

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
Held on 13th January 2020 at 7.00 pm at The Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairman), Woods, Payne, Stanford and Aldridge

Public: None

Other: Jo Holmes

Apologies:

Councillors: White

19/129B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

19/130B After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Payne, Cllr Woods was elected as Vice Chairman

19/131B Apologies as noted above.

19/132B Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

19/133B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2019.

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

19/134B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only.

There were none.

19/135B Correspondence.

19/135.1B It was agreed to note the Sunshine Gym Outdoor Fitness brochure.

19/135.2B It was agreed to note the Glasdon brochure.

19/135.3B It was **resolved** to note an email from SCC confirming Ancient Monument could not be moved to facilitate the new footway at Doniford Farm but they were happy for this to be built around.

After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Peeks, a resolution was passed to move to item 19/145B.

19/136B Planning Applications for consideration.

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/19/034	Land to the east of Aller Mead Way, Williton.	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline application 3/39/18/009 for the erection of up to 90 No. dwellings with associated infrastructure, public open space and play area.	Williton Parish Council raises no objection to the proposal subject to the comments outlined attached.
3/39/19/035	Land to the east of Aller Mead Way, Williton.	Variation of Condition No.09 (finished floor levels) of application 3/39/19/009.	No objections raised from the Parish Council, due to the report submitted by the Environmental Agency who had not objected.

19/137B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted.

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/19/025	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Williton, Watchet, TA23 0TJ	Granted
3/39/19/029	33-35 North Street, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4SL	Granted
3/39/19/030	2 Station Road, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4RQ	Granted
3/39/19/033	15 Dovetons Drive, Williton, TA4 4ST.	Refused

19/138B Highway Matters.

- 19/138.1B Doniford Bus Shelter – It was **resolved** to contact the Manager at Haven Doniford Bay Holiday Park stating we had now found letters dating back 2010 from our Clerk to SCC Transport advising we had not to date received any commuted sums towards the maintenance of Doniford bus shelter and as this had been indicated would be provided from SCC in letters from 2005, and we had not heard back to date, the Parish had therefore assumed the responsibility of the bus shelter lies with Haven, but would ask if they are able to provide us with any documentation to the contrary then would request them to forward copies of this to the Parish, if there is no correspondence provided then we would appreciate if Haven would please tidy up as a matter of urgency and maintain the up keep of the bus shelter from hereon, to also note previous discussion re: putting posters over the glass on the shelter to cover the graffiti, the Parish would again suggest they may need to apply for planning permission to do this and to check with SWAT planning.
- 19/138.2B Grit Bin at Five Bells, Bridge Close and Half Acre Close – The Clerk reported that Magna had advised the footpath from Tower Hill passageway through to Half Acre Close was not their property and had also asked that the grit bin not be place on their land in car park area, the Clerk had since emailed SCC advising them of this and is awaiting a reply.
- 19/138.3B Faulty Street Lamp on Limpetshell Lane – An email had been received from SWAT confirming they were awaiting consent from the owner-occupier of the property where the faulty street lamp was located to enter and complete repairs to the street lamp, they would keep us updated, the Clerk is to update the parishioner who had reported this.
- 19/138.4B It was **resolved** to note a parishioner had reported street lights 3 and 4 not working along North Street; the Clerk reported this to SCC on 6th January 2020 and can confirm they both now have been repaired and are working again.
- 19/138.5B It was suggested to contact a former Councillor requesting their knowledge on the ownership of the street lamp situated between Danesborough View and opposite the Funeral Parlour.
- 19/138.6B Verge opposite Casino Road (previously known as sustainable verge). The Clerk advised that SCC had been contacted and a reply is awaited regarding the licence in respect of the verge opposite Casino Road along Doniford Road. Cllr Woods suggested she would help check any archived paperwork that we may hold here in the office to see if any further details on the previous licence could be found, such as who and when the last cut of this verge would have been carried out and the cost to do this at that time, Cllr Woods would do some research and bring any findings along to the next meeting.
- 19/138.7B It was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Woods to not carry out a site visit at the property along the A39 just on the outskirts of Williton, but it was **resolved** to write to the parishioner and advise that we are aware of the problems arising from the flooding and that we are also pro-actively looking into the excess speed matters at the moment and would ask for them to bare with us, to also advise that although we do not have any jurisdiction over the SCC Highway decisions, we would write to them on their behalf, but would request the parishioners authority to disclose their name and address to SCC. Once authorisation had been received we would then write to SCC about the flooding issues and excess speed outside their property. The parishioner would be copied into the letter sent to Highways with our comments on these issues.

19/139B Footpaths/Pavements.

- 19/139.1B It was **resolved** to write to highways advising them of the recent accidents experienced by two elderly parishioners along Danesborough View alley way and outside Somerset Farmhouse and await their reply.
- 19/139.2B It was **resolved** to note the Clerk had emailed Highways for a possible site visit viewing the faulty roads around the Parish and is awaiting a reply.
- 19/139.3B It was **resolved** to note further complaints received regarding poor footpaths including one along Five Bells road regarding overgrown vegetation along the footpath that is impacting on safety.

19/140B Finance and Budget.

19/141B Weed Spraying.

19/142B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers.

- 19/142.1B **Bridge Green** – An email had been sent to Savills agreeing for a meeting with the Cllrs at Bridge Green to discuss the possible joint representation to the Council and Highways with regards to the ongoing parking issue and erosion on the Green.
- 19/142.2B **Bellamy's Corner** – This area is well used, however it had been **resolved** to add into the Williton Window article a small request to reframe from leaving food in this corner in case it encourage vermin.
- 19/142.3B **Street Furniture** – nothing to report

19/142.4B **Grass Verges** – nothing to report

19/143B Items of Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

19/143.1B It was **resolved** to contact Cllr Davies requesting an update on the £500 funding application and report back at the next meeting.

19/143.2B It was **resolved** to defer the discussion on the ground level trampoline due to Cllr Whites absence.

19/144B Flooding Matters.

19/144.1B **(Item 19/121.1B)** It was agreed to chase this matter regarding the overflowing down pipes where water is leading across the road causing slippery surface in the very cold weather along Long Street, Fore Street and near the Spar.

19/145B Community Speed Watch.

19/145.1B A discussion was held on what type of SID device would be best, and should it only show if a vehicle is too fast or display the actual speed, or should it record the speeds for statistical purposes, and how much this would all cost. It was **resolved** for Cllr Aldridge to investigate all these matters and bring all details back to the next meeting. The Clerk is to forward a copy of the email from Lopen Parish Council onto Cllr Aldridge who will then prepare an email that can then be sent out by the office to other surrounding parishes obtaining their views on the SID idea.

19/145.2B It was **resolved** for Cllr Aldridge to also find out what the cost would be to train an installer to work safely on the highway to enable them to install this device around other parishes.

It was **resolved** to move back to item 19/136B.

19/146B Empty Homes – It was **resolved** to defer this matter.

19/147B Highway Finger Posts

19/147.1B Quotations were still awaited.

19/148B Village Crosses

19/148.1B This item would be deferred due to Cllr White absence.

19/149B Outdoor Gym Equipment.

19/149.1B It was resolved to obtain an update from Cllr Howes on this matter and report back at the next meeting.

19/150B (Item 19/169) Dog Bins – The Clerk had chased SWAT regarding the request of sticking 'Dog Poo' stickers on the rubbish bins around the parish, a reply is awaited.

19/151B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 10th February 2020

Meeting closed at 8.53 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Peeks Dated 10th February 2020