

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
Held on 15th July 2019 at 7.15 pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.**

Attendees:

Councillors: Perrett (Chairman) Aldridge, Payne, White and Nye

Public: None

Other: Miss Jo Holmes

Apologies:

Councillors: Peeks, Howes and Hooper

19/49B It was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Aldridge for Cllr Perrett to be Chairman of the meeting due to Cllr Peeks absence. It was advised that the meeting would be recorded.

19/50B Apologies as noted above.

19/51B Declarations of Interest.

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Aldridge	19/55.1B (3/39/19/013, 014, 016, 019, 020, 022.	Prejudicial – Member of District Council Planning Committee.	Left the room.
Cllr Payne	19/55.1B (3/39/19/020)	Personal	Left the room.

19/52B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10th June 2019.

After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White, it was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

19/53B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only.

19/53.1B It was **resolved** to note the Children's Play Area had now been Jet Washed to rid moss and algae.

19/53.2B It was **resolved** to note that as the block guttering above Spar had already been repaired, there was no need to add this as an item to the agenda.

19/54B Correspondence.

19/54.1B It was **resolved** to write to land owners of properties that back on to the river at Blacksmith Close and Roberts Street advising large amounts of vegetation and ivy had been reported growing into the river and needs to be cut back, to remind the land owners their responsibility remains across to the middle of the river and of their riparian duties, advise that the Environment Agency do not get involved in the clearing of this unless it causes a flood.

It was **resolved** to obtain a large-scale ordinance survey map from SWAT, this would give a detailed plan of where the river runs through Williton and what properties back onto the river, and for this to be available for the next flood group meeting.

19/54.2B It was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Nye to obtain four laminated plastic 'Happy to Chat' signs and for one to be placed on a bench at Bellamy's Corner.

It was **resolved** to write to the trustees asking if they would like to put one of these signs' WPC have purchased on a bench at the Memorial Ground.

19/54.3B After a lengthy discussion on various projects that would benefit from the S106 funding money available, it was **resolved** to defer this discussion to another matter later on in the meeting (*item 19/60.4B*).

19/54.4B It was **resolved** to note a brochure from Creative Play.

19/54.5B It was **resolved** to note a leaflet from HAGS.

19/54.6B To note the verbal request from No. 4 High Street asking if WPC would write to the Highway Department on their behalf giving our support to their request for a 'Concealed Entrance' sign to be erected due to speed of traffic travelling along High Street (A358).

19/55B Planning Applications for consideration.

19/55.1

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/19/013	The Cottage, 4 Half Acre, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NX.	Replacement of front door.	No objection.
3/39/19/014	6 Half Acre, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NX.	Replacement of front door.	No objection.
3/39/19/016	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way, Williton, TA4 4TB.	Change of use of part of first floor of agricultural building to holiday let.	No objection.
3/39/19/019	Doniford Farm Park, Doniford Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ.	Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of hay and farm machinery.	No objection.
3/39/19/020	1 Tower Hill, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NT.	Erection of a pitched roof above the existing garage and conversion to additional living accommodation.	No objection.
3/39/19/022	Courtleigh, Doniford Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ.	Erection of extension to rear, porch to front, construction of dormer windows to front and conversion of garage to additional living accommodation.	No objection.

19/56B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted.

19/56.1B

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/19/012	15 Dovetons Drive, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4ST.	Refused.
3/39/19/006	Mamsey House, 30 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ.	Granted.

19/57B Highway Matters.

- 19/57.1B Doniford Bus Shelter – It was **resolved** to note we had not received a reply from Haven and to chase this matter up again.
- 19/57.2B Grit Bin at Five Bells – It was **resolved** to note the survey carried out by Cllr Payne and for the new grit bin to be located at the bottom of the hill on Bridge Close. It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Nye, unanimously agreed to purchase three grit bins if within budget, a 160lt size for Five Bells, one small for Bridge Close and a slim-line to put between Tower Hill and Half Acre, to help with the slippery path incident (item 57.4B). A discussion took place on the purchase of the new grit bin at Five Bells item (18/155.2B).
- 19/57.3B Overgrown hedge between 'Potters Yard' and 'Little House' – It was **resolved** to defer this matter and report at the next meeting whether the hedge cutting works had been carried out.
- 19/57.4B Slippery pathway from Tower Hill to Half Acre – No update could be given on this matter; however, it was discussed under item 19/57.2B to obtain a further grit bin and for this to be located along this pathway to help when it becomes slippery.
- 19/57.5B Faulty Street Lamp on Limpetshell Lane – It was **resolved** to advise of a letter that had been sent to SWAT reporting this faulty street lamp and whether they own this lamp, we await their reply.
- 19/57.6B Delaminated footpath from Archway Cottage along to Wyndham Arms – An email from Cllr Payne with attached photographs of the damaged footpath had been received, it was **resolved** to send these to Highways Department requesting them to be repaired.
- 19/57.7B Concern raised regarding footpath leading from A358 to St Peters Close - It was **resolved** to send a request to Land Registry for details of who owns this footpath.

- 19/57.8B It was **resolved** to note SWAT had been notified of overgrown hedge leading from Long Street through to Danesborough, and to write to the owner of 'Arden Cottage' asking if they could cut the overgrown hedge back.
- 19/58B Finance and Budget** – There were no matters to discuss.
- 19/59B Areas for Grounds Maintenance Officers.**
- 19/59.1B The Cllrs agreed what grass verges they would be checking and reporting on.
- 19/59.2B The Cllrs agreed what streets they would check on after the weed spraying had taken place.
- 19/60B Items to Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers.**
- 19/60.1B Bridge Green - The Copse (Cllr Payne) – It had been reported the unknown tree that had been planted had new shoots growing, this will be monitored to see if it continues to grow.
- 19/60.2B Bellamy's Corner (Cllr Aldridge) – It was **resolved** to note tape had been covered over these signs but not removed, contact Traffic Management team and chase up when the Bakelite Museum and Orchard Mill Museum signs will be removed.
- 19/60.3B Doniford Car Park (Cllr White) – It was **resolved** that as this is now a matter for Full Council this item can be removed from the Agenda.
- 19/60.4B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground –
1. The Playground Inspection Report had now been received and discussed at length. It was **resolved** to action the immediate temporary closure of the Agility Apparatus due to the high-risk repairs, to obtain quotations for these urgent repairs and for these to be discussed at Full Council Meeting for a decision on which one quotation to go with. It was **resolved** to arrange for several Playground Equipment Companies to carry out a survey of the Children's' Playground and to issue a quotation for the purchase of new equipment.
 2. It was agreed to find out if the Football Pitch was the responsibility of the trustees for the Memorial Ground and to report this back at the next meeting. It was **resolved** to continue chasing for the quotations to add additional top soil to the areas that had dipped around existing goal posts ready for the September 2019 season.
- 19/60.5B Street Furniture – It was **resolved** to note the repainting of the benches and rubbish bins had been completed.
- 19/60.6B Grass Verges – There was nothing to report.
- 19/61B Flooding Matters.**
- 19/61.1B The flooding of the pavements along Long Street was discussed that when we have a heavy downpour of rain the overflowing rain water would end up exiting the downpipe and flooding the pavement which could become a safety issue in time, although it was agreed there was not a lot we as the Parish Council can do about this but, it was suggested to contact the Highway Department and enquire on how likely a drain could be built under the footpath allowing the excess rain water to channel under the footpath and onto the road rather than on the footpath surface.
- 19/62B Community Speed Watch.**
- 19/62.1B It was agreed that as we are struggling for a representative and volunteers for this group that speed signs would be a good idea to have and be located going down the Street once in Williton rather than on the four approaching roads coming into Williton.
The mobile temporary speed indicator sign (SID) that Cllr Aldridge suggested was discussed along with Cllr White's suggestion of flashing speed limit signs. It was **resolved** to obtain prices for both ideas and bring these to the next EPC meeting for discussion.
- 19/63B Empty Homes** – There was nothing to report.
- 19/64B Highway Finger Posts.**
- 19/64.1B It was **resolved** to note the Long Street Fingerpost had now been painted and quotations for the new finger for this was being obtained.
- 19/65B Village Crosses.**
- 19/65.1B Cllr White gave an update on how he had been in touch with an archaeologist who will be visiting several village cross sites in this area over the next few weeks, once viewed he would advise on what he thinks could be the original design used in medieval times. Cllr White would obtain details of designs and costs to the next meeting.

19/66B Outdoor Gym Equipment.

19/66.1B It was **resolved** to defer this matter as no update could be given due to Cllr Howes absence.

19/67B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 16th September 2019.

To discuss the health and safety issue of the make shift gravel/concrete step entrance to Killick Way car park.

To discuss suggestion of putting a fenced barrier around edge of footpath on the corner of Long Street.

Meeting closed at 9.14 pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr Peeks..... Dated16th September 2019