

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
Held on 16th September 2019 at 7.15 pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairman) Perrett, Hooper, Payne, White and Nye

Public: None

Other: Miss Jo Holmes

Apologies:

Councillors: Aldridge and Howes

19/68B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

19/69B Apologies as noted above.

19/70B Declarations of Interest.

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	3/39/19/027 and 3/39/19/028	Personal	Dealt with the applicants recently when worked for WSC.
Cllr White	3/39/19/027	Personal	Know applicants.

19/71B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2019.

After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was **resolved** to approve the minutes, Cllr Hooper and Cllr Peeks abstained as they were not present at this meeting.

19/72B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only.

There were none.

19/73B Correspondence.

19/73.1B It was **resolved** to note letters had been sent out to all residents who had gardens backing onto the river at the back of Blacksmith Close, Robert Street and Catwell, reminding them of their riparian duties and responsibilities in keeping the overgrowth of vegetation cut down keeping the river clear, it was advised that the Clerk had been unable to obtain the large-scale ordinance survey map from SWAT as requested.

19/73.2B It was **resolved** to note Wyndham Estate and Savills had been contacted regarding a report of large amounts of vegetation growing downstream by the footbridge and pathway leading to Townsend, Savills advised this had since been inspected and confirmed that these areas had now been cut back.

19/73.3B The Clerk advised that SCC Roads and Transport had been contacted advising that the stream has become very overgrown by Aller Mead Way, it was **resolved** to contact Flood & Water Management Team requesting details of the Management Company of Aller Mead Way housing estate to see what action is being taken to clear this stream.

19/73.4B It was **resolved** to note SCC Roads and Transport had been notified via their online website enquiry form of the report we had received advising of blocked drains along Doniford Road.

19/73.5B It was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye, all in favour to send a letter to the Esso garage on Fore Street, advising how we would appreciate it if they would consider getting a chargeable electric point for their customers to use on their premises.

19/73.6B It was proposed by Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Hooper to send a request to District Council asking for their permission for the Parish Council to put some 'Please pick up' poo stickers on all bins around the Parish.

It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded Cllr Nye for the Clerk to forward the weed spraying designated list of allocated roads for the Cllrs to check and use this same list for the Cllrs to also keep a check on dog fouling situation.

To note Cllr Perrett left during this item of the meeting at 7.50pm.

19/73.7B It was **resolved** to note Cllr Payne would fit a 'Happy to Chat' sign to the far bench on Bellamy's Corner and another on the Killick Way bench.

It was **resolved** to note a letter had been sent asking the Trustees if they would like to put one of these signs on a bench at the Memorial Ground, we are awaiting their reply.

It was suggested by Cllr Payne to take photos once the signs had been fitted to gain further publicity, and ask Cllr Howes to liaise with the office about putting this on social media for further coverage.

19/73.8B It was **resolved** to advise that as the S106 funding money is time limited to write to the District Council advising that we are thinking of applying for this funding money to help improve the informal access that is used from the Killick Way car park down onto Risdon's Road, making it more accessible to those that already use it by putting some steps in making it a more formal access.
It was **resolved** to send a letter to the Trustees making them aware that they can also apply for the S106 funding money for any new projects that they may have in mind.

19/73.9B It was **resolved** to note Williton Brownies had requested the use of Bellamy's Corner to hold a fund raising boot sale, it was proposed by Cllr Nye, seconded by Cllr White that unfortunately this area is considered not to be the most safest place to hold this, and ask if they would like to use the parish office or request to the Trustees of the Memorial Ground to use the playing field, however, the Parish Council would be happy for banners or signs to go up on Bellamy's Corner to advertise it. A further suggestion would be to ask the land owner of the old tractor site where the Caravans have recently been advertised, opposite J Gliddon and Sons Hardware Store to see if this area was available to use.

19/73.10B It had been noted of a verbal request to plant some winter pansies into the two planters at Bellamy's Corner, it was **resolved** to contact the parishioner advising we would be happy for them to purchase and plant some pansies in the planters themselves or let us know and the Parish Council would be happy to purchase them and have arrange for them to be planted. It was proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Payne the maximum budget would be £15 for these.
It was suggested to contact the parishioner that use to look after these planters and to keep them informed advise of this suggestion and action.

19/74B Planning Applications for consideration.

It was **resolved** to note a typing error on the Agenda with application number 3/39/17/019, this should have read 3/37/17/019, this has now been noted and corrected by the Clerk.

19/74.1

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/37/17/019	Land south of Doniford Road and Normandy Avenue, Watchet, Taunton.	Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for the erection of up to 139 dwellings and associated works.	The conclusion is the Parish Council object to the proposal in its current form and request District Councillors to do a site visit before they make a decision. Comments are attached for application number 3/37/17/019.
3/39/19/025	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Williton, Watchet, TA23 0TJ.	Demolition of supermarket building with relocation of supermarket into reception building, relocation of gas storage area and redevelopment of outdoor activities area with associated landscaping, drainage and access infrastructure.	No objection.
3/39/19/026	Stags Head, 4 Highbridge, Williton to Bridgwater road, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4RN.	Outline application with all matters reserved, except for means of access, for the erection of 1 No. dwelling and associated works within the garden.	Objection on the grounds of highway safety as this is a single track road and if two cars were to meet one would have to back out onto the main road (A39), and feel it is an incursion into open countryside contrary to policy OC1, it would be an extension of a dwelling in the open countryside, with no good pedestrian access into the village because you have got to cross a very fast stretch of road.

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/19/027	3 Long Street, Williton TA4 4QN	Replacement of windows to front elevation (retention of works already undertaken).	No objection.
3/39/19/028	Mamsey House, 30 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ.	Change of use and conversion of former care home into 5 No. dwellings.	Object to the change of use to housing, as we consider that it should be a business use unless it can be proved that there is no business that wants to use it, in which case we don't object to the housing, but we would like a recreational contribution for each dwelling as outlined in the SPD (Planning Obligations).
3/39/19/029	33-35 North Street, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4SL.	Erection and rebuild of single storey rear extensions and creation of vehicular access.	Objection to the car parking area at the front on the grounds of highway safety, because it's a new access and new dropped kerb onto a busy road.

19/75B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted.

19/75.1B

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/17/012	Wessex Water Reservoir, Grove Copse, Williton, TA23 0HW.	Decided - Prior approval required and given subject.
3/39/19/010	1A Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QN.	Refused
3/39/19/013	The Cottage, 4 Half Acre, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NX.	Granted
3/39/19/014	6 Half Acre, Williton, TA4 4NX.	Granted
3/39/19/016	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way, Williton, TA4 4TB.	Granted
3/39/19/017	Doniford Farm Park, Doniford Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ.	Granted
3/39/19/018	Doniford Farm Park, Doniford Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ.	Granted
3/39/19/022	Courtleigh, Doniford Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ.	Granted

19/76B Highway Matters.

- 19/76.1B Doniford Bus Shelter – It was **resolved** to send an email confirming the telephone call of 16th September 2019 with Haven acknowledging they had put the shelter up and donated it, however to advise that as far as the Parish Council were aware Haven were also maintaining it as well.
It was noted that Haven had requested for the Parish Council to locate details of a planning application they had submitted some time ago to erect some advertising flags at the entrance of their Holiday site, and for us to give our comments on this, the Clerk is to notify Haven that the Parish Council cannot give any comments on prospective planning applications until a formal planning application had been received from the District Council in respect of this.
- 19/76.2B Grit Bin at Five Bells, Bridge Close and Half Acre Close – It was **resolved** to contact the land owners of these areas asking for their permission for us to put a grit bin on their land.
- 19/76.3B Overgrown hedge along 'Potters Yard' Long Street – It was **resolved** to check if this hedge has now been cut back and report back at the next meeting.
- 19/76.4B Safety Issue with the make shift gravel/concrete step on entrance to Killick Way car park – This item was discussed under Item 19/73.8B.
- 19/76.5B Faulty Street Lamp on Limpetshell Lane – It was **resolved** to send a reminder to the District Council for a reply to our email sent to them on 12th August 2019.

- 19/76.6B Delaminated footpath from Archway Cottage along to Wyndham Arms – It was **resolved** to send a reminder email to the Highways Department chasing for a reply as it has been reported that the footpaths are getting really bad.
- 19/76.7B Concerns over condition of footpath leading from A358 to St Peters Close - It was **resolved** to defer this matter until the next meeting due to time restrictions.
- 19/76.8B It was **resolved** to defer the matter of Traffic Management's reply email regarding No. 4 High Street request for a 'Concealed Entrance' until the next meeting due to time restrictions.
- 19/76.9B The matter of the suggestion to erect a fenced barrier on the corner of the footpath on Long Street to be the same as the other side of the road had not been discussed at this meeting. The Clerk will add this to the next meeting.
- 19/77B Finance and Budget** – There were no matters to discuss.
- 19/78B Grounds Maintenance Contract 2019/2020.**
- 19/78.1B During the discussion on whether Countrywide Ground Maintenance contract was held with the Parish Council or with the Trustees, it was **resolved** for the Clerk to find this out and advise on this at the next meeting.
It had been reported that a member of Countrywide Ground Maintenance team had been seen on 16th September 2019 lifting the lid and checking the bin leading off the Memorial Ground into Catwell, but did not renew the bin bag and then carried on to the next bin, this was promptly checked by a member of the public who found it to still be ¼ full with rubbish. It was **resolved** to email Countrywide Grounds Maintenance asking that their team members empty all bins on the designated days, regardless of how much rubbish is in it, however if the bin bag is empty then agree there is no need to renew the bin bag.
- 19/79B Weed Spraying.**
- 19/79.1B It was **resolved** to email Complete Weed Control asking why they not do the roads where we have asked them to do where there are not any pavements i.e. Robert Street and Bridge Street.
- 19/80B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers.**
- 19/80.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) – It was reported that the dead tree had been removed and the small tree was now growing well, it was also noted that somebody had repaired the roadway with tarmac where it had been damaged by traffic.
- 19/80.2B Bellamy's Corner – It was **resolved** to note that the Highway Department had advised the signs would be removed shortly, it was suggested to chase this up before the next meeting to confirm.
- 19/80.3B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground –
 - 1) (Item 19/94) It was **resolved** to purchase two new spring riders costing up to £1,300. The Clerk reported that the original fixings were different to the ones that were on the new spring riders quoted for, the fixings would need to be changed and further costs would be incurred and would exceed the budget amount agreed.
The Clerk was further advised by GB Sports and Leisure that new handgrips could be purchased for the old Fire Engine at a cost of £7.00 + VAT, eliminating the medium risk, therefore keeping the fire engine to safety standards, only one new spring rider would then need to be bought, the cost of this would be £436.70 + VAT and for the installation would be a further cost of £420.00 + VAT, total cost £863.70 + VAT, it was therefore proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Nye, all in favour to agree this.
 - 2) It was proposed by Cllr Hooper, and seconded by Cllr Payne all in favour to send a request for the £500 funding application offered to the Parish via Cllr Davies at Somerset County Council to suggesting this could go towards the purchase of the new spring rider and repairs carried out on the children's playground.
 - 3) It was **resolved** to note an email received from Sports and Play Consulting, re potential new playground equipment and following certain criteria if over £25,000.
 - 4) It was agreed to defer any repairs to the football pitch goal mouth until the football season is over. However, Cllr White agreed to work out the specification of what is required and obtain quotations for the repairs and bring these to the next meeting for discussion.
- 19/80.4B Street Furniture - As there were no matters to discuss, it was agreed to defer this matter until next meeting.
- 19/80.5B Grass Verges – There was nothing to report and was agreed to defer until next meeting.
- 19/81B Flooding Matters.**
- 19/81.1B It was **resolved** to note there had been no update on the matter of the overflowing down pipes flooding pavements along Long Street, when we have heavy downpours of rain, the Clerk would chase this matter with the Highway Department and report back at next meeting.

19/82B Community Speed Watch.

19/82.1B It was **resolved** to note an email from the Clerk of Lopen Parish Council regarding the issues they are having with the withdrawal of the Council Run SID Scheme. It was agreed due to Cllr Aldridge absence to defer any further discussions on his suggestion of mobile temporary speed indicator sign (SID) along with Cllr White's suggestion of flashing speed limit signs until the next meeting. It was agreed for Cllr White to locate information and details of costs and have these ready for the next meeting.

19/83B Empty Homes – Cllr Peeks suggested deferring any discussions on this matter until the next meeting due to time restraints.

19/84B Highway Finger Posts.

19/84.1B Cllr Peeks advised that there has been no update on this matter.

19/85B Village Crosses.

19/85.1B It was noted that Cllr White would be meeting a retired archaeologist on 17th September 2019 and both were going to visit various village cross sites around the Parish, the archaeologist would then discuss ideas of what would have been there and what would be most suitable now, it was also suggested that if any other Cllrs wanted to join them at this meeting to then notify Cllr White.

19/86B Outdoor Gym Equipment.

19/86.1B It was **resolved** to defer this matter, no update could be given due to Cllr Howes absence.

19/87B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 14th October 2019.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated