

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
held on 11th April 2016 at 7.00pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.**

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairperson), Bigwood, Kirkham, McDonald, Richards and White
Public: None
Other: Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors: None

15/119B **There were no apologies.**

15/120B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Richards	15/123.1B, 15/127B, 15/122B, 15/133B 15/122.4B, 122.5B 15/126.3B	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Peeks	15/122.5B, 15, 15/123.1B, 15/123.2B, 15/126.3B	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Peeks	15/132B	Case Officer, WSC Employee	Left Room

15121B **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th March 2016**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Bigwood.

15/122B **Matters from the Minutes** – for the purpose of report only.

15/122.1B (Item 15/108.1B) Pedestrian Routes / Safe Route to School It was **resolved** to note there had been no further update. The Clerk would request a response before the next meeting.

15/122.2B (Item 15/108.2B) State of Road at St Peter’s Close There had been no further update.

15/122.3B (Item 15/108.5) Owl Boxes in village It was **resolved** to note that Mr Lew Newman had made an appointment with David Noade of Savills.

15/122.4B (Item 15/108.7B) Footpath Raglands Cross to Catwell It was **resolved** to note there had been no further update.

15/122.5B (Item 15/108.8B) Footpath from Long Street and Danesborough View East Members were advised West Somerset Council were still unable to ascertain the ownership and it was not listed with land registry. It was **resolved** the Clerk would reply stating there was encroachment of the pathway. It was further **resolved** the Clerk would contact Highways.

15/122.6B (Item 15/108.12B) Street Art in the Tractor Shed The Clerk confirmed Cllr McDonald had an appointment booked for the 19th April 2016.

15/123B **Correspondence**

15/123.1B A letter had been received from Mrs Troman requesting litter bins in Doniford Road and Watchet Hill. It was **resolved** to note that West Somerset Council were not in the position to install any new bins due to a tendering phase. It was **resolved** to monitor the problem by the bench in Doniford Road. Cllr Bigwood suggested approaching Williton Youth Club regarding litter picking on Watchet Hill. It was **resolved** to hold a quarterly litter picks and encourage all to attend. Cllr Peeks requested this to be discussed at the meeting with Danesfield School. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to West Somerset Council to request the replacement of the bin on Watchet Hill that was set alight several years before. It was **resolved** the Clerk would reply to Mrs Troman.

- 15/123.2B A copy of the consultation boards in respect to development south of Doniford Road/Normandy Avenue had been received from Grassroots. After a discussion it was **resolved** the Clerk would reply with the following concerns:
- Concern over access and increased amount of traffic on Doniford Road.
 - Concern regarding surface water on Doniford Road and the natural spring
 - Concern regarding accessing Doniford Road and there have been numerous previous collisions
 - No safe pedestrian footpath for all, especially pushchairs and mobility scooters
 - Unhappy in principal with houses being built in this area
 - Concern over the need for buffer of green belt, it was felt the boundaries were becoming blurred and green space is needed around settlements
 - Concern over the need for new houses due to the amount of vacant existing properties
 - Concern over the lack of employment in the area
 - The access will be over a private road
 - Concern regarding street lighting and light pollution in an area of dark skies
 - Concern for wildlife – ancestral badger set in the mound
 - Not on local plan as land to be used
- 15/123.3B It was **resolved** to note this item.
- 15/124B Highway Matters**
- 15/124.1B (Item 15/110.3B) Cllr White apologised for not completing this action but proposed to create a map of the Parish showing speed indicators on all entrances to the village. It was **resolved** Cllr White would produce the map for the next meeting.
- 15/125B Finance and Budget**
There was nothing to report.
- 15/126B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 15/126.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was **resolved** to note the grass needed to be cut and that the trees were growing well. It was **resolved** the Clerk would check the rootstocks and loosen the tree ties if necessary.
- 15/126.2B Bellamy's Corner It was **resolved** to note the area was looking nice and thanks were expressed to Alan Stiven for his recent work.
- 15/126.3B Doniford Car Park – It was **resolved** to note that Cllr McDonald had met a representative from West Somerset Council for a site meeting. A discussion took place regarding the wording of the lease stating the Parish Council are responsible for the existing fence as it was felt a new fence was required. A reply was awaited from Mr Clothier. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Risdon Hosegood for advice within a budget of £200.00. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Richards it was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would write to Mr Clothier asking for a reply stating safety and welfare of the car park. It was further **resolved** the Clerk would write to West Somerset Council regarding the Grade 2 Listed Lime Kiln, which had a large crack and concern for any underlying issues. It was unanimously resolved to request West Somerset Council for a replacement like-for-like waste bin as the existing was in disrepair. The Clerk confirmed Natural England would arrange for their information board to be re-sited.
- 15/126.4B Recreation ground and Play Area It was **resolved** to note this item would be discussed under item 15/135B.
- 15/126.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report.
- 15/126.6B Grass verges – It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact West Somerset Council to request that the grass in Long Street is cut.
- 15/127B Flooding Matters**
- It had been reported a tree had fallen across the stream by the orchard. Wyndham Estate had sorted the ditches by the leat. A discussion took place regarding the high level of water by Aller Meade, this was believed to be as a result of the Washford Roundabout and clearer waterways.
- 15/128B Village Information Boards and Parish Guide**
- Cllr Richards presented a picture of new oak information boards that had been installed by Haven which members agreed were impressive and would consider.
- 15/129B Planters by Village Signs**
- A reply had been received from Judith Ellis, Road Records and Licensing Technician, Somerset County Council advising only one Village Name Sign was on the highway, therefore the consent form received was only allowed at the sign at Five Bells. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Richards it was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would write and confirm acceptance of the conditions on the consent.

15/130B Clean for the Queen

The Clerk advised a response was awaited from West Quantoxhead. Cllr Kirkham advised members that Veolia had advised they would like to make a donation of 13 litter pickers which had been ordered and would be donated upon arrival.

15/131B Printing Museum

It was **resolved** there had been no further update.

15/132B Planning Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/16/004	12 Dovetons Close	Erection of one new dwelling	No objection
3/39/16/005	1 Long Street	Replacement roof covering and internal alterations including the installation of a stud wall	No objection

15/133B There were no planning decisions

15/134B It was resolved to remove the public and press from the remainder of the meeting.

15/135B Quotations had been received for the repair of the tunnel in the Play Area. These were no longer valid as the tunnel had been vandalised and burnt out the previous week. After a proposal from Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Kirkham it was unanimously **resolved** not to replace the tunnel. It was **resolved** the remains would be removed and the area re-seeded. The incident had been reported to the Police and the crime reference was 5216077562.

15/136B It was noted only one quotation had been received from Darren's Dens for the sum of £130.00 for the repair of Willow Hurdles in the Play Area. Cllr McDonald proposed the repair of the hurdles for the last time and requested this to be formally recorded; the proposal was seconded by Cllr Richards and unanimously **resolved**. It was **resolved** the Clerk would accept the quotation, but request the work to be carried out after the Police had finished their investigation regarding the play tunnel.

15/137B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office

Wheelie Bins on Long Street by Danesborough View
Village Crosses

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm