nurseries on 11th February 2015. It was **resolved** the Clerk would check when the grass cutting would take place.
- 14/113.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note the roadwork signs that had been restricting access to Bellamy's Corner had been moved. It was **resolved** to note a clean-up would be held on Thursday 12th February at 9am.
- 14/113.3B Doniford Car Park This item was bought forward after item 14/108B
Cllr Bigwood expressed his frustration how this item was reported to Full Council after a recommendation from the Finance Committee. It was **resolved** to note that the EPC were still in the opinion that until the carpark is tarmaced there will always be a few pot holes due to the nature of the environment and that the EPC were only looking after resources. Cllr Peeks queried whether the decision by the EPC could be overruled due to the 6-month rule, it was **resolved** the Clerk would check and clarify this matter. The Councillors would like to remind all that items are to be kept in the correct committees. It was **resolved** to note the EPC committee do not expect this situation to occur again.
- 14/113.4B Recreation ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note the hedge had been cut. It was further **resolved** to note the screen around the story-telling area had been repaired and other repairs had been carried out. A discussion took place regarding the problem of Dog fouling on the memorial ground, concern was raised regarding the safety of all users and it was **resolved** to add the item to the next Trustee meeting. An email had been received from Cllr May regarding smoke-free play areas. It was **resolved** the clerk would request further information.
- 14/113.5B Street Furniture Nothing to report.
- 14/113.6B Grass verges Nothing to report.

14/114B Date of Meeting in May due to Elections -

As the Election would take place on May 7th 2015 it was unanimously **resolved** to recommend to Full Council to change the date of the Environment and Planning Committee to Tuesday 5th May 2015, and the date of the Full Council meeting to Monday 11th May 2015. Cllr Peeks gave apologies for the 5th May.

14/115B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/15/001	Tropiquaria	Construction of play fort on picnic lawn	No objections
3/39/15/002	The Vicarage 16 Bridge Street	Infill house to provide new vicarage	No objections
3/28/14/005	Land at Aller Farm, East of Woodford and North of Monksilver	Erection of a Solar PV Development and associated works – amended plans/details	Previous Objections remain – Objections on the grounds of the comments raised by the neighbouring parishes as it did not support the Government advice regarding location within an outstanding natural environment and on the grounds of the implication of heavy traffic that would need to access the site at Bridge Farm.
3/39/14/036	26 to 30 Long Street	Proposed conversion of redundant workshop and separate garage/store to create two new dwellings	No objections

14/116B Notification of planning decisions - noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/14/038	4 Rylands Close	Granted
3/39/14/032	The Swill, Doniford	Granted
3/39/14/035	Lavender Cottage, Long Street	Granted

14/117B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 9th March 2015 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office

Meeting closed at 8.35pm