

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
Held on 11th November 2019 at 7.00 pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairman), Nye and Woods

Public: None

Other: Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors: Perrett and White

19/108B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

19/109B Apologies as noted above.

19/110B Declarations of Interest.

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Woods	19/113.1B (3/37/17/019)	Pecuniary	Resident affected by development and left room.

19/111B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2019.

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

19/112B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only.

There were none

19/113B Correspondence

19/113.1B Planning Application 3/37/17/019 – Notification of reconsideration at planning committee on 24th October 2019 – Cllr Peeks gave a verbal report on the 2nd reading of the application and advised it had been approved subject to a section 106 agreement. Cllr Peeks advised she had concerns regarding the process and members were informed the application superseded by the local plan; Cllr Peeks also advised late correspondence had not been put to the committee at the 2nd meeting and was concerned members had inaccurate information and that she would like to investigate further. *(Cllr Woods left the meeting)*. After a discussion it was agreed Cllr Peeks would obtain further information and would prepare a presentation – this would be tabled at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council for consideration on whether to present to the Planning Committee. *(Cllr Woods re-joined the meeting at 7.18pm)*

19/113.2B It had been reported that vegetation were obscuring village signs at Mamsey House and at the railway bridge coming from Bridgwater direction. An email had been sent to highways – a reply was awaited.

19/113.3B It was resolved to note the leaflet from Rhino play.

19/114B Planning Applications for consideration

Cllr Nye had taken photographs showing traffic problems which Cllr Peeks would add to the document which would be forwarded to Planning as comments on application

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/37/19/021	Former Wansbrough Paper Mill, Brendon Road, Watchet, TA23 0AY	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 400 No. dwellings, up to 10 No. live/work units, residential care village (including up to 160 No. sheltered apartments and 60 bed retirement home), local centre (up to 1,500 sqm) aparthotel with associated leisure facilities, land for employment within use classes B1 and B2 (up to 8,000 sqm), visitor/interpretation centre, community facilities/function room, public car park and associated works (including an accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment)	Objection to the proposal, please see additional comments attached for this application.

19/115B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted.

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/19/019	Doniford Farm Park, Doniford Road, Watchet	Granted
3/39/19/021	Brook Food Processing Equipment Ltd, The New Works, Roughmoor, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4RF	Granted
3/39/18/027	3 Long Street, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4QN	Granted
3/39/19/028	Mamsey House, 30 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ	Refused

19/116B Highway Matters.

- 19/116.1B Doniford Bus Shelter – It was **resolved** to note the Manager at Haven Doniford Bay Holiday Park had replied confirming they had installed the bus shelter as a donation but understood there was no agreement regarding the up keep. Cllr Peaks thought the Parish Council had written a letter stating it was assumed Haven holidays would take on the upkeep, unless the Parish Council heard to the contrary. It was **resolved** to try and locate this letter and then forward to the Manager.
- 19/116.2B Grit Bin at Five Bells, Bridge Close and Half Acre Close – There had been no update
- 19/116.3B Faulty Street Lamp on Limpetshell Lane – There had been no update
- 19/116.4B Delaminated footpath – it had been noted yellow markings had appeared on the footpath. It was **resolved** to write to Highways stating the markings had been noticed and if the repair work was due to be undertaken and if so, express thanks from the Parish Council.
- 19/116.5B Damaged footpath from A358 to St Peters Close – it was **resolved** to ascertain if Wyndham Estate or Somerset County Council owned this land.
- 19/116.6B Verge opposite Casino Road (previously known as sustainable verge) Cllr Woods advised she had contacted the council two weeks ago to advise of the overgrowth causing poor visibility and had been informed it had been added to the list, to date it had not been cut. After a proposal from Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Nye, it was **resolved** to resurrect the Sustainable Verge project with a view to wildflowers being grown on the verge. It was **resolved** the Clerk would investigate whether the licence was still held or if a new one should be applied for.
- 19/116.7B Email from County Roads regarding Winter Service Precautionary Salting Network 2019/2020 - noted

19/117B Finance and Budget.

- 19/117.1B Budget Considerations 2020/21 – after a proposal from Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Nye, it was **resolved** to make the following changes:
 Furniture and Fittings increase to £400.00, Play equipment maintenance reduce to £3,000.00.
 Bellamys Corner and The Copse grounds maintenance – reduce to £500.00
 Parish signage (to include fingerposts) reduce to £1,000.00
 Nature conservation (to include sustainable verges) increase to £500.00
 Community enhancements reduce to £1,000.00
- 19/117.2B Grounds Maintenance Contract 2020/21 - The amendments discussed at the last meeting had been added to the schedule. The Clerk would prepare the tender pack and place the adverts to invite tenders. It was noted the house at the entrance to the Memorial Ground from Robert Street had recently been sold; therefore, discussion regarding the spraying of their wall will need to be undertaken before the start of the contract as this work may need to be removed. Clarification would be obtained regarding ownership of the hedge between the doctors and the memorial ground – possibly to only cut on the memorial ground side. Proposed Cllr Nye seconded Cllr Woods. **Resolved**
- 19/117.3B Spring Riders – this item was deferred.

19/118B Weed Spraying.

- 19/118.1B Complete Weed Control advised the roads that they sprayed and Robert Street was not included. It was **resolved** to prepare a tender pack clearly stating that Robert Street is to be included. Adverts would be placed inviting tenders.

19/119B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers.

- 19/119.1B **Bridge Green** – A meeting would be arranged with Savills to discuss to erosion
- 19/119.2B Bellamy's Corner – it was noted the Lone Soldier, displayed for Remembrance Day, looked nice. The Christmas tree would be erected for the beginning of December.
- 19/119.3B **Street Furniture** – nothing to report
- 19/119.4B **Grass Verges** – nothing to report

19/120B Items of Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

19/120.1B Cllr Davies had advised the request for funding had to be put on hold due to Purdah.

19/120.2B Request for removal of hedge between play area and memorial ground - Members felt the hedge added to the rural character, biodiversity and acted as a windbreak. CCTV was in place and checked regarding anti-social behaviour. It was **resolved** to monitor the situation. A reply would be sent if contact details were available.

19/120.3B It was **resolved** to note the barbed wire in the hedge had been removed by Cllr Payne.

19/121B Flooding Matters

(Item 19/101.1B) Overflowing down pipes flooding pavements along Long Street – no update

19/121.1B It was **resolved** to note a letter had been sent. There was no further update.

19/122B Community Speed Watch.

19/122.1B Due to the absence of Cllr White, there was no update

19/123B Empty Homes – No update

19/124B Highway Finger Posts

19/124.1B Quotations were still awaited.

19/125B Village Crosses

This item deferred

19/126B Outdoor Gym Equipment

19/126.1B It was resolved to defer this matter as no update could be given due to Cllr Howes absence.

19/127B (Item 19/169) Dog Bins – no update

19/128B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 13th January 2019

Meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated