

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th November 2020 at 7.00pm
Due to Covid-19 and following changes to the government rules during this period, the meeting was held via
Zoom video conferencing

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairman), McDonald, Nye, Payne, White and Woods
Public: None
Other: Michelle Francis (Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors: None

20/74B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

20/75B Apologies - as noted above.

20/76B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	20/81 – 3/39/20/014 and 3/39/20/016	Personal	Informed meeting

20/77B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th October 2020.

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

20/78B Clerks Notices – There were none.

20/79B Matters from the Minutes - There were none

20/80B Correspondence.

20/80.1B It was noted there are four entrance signs, Highways would be informed regarding the patches to cover 'Bakelite Museum' part of the signs due to their closure. **Action: Clerk**

20/80.2B Bus Shelter at Tropiquaria – An update would be requested from District Council. **Action: Clerk**

20/80.3B Washford Cross Roundabout – SCC Highways had advised this was on hold due to a lack of resources. After a proposal from Cllr Nye, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was **resolved**, with one against, to request if planting of the Free Trees could be undertaken on the left hand verge that slopes down to the fence on the B3190 from Watchet direction. **Action: Clerk**

20/80.4B No further correspondence had been received regarding the guttering issues at the Wyndham Arms and the Tattoo Parlour, nor for the Spar downpipe. It was noted the downpipe at The Free Press office also needed attention. The Clerk would send a letter bringing this to their attention. **Action: Clerk**

20/80.5B A reply had been received from Savills advising a meeting had taken place with their tenant. Unfortunately, the request for Councillors to attend had not been acknowledged. Savills had been contacted to request the outcome, there had been no reply to date. Cllr Peeks advised she had been informed the agreement was to move the footpath into the tenants' field. As it was felt this was a matter of public interest, the clerk would submit another request for confirmation. **Action: Clerk**

20/80.6B There had been no further update regarding the streetlights that had been burning throughout the day along North Street to Doniford Road by The Mason Arms. Councillors were asked to check the lights and report back to the clerk. **Action: Councillors**

20/80.7B There had been no further update regarding the Seagulls around Roughmoor Industrial Estate. It was resolved to request an update from *idverde*. **Action: Clerk**

20/80.8B Tumulus Fields Project – Cllr McDonald advised no response had been received from either the school or Wyndham Estate. Cllr McDonald would endeavour to make contact again, to meet the deadline of December for the trees. It was noted this item would be referred to Full Council if necessary.

20/80.9B Parish Online – Councillors were encouraged to look at the demonstration that had been forwarded. It was **resolved** to defer this item until physical meetings could take place to enable a detailed demonstration.

20/80.10B National Tree Planting Week – it was **resolved** Cllr Payne would collect the trees from Minehead when a date was received and would containerise them on until a final decision on where they would be planted was reached. One Oak tree was allocated for the Memorial Ground. Only one parishioner had expressed an interest in the trees, after a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White, it was unanimously resolved to allow the parishioner to have the remaining trees, if no other requests or agreements were received. **Action: Cllr Payne**

- 20/80.11B A request had been received to contact Magna and request the grass verge cutting is undertaken at the same time as the Parish Council. After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to advise when the Parish Council cuts were undertaken and request that the contractor is liaised with to synchronise the cuts. **Action: Clerk**

20/81B Planning applications for consideration

20/81.1B

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/20/014	3 Dovetons Drive, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4ST	Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and associated alterations	On the understanding that the garage remains a viable size to accommodate the parking of a car then no objection would be raised
3/39/20/015	Glenmore Bakery, 31 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QN	Installation of a storage container to the rear (retention of works already undertaken)	Would request temporary permission for the container with a view to being replaced by a permanent building more aesthetically in keeping with a residential area. Also, to comply with the planning condition imposed on the permission for the bakery (3/39/18/005) which states: 4 No production process shall be carried out within the building hereby approved outside the following times: Monday - Saturday 09.00 - 21.00 Sunday: 09.00 - 13.00
3/39/20/016	39 Half Acre, Williton, TA4 4PB	Erection of replacement rear extension	No objection

20/82B **Notification of Planning Decisions** – There were none

20/83B Highway Matters.

- 20/83.1B There had been no update from SCC Development Control Team regarding the Doniford Bus Shelter.
- 20/83.2B It was resolved to note a works order had been submitted regarding the refreshing of road line markings on A39 between Mamsey House and Bank Street and Pondhead Cross Junction.
- 20/83.3B The grit bins had been received and currently stored. After the current lockdown, they would be placed in situations agreed, Five Bells, Bridge Close and Half Acre Close. Once in place, Highways would be contacted, and a request submitted to have them filled. **Action: Councillors**
- 20/83.4B A reply had been received from West Quantoxhead Parish Council confirming they had no objections to WPC discussing road hazard signs with SCC Highways, on the understanding there were no cost implications without further discussion. It was resolved to contact Highways for their suggestions. **Action: Clerk**
- 20/83.5B An update would be sought regarding the request to increase the double yellow lines along Long Street from Sir Gilbert Scott Court to Station Road entrance. **Action: Clerk**
- 20/83.6B The Pondhead Cross Junction (Station Road onto Long Street) was discussed and members expressed concern that this junction was considered dangerous due to bad visibility, heavy goods lorries and the impact of increased traffic accessing the recycling centre due to alteration of their opening hours. It was unanimously resolved to contact SCC Highways and request that alterations to the junction was considered, with the possibility of installing traffic lights. Proposed Cllr Woods, seconded Cllr Nye
- ## 20/84B Footpaths/Pavements.
- 20/84.1B A list of poor footpaths/pavements around the Parish had been forwarded to SCC Highways. A response was awaited. Cllr Payne advised patching work had recently been undertaken at Half Acre.
- ## 20/85B Finance and Budget
- Nothing to report
- ## 20/86B Weed Spraying.
- 20/86.1B A quotation had been received from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance regarding a pre-emergent treatment as a trial which exceeded the £50.00 agreed limit. After a proposal from Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Payne, it was resolved not to proceed with the trial.
- ## 20/87B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers.
- 20/87.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) – A letter requesting support regarding the parking and erosion around the Copse had been received from Savills. It was unanimously **resolved** to write a supporting letter, as the Parish Council had a lease on this land. Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr White. **Action: Clerk**
- 20/87.2B Bellamy's Corner – Cllr Nye reported she had replanted the tubs. The Lone Soldier had been well received. There was still a problem regarding mouldy bread. Cllr Woods would inspect and if still found, would take photos for publication on social media advising the problems this was causing. A laminated sign would also be erected asking to refrain from leaving food waste. **Action: Cllr Woods**

- 20/87.3B Street Furniture – No issues had been reported.
- 20/87.4B Grass Verges – The grass verge between at North Croft had been damaged, alleged to be from a lorry in relation to the new development on Doniford Road. Cllr Peeks would investigate the planning conditions regarding the routes to site. **Action: Cllr Peeks**
- 20/88B Items of Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground.**
- 20/88.1B There was no further update regarding the ground trampoline. After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Nye, it was unanimously resolved to remove this item from the agenda and if after six months, more details were available, it could be reconsidered in the future.
- 20/88.2B Quotations had been requested but to date, not received. It was resolved to extend the reply date to Friday 18th December 2020.
- 20/88.3B An offer to revisit had been received, however, as the cradle swings had been replaced by Wicksteed, it was resolved not to take this issue any further.
- 20/89B Flooding Matters.**
- 20/89.1B No reply had been received from SCC Highway regarding adding grooves/gulley's along the pavement on Long Street. The clerk would request an update again. **Action: Clerk**
- 20/90B Community Speed Watch.**
- 20/90.1B It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda until full details regarding positioning of the SID's, costings and responses from other parishes had been received and complied for report.
- 20/90.2B It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda until full details were received.
- 20/91B Empty Homes.**
- 20/91.1B It was **resolved** to reply to the Case Manager advising further details would try to be sought and to thank him for the detailed report. **Action: Cllr Peeks and Clerk**
- 20/92B Highway Finger Posts.**
- 20/92.1B There had been no further update
- 20/93B Outdoor Gym Equipment.**
- 20/93.1B There was no volunteer to take on this project, therefore, after a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Woods, it was unanimously **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda until a Councillor was able to take the project forward.
- 20/94B Village Notice Board.**
- 20/94.1B It was **resolved** Cllr Howes report would be forwarded to District Council requesting permission to place the noticeboard on the tarmacked area in front of Risdon Hosegood Solicitors. Cllr Howes would be asked if she had considered the notice board on the existing toilet block. **Action: Clerk**
- 20/95B Village Crosses.**
- 20/95.1B It was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda until full details regarding costings, design and materials had been received and complied for report.
- 20/96B Green Initiatives.**
- 20/96.1B Cllr Woods advised the Trustees of the Memorial Ground had agreed to a wildflower area. The Fire Brigade and Magna were also interested. The land at the back of Townsend had been discounted. A discussion took place regarding the limited timeframe to apply for the grant. After a proposal from Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to allow Cllr Woods to proceed with this project if landowners permission was given, on the understanding there were no conditions for the Parish Council, to carry out any maintenance of the wildflower areas. The grant application would be submitted through the Parish Office. **Action: Cllr Woods and Clerk**
- 20/97B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 11th January 2011**
- To consider request for double yellow lines on Roughmoor Industrial Estate

Meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Peeks Dated 11th January 2021