

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting

Held on 9th March 2020 at the rising of the Extra-Ordinary Full Council Meeting at The Parish Office,
Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors: Woods (Chairman), Payne, Stanford, Nye and White

Public: None

Other: Jo Holmes

Apologies:

Councillors: Peekes

19/180B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

19/181B Apologies as noted above.

As noted above.

19/182B Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

19/183B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 10th February 2020.

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

19/184B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only.

19/184.1B The Clerk advised the faulty streetlamp outside Risdon's Solicitors (No.4) was now working.

19/184.2B The Clerk advised the gathering of leaves along the walkway from Catwell Lane to the Memorial Ground had now been cleared by SCC Highway Department.

19/184.3B It was **resolved** to note the Somerset West and Taunton Council Local Plan Consultation had been referred to Full Council.

19/184.4B It was **resolved** to note the Employment Local Development Order (LDO) for small scale industrial space had been referred to Full Council.

19/185B Correspondence.

19/185.1B It was **resolved** to note the Clerk had sent emails to Wyndham Estate and Richard at Savills requesting for the vegetation to be cut back prior to clean-up day along Union and Watery Lane on 28th March 2020, despite a chase up email no reply had been received to date.

It was agreed for the Clerk to send Cllr Payne copies of the clean-up day poster, he would pass these on to the Gardeners Club and WI, Cllr Payne would also collect the Community Litter packs from Idverde on Friday 20th March and will return them on Monday/Friday after the event.

It was agreed to ask Cllr Peekes or arrange for Cllr Woods to collect the Community Litter packs from the office on Friday 27th March in place for Saturday's clean-up. Idverde agreed they would collect the rubbish bags from Union Lane entrance during w/c: 30th March 2020.

19/185.2B Cllr Nye agreed for her email and land line telephone number to be sent to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance offering her support at the Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge which is taking place on Sunday 17th May 2020 but would contact the Clerk for the organisers contact details, Cllr Stanford would let the Clerk know if she is able to attend.

19/186B Planning applications for consideration.

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/20/004	27-32 Sir Gilbert Scott Court, Long Street, Williton.	Variation of Condition No.10 (joinery details) of application 3/39/04/043.	No objection.

19/187B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted.

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/19/001	Masons Place, Doniford Road, Williton, TA4 4SG. (Doniford House, Doniford Farm, Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ).	Granted

3/39/19/002	Masons Place, Doniford Road, Williton, TA4 4SG. (Doniford House, Doniford Farm, Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ).	Granted
3/39/19/008	Williton Police Station, 4-6 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ.	Granted
3/39/19/009	Williton Police Station, 4-6 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ.	Granted
3/39/19/011	22 Whitecroft, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4RX.	Granted
3/39/19/015	Mill Barn, Higher Stream Lane, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4HL.	Granted
3/39/19/020	1 Tower Hill, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NT.	Granted
3/39/19/031	1 and 3 High Street, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NW.	Granted
3/39/19/035	Land to the east of Aller Mead Way, Williton.	Granted
3/39/19/036	Kingsmeade Farm, Williton to Bridgwater Road, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DD.	Granted
3/39/20/002	1 and 3 High Street, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NW.	Granted

It was advised by Cllr Woods that several of WPC comments that had been emailed to SWAT Planning had not been added on to their online planning portal and the subsequent planning applications had been listed with WPC comments as '*no comments received*', it was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Payne for the Clerk to look into this further and email Planning Department at SWAT advising of this.

19/188B Highway Matters.

- 19/188.1B Doniford Bus Shelter – (Item 19/162.1B) The Clerk would email the Manager at Haven Doniford Bay Holiday Park in reply to their email stating that they have no insurance cover to maintain the bus shelter. The Clerk is to send correspondence held by WPC regarding S106 funding not being received to date and request for SCC to please investigate this and why this had not been sent.
- 19/188.2B Danesborough View streetlamp - It was **resolved** to note this was still not working to date and to send another chaser email to SWAT.
- 19/188.3B Doniford Road Sustainable Verge – It was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Nye, unanimously agreed to forward a copy of the letter found dated 2013 to SCC Highway Department regarding the Licence giving WPC permission to cut the grass and plant seeds on the grass verge along Doniford Road, saying we would like to continue with this project, we are happy to keep to the conditions stipulated and are they happy for us to continue with this Licence.
- 19/188.4B Gateway Markings A39 - It was agreed to send an email to SCC Highway Department asking if the repainting of the A39 gateway markings between Mamsey House and Bank Street were under the small road scheme.
- 19/188.5B Grit Bins along Five Bells, Bridge Close and Half Acre Close – It was suggested to keep pushing for an acknowledgement from SCC Highway Department requesting their permission for us put grit bins along these roads.

19/189B Footpaths/Pavements.

- 19/189.1B Cllr Aldridge advised he was still awaiting a reply from David Peake at SCC Highway Department regarding arranging a meeting with the District Cllrs to discuss the poor footpaths around the Williton Parish, Cllr Payne advised he had been verbally advised by the Highway Department that the pavements should be repaired within the next financial year, and for this item to be kept on the Agenda to make sure these repairs are carried out.

19/190B Finance and Budget.

19/191B Weed Spraying.

19/192B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers.

- 19/192.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) – Cllr Payne - There was nothing to report.
- 19/192.2B Bellamy's Corner – There had been further reports of continued vegetable waste being left, it was agreed there was not much more that we could do apart from continuing to remain vigilant to see who is leaving the waste.
- 19/192.3B Street Furniture – It was agreed to leave this matter as Cllr Peeks was not present at this meeting.

- 19/192.4B Grass Verges – It was agreed that there was nothing to report until grass cutting season starts.
- 19/193B Items of Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground.**
- 19/193.1B Cllr White and Cllr Nye reported that the installation of the ground trampoline could cost approximately £1800 and would take approximately 3 days to fit, the trampoline could also cost a further £800 to £1000, a suggestion of looking into funding such as S106 grant or Co-op, etc. to help with costs could be an option.
It was also noted that trampolines on other playgrounds have had the safety netting on the trampolines ripped and this could be a continuous problem, it was thought that a rubberised edging may be an alternative and more beneficial.
Cllr Payne advised that the installation of the ground trampoline should be recommended to the Trustees for their consideration and approval first before actioning anything.
- 19/193.2B It had been reported that a seat on the space orbiter on the children's' playground had been damaged, it was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White to arrange for this seat to be replaced quickly due to health and safety reasons.
- 19/194B Flooding Matters.**
- 19/194.1B It was **resolved** to note that a reply is still awaited from the SCC Highway Department regarding putting grooves/gulley along the pavement on Long Street and Fore Street to eliminate the ongoing flooding problems caused by the overflowing down pipes.

Under damage limitation it was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Nye, all in favour for the Clerk to instruct a lengths man under emergency repairs for up to the cost of £200 to replace the roofing felt on the flood shed, minimising the damage before the rain leaking through the roof causes problems and damages the equipment in the shed.
- 19/195B Community Speed Watch.**
- 19/195.1B The discussion on SID devices was deferred due to Cllr Aldridge absence and no update being able to be given at this time.
- 19/195.2B Discussions on Training for SID Installation would be deferred until the next meeting.
- 19/196B Empty Homes – Cllr Peeks.**
- 19/196.1B** There was nothing to report.
- 19/197B Highway Finger Posts.**
- 19/197.1B This item was discussed under item 19/204B.
- 19/198B Outdoor Gym Equipment.**
- 19/198.1B This matter is still ongoing.
- 19/199B Dog Bins.**
- 19/199.1B It was agreed to contact SWAT again asking that we hope they do not mind if we put some small dog poo stickers on the rubbish bins around the village, letting people know they can now dispose of dog waste in the normal rubbish bins and to aim for putting these stickers on the bins during next month.
- 19/200B Village Notice Board.**
- 19/200.1B It was agreed to defer this matter until next month, to contact Cllr Howes and ask if she would be able to provide a written update for next month's meeting.
- 19/201B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 14th April 2020.**
1. Blocked guttering on properties along High Street and above Spar causing flooding to the pavement below.
 2. SCC creating a Climate Fund for Parish Councils' regarding green initiatives. To add new standing item to Agenda called 'Green Initiatives' for all future ongoing matters to be discussed.
 3. Village Crosses (Item 19/172.1B) Cllr White – *to be discussed at August 2020 meeting.*
 4. Spring Riders (Item 19/94B) ongoing matter –
 5. Training sessions with SWAT Re: printing planning applications (Item 19/31.1B) ongoing matter – *to be discussed once information received.*
- 19/202B To pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity – proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White.**
- 19/203B**
- It was proposed by Cllr Nye, seconded by Cllr Stanford, all in favour, that subject to SCC Highway Department agreement and subject to ground conditions, we intend to carry on with the preparation of the grass verge along Doniford Road and accept Countrywide Grounds Maintenance quotation of £300 to cut the grass low, strim and scarify the area and to arrange

for this work to be carried out during April 2020 which will be within the new financial year budget.

- The Clerk is to purchase the seeds specified by Cllr Woods for mid-April, which will fall into the new financial year budget for 2020/21.

19/204B

It was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White, all in favour to recommend West Country Blacksmiths February 2020 quotation to Full Council, providing West Country Blacksmiths can clarify the font will replicate what's already on the posts now and providing the font will be the same as the existing font, then the Committee would be in agreement to recommend their quotation for the renewal of the fingerposts as follows:

1. Centre of Williton (Fore Street)
To produce new Cast Iron fingerpost painted as required £800 + vat.
To install new Cast Iron fingerpost and remove broken original £200 + vat.
2. Junction off Doniford Road
To produce new Aluminium fingerposts painted as required £700 + vat.
To install new Aluminium fingerpost and remove broken original £200 + vat.
3. Junction of Five Bells
To remove all fingerposts and restore by shot blasting, priming and painting £800 + vat.
To reinstall all restored fingerposts and repaint signs and bases as required with paint supplied £300 + vat.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated