

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairperson), Aldridge (left at 7.45pm during item 16/46.1), Bigwood, Denton (arrived at 7.20pm during item 16/45.5B), Kirkham, McDonald, Richards and White.
Public: None
Other: Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors: None

16/41B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

16/42B **Apologies as noted above.**

16/43B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	16/45.3B, 16/45.5B, 16/45.2B, 16/46.1B, 16/49.3B, 16/59B, 16/60B, 16/53B	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Richards	16/45.3B, 16/45.5B, 16/46.1B, 16/49.3B, 16/50B, 16/53B, 16/55B, 16/59B, 16/60B, 16/45.2B	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting

16/44B **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th June 2016**

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

16/45B **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

16/45.1B (Item 16/24.1B) Pedestrian Routes/Safe Route to School A meeting was held with David Noad, Wyndham Estate and Cllr McDonald advised members there had been no decision due to the possible building plans in the future, on the field next to the proposed route.

16/45.2B (Item 16/24.2B) State of Road at St Peter's Close It was **resolved** that Cllr Peeks would look at the original planning application to try and ascertain ownership. Members were advised it had been seen on land terrier that the land was owned by Magna Housing. Cllr Aldridge suggested taking advice from the Land Registry asking why it was on documents saying who owned land but now not on register; if a mistake had occurred it could be rectified.

16/45.3B (Item 16/24.4B) Footpath from Long Street and Danesborough View East It was reported that the hedge had been cut back and the area cleared. It was **resolved** the Clerk would again ask for an update regarding the repairs to the light.

16/45.4B (Item 16/24.5B) Street Art in the Tractor Shed The Clerk reported no reply had been received from Danesfield School, therefore it was **resolved** the Clerk would contact St Peter's School to enquire if they would like the boards. If St Peter's School declined the offer, Cllr Aldridge suggested contacting Coleman Removals to enquire if they would store the boards on behalf of the Parish Council.

16/45.5B (Item 16/25.2B) Steps between Union Lane and Long Lakes Cllr McDonald advised members that David Noad had agreed to check the boundary and would advise in due course. Cllr Peeks advised the trees were tagged, with the same discs as those in Butts Close and Aller Mead Way, which are owned by Magna. It was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would contact Magna, stating the disc numbers 2990, 2991 and 2993, but not where the trees are located and ask if they were the owners. (Cllr Denton arrived) It was **resolved** that Cllr Peeks and Richards would take photographs of the discs and location for the purpose of record keeping.

16/46B Correspondence

16/46.1B (Item 16/70.2) Consultation of proposed modifications to the West Somerset Local Plan 2031

It was noted that this was to consider the modifications only. A discussion took place which included comments from Cllrs Aldridge, Denton and Perrett. After a proposal from Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Denton it was **resolved**, with one abstention, that Cllr McDonald and the Clerk would amalgamate the comments under appendix D, which would then be circulated to Councillors and submitted to meet the deadline of Friday 15th July 2016.

16/47B Highway Matters

16/47.1B (Item 16/26.1B) Traffic Calming Cllr White advised members that further to his investigations the requirements by law had been met and that under ROSPA it clearly stated the speed limit should assume 30mph until there was a sign saying otherwise. Therefore, after a proposal from Cllr White, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda. The Chairman thanked Cllr White for his work regarding this matter.

16/48B Finance and Budget

There was nothing to report.

16/49B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

16/49.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) It was reported that David Noad had said it would be highly unlikely that Wyndham Estate would gift the Copse to the Parish Council as Bridge Farm was a possible development site. It was further noted the repair of the grass area, placement of boulder rocks and parking on the top road, would be looked into by Mr Noad as a matter of urgency.

16/49.2B Bellamy's Corner It was reported the grass and been cut and that it was nice to see the area being well used.

16/49.3B Doniford Car Park

- The Clerk advised members that a complaint had been received regarding stinging nettles around the boundary. Cllr McDonald proposed to leave the nettles as they were as they were an important wildlife habitat, this motion was seconded by Cllr Kirkham. A counter-proposal was put forward from Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Denton to instruct a contractor to clear the area, after a vote of 2 in favour and 4 against, this proposal was not carried. A vote was then taken on the first proposal and it was **resolved** with 4 in favour and 2 against to leave the area alone.
- The clerk reported no reply had been received from West Somerset Council regarding the Lime Kiln; after a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Denton it was **resolved** with 2 abstentions that the clerk would write again to Bryn Kitching advising that a letter had been written previously, but there had been no response.
- A discussion took place regarding the fence at the cliff edge and whether the Parish Council should continue to lease the car park. After a proposal from Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr McDonald, with 2 abstentions, it was **resolved** to recommend to Parish Council that a letter is written to Mr Clothier stating if a replacement fence is not erected with two months, then due to health and safety reasons, the Parish Council will consider rescinding the lease.
- The clerk cautioned members that it would be ill advised to not take any action regarding the fence, therefore it was resolved with due diligence to erect safety tape and a notice stating "Beware – Crumbling Cliff". It was **resolved** photographs would be taken for evidence.

16/49.4B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground It was **resolved** to note the play tunnel had been cleared. The fence repair had not been undertaken, it was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Darren's Dens again.

16/49.5B Street Furniture There was nothing to report.

16/49.6B Grass verges The Clerk had requested a price for undertaking the SCC grass areas from Darren Hill, Deane DLO.

16/50B Flooding Matters

Cllr McDonald advised a meeting was due to take place later in the month, which he would report on at the next meeting.

16/51B (Item 16/30B) Village Information Board and Parish Guide

Cllr McDonald reported he had emailed Harry Stebbing for further information. David Noad, Wyndham Estate would ask the Trustees if they would sponsor a board for placement on the Copse, for the sum of £500.00.

16/52B (Item 16/31B) Printing Museum

There had been no update. It was **resolved** to keep as an agenda item whilst the West Somerset Free Press offices were being renovated.

16/53B (Item 16/32B) **Wheelie Bins on Long Street**

It was **resolved** the bins had been removed and that the Clerk would write to Somerset Waste Partnership to thank them for their assistance. It was further **resolved** that bin bags had now appeared on the footpath alongside of the end cottage and the Clerk was asked to report fly-tipping to West Somerset Council.

16/54B (Item 16/33B) **Village Crosses**

It was **resolved** Cllr White would obtain further information and costings and report back to the next meeting.

16/55B (Item 16/34B) **Fly tipping at Queen Bee site, Doniford**

There had been no further reports. It was **resolved** to keep on the agenda for a further month to enable the situation to be monitored.

16/56B (Item 16/37B) **Highway Finger Posts**

There had been no further update.

16/57B **Children's Safety on Roads**

Concern was raised regarding children playing on the pavement and road by Whitecroft and Long Lakes. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact the Police to ensure they are aware of the situation.

16/58B **Road Signs for Robert Street**

It had been reported that vehicles were travelling down Robert Street in error as road signs to Bridgwater seemed to point to Robert Street. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Highways and request the signage is addressed and a sign erected stating 'Do not follow SatNav'.

16/59B **Planning Applications for consideration**

It was **resolved** to refer this item to the next Parish Council meeting and Cllrs McDonald and Richards would prepare a report. Cllr Denton left during this item.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/14/024	J Gliddon & Sons Ltd, Bank Street	An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State by Mr Gliddon Against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the Development.	
3/39/14/010	Land at Bank Street/ForeStreet	An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State by J Gliddon & Sons Ltd against the Council's decision to refuse planning Permission for the development.	

16/60B **Notification of planning decisions – there were none**

Application No	Location	Outcome

16/61B **Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.00 pm in Parish Office**

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm