

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2021 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, Stanford, White and Woods

Public:

Other: Michelle Francis (Clerk), Karen Brown (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors:

20/121B The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

20/122B Apologies - none

20/123B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	20/128.4B Footpath link between Union Lane & Roughmoor Ind. Estate	Personal	Informed meeting

20/124B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2021

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

20/125B Matters from the Minutes

20/125.1B (Item 20/102.1B) Village Entrance Gateway Signs/Road Gateway Markings – Highways responded to confirm 3 signs updated. Sign near Danesfield was overlooked and would be done after April. Repainting of road Gateway Markings would be completed before the end of March - noted

20/125.2B (Item 20/80.3B) Tree planting at Washford Cross Roundabout – Clerk advised Highways had been chased on several occasions, no response to date - noted

20/125.3B (Item 20/102.3B) Seagulls around Roughmoor Industrial Estate – Env Health Case Manager from SWT responded to advise that SWT are considering applying for a licence (Budget dependent) from Natural England and we would be notified of the outcome - noted

20/125.4B (20/105.4B) Streetlight burning throughout the day on North Street and Doniford Road by Mason Arms – streetlight now working correctly - noted

20/125.5B (20/112.2B) Disrepair of Phone Box – BT will undertake repairs, cleaning etc. upon lifting of lockdown restrictions - noted

20/125.6B (20/103.1B) Countrywide Grounds Maintenance had completed hedge cutting by the Children's Play area and trimmed trees in Bellamy's Corner as a goodwill gesture – **resolved** to write a Thank You letter to Countrywide **Action: Clerk**

20/125.7B (20/103.3B) Blocked Guttering above Tattoo Parlour – Clerk advised Landlord had been contacted to confirm guttering had been repaired, no response to date – noted

20/125.8B (20/103.4B) Confirmation of field name for field near Aller Way – Clerk advised Savills were reviewing Estate maps – noted

20/125.9B Reply from SWT confirming decided upon Rexton Meadow Drive, Gore Orchard Drive and Allen Meadow Drive street names – noted

20/125.10B Letter received from Savills confirming fencing works had been undertaken to address erosion to riverside path – noted

20/126B Correspondence

20/126.1B Email from John Harris of "Walking in England" attaching a link to "Walking in Somerset" website – consideration to be given whether to add to the PC website. After a proposal by Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Stanford, it was unanimously **resolved** to agree to the link and request walks from Williton. It was further agreed to write to Jenny Gibson to ask permission to include a Williton walk from her book **Action: Clerk**

20/126.2B Email from SALC requesting response to consultation questions on the subject of "Right to Regenerate". Cllr Peeks agreed to liaise with the Clerk to form a response to SALC agreeing with and supporting their comments **Action: Clerk**

20/127B Planning applications for consideration

20/127.1B

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/21/001	7 Doniford Drive, Williton TA4 4JW	Erection of single storey side extension and associated works	No Objection
<i>Proposed Cllr Woods, seconded Cllr McDonald, unanimously resolved</i>			
3/39/21/002	Land adjacent to 16 Catwell, Williton, TA4 4PF	Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated works	The Parish Council objects to the planning application on the following grounds: 1. Back land development adversely affects amenities of house at the front, i.e. driving close to windows affecting privacy and causing noise 2. Plot too small for size of the proposed house, not leaving enough garden space 3. Inadequate space for turning/parking vehicles 4. Concern over extra hard road surfacing which could lead to more flooding
<i>Proposed Cllr McDonald, seconded Cllr Nye, unanimously resolved</i>			
3/39/21/003	The End of the Road, 16 Catwell, Williton, TA4 4PF	Variation of Condition No.1 (approved plans) of application 3/39/20/013	No Objection
<i>Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Stanford, unanimously resolved</i>			

20/127.2B Notification of Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/20/017	Bangladesh and Indian Restaurant, 7 Fore Street, Williton	Granted

20/128B Highway Matters

20/128.1B Bus Shelter at Tropiquaria – Clerk advised SCC contacted again, no response to date - noted

20/128.2B Grit Bins for Five Bells, Bridge Close and Half Acre Close – Highways cannot guarantee when grit bins would be filled (could be days or weeks) and have asked that they are notified when the grit bins had been sited. After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Stanford, it was unanimously **resolved** to appoint a 'Handy Man' to site the grit bins at an agreed budget of up to £80. Also, a budget of up to £50 was agreed for the purchase of 2kg bags of salt to be placed in the grit bins by Cllr White to ensure their stability whilst awaiting Highways to fill them
Action: Clerk and Cllr White

20/128.3B Lack of Visibility near Aller Mead due to overgrown hedges and vegetation – Clerk advised that Highways had been contacted regarding this issue. Original planning permission evidence had been provided by Cllr Peeks to support the request

20/128.4B Cycle Track/Footpath link between Union Lane and the Roughmoor Industrial Estate had recently been closed by Exmoor Trim who own the land. Exmoor Trim had confirmed to Mrs Peeks that this route would not be reopened, that they would be felling trees (Ash Dieback has been cited) and would be developing the land. Cllr Peeks to review and report at next meeting to enable a decision to be made on whether the Parish Council should be involved
Action: Cllr Peeks

20/129B Footpaths/Pavements

20/129.1B Overflowing guttering at SPAR – escalated with SPAR maintenance team, await response – noted

20/129.2B Overflowing guttering between Hope Cottage & 17 High Street – Property Owners written to, await response – noted

20/129.3B Overflowing guttering at Wyndham Arms & West Somerset Free Press – County Roads replied advising no response received from their letter, but they will continue to pursue – noted

20/129.4B (20/106.1B) Property downpipes expelling directly onto pavements, poor road and pavement conditions around the Village – County Roads contacted, await response – noted

- 20/129.5B Overflowing guttering and moss falling from roof above Avenue 39. Landlord to be written to request resolution **Action: Clerk**
- 20/129.6B Downpipe outside the Butchers has corroded at the bottom and water is discharging over the pavement. Cllr Peeks has addressed this with the Tenant who had confirmed it would be repaired
- 20/130B Finance and Budget - Nothing to report**
- 20/131B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 20/131.1B** Bridge Green (The Copse) Cllr Payne reported that the damaged tree had been trimmed. Also, the hedge the length of The Copse is overgrowing and encroaching into the road. It was **resolved** to write to the owners of the land to request that the hedge be cut back **Action: Clerk**
- 20/131.2B** Bellamy's Corner – no issues were reported
- 20/131.3B Street Furniture – no issues were reported
- 20/131.4B Grass Verges – vehicle damage to North Croft verge – Clerk advised Parish Council responsible for this grass verge. Quotation requested to resolve the issue
- 20/131.5B Memorial Ground bins – it was **resolved** to write to request for bin collections to be adjusted if the normal collection day lands on a bank holiday **Action: Clerk**
- 20/132B Items of Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground.**
- 20/132.1B Roundabout cordoned off; repair still required – Clerk reported awaiting appropriate tool to enable repairs to take place. It was **resolved** to follow up with the manufacturers **Action: Clerk**
- 20/132.2B It had been reported the Spring Rider had been damaged; it was noted this had been removed, however the base plate needed to be removed. It was **resolved** to review previous quotations received to replace and to check CCTV for cause of damage **Action: Clerk**
- 20/133B Flooding Matters.**
- 20/133.1B Blocked waterway along the rear of Danesfield and St Peters Schools – Clerk advised this had been resolved
- 20/133.2B Report of potential blockage in the river at Catwell and concern regarding river at Highbridge – Clerk advised still awaiting a response from the Environment Agency
- 20/133.3B Flood Shed – it was noted that this had been moved and is still within the Fire Brigade's grounds
- 20/134B Tree Planting**
- 20/134.1B Memorial Ground – letter from WWMRG Charity requesting 1 Oak and 1 Beech tree which they can plant – noted
- 20/134.2B Magna, The Green – Magna had confirmed they would like an Oak tree. It was **resolved** to write to Magna to request they arrange to plant the tree **Action: Clerk**
- 20/134.3B Danesfield School – await response from school of offer to plant a tree – noted
- 20/134.4B (20/102.2B) Washford Cross – await response from Highways of offer to plant trees – noted
- 20/134.5B Surplus Beech trees - After a proposal by Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Stanford, it was unanimously **resolved** to agree to let a Parishioner have any surplus Beech trees and to request photographs of when they had been planted **Action: Clerk**
- 20/135B General Environment around the Village**
- 20/135.1B Upkeep of some gardens in North Croft / White Croft / area opposite SPAR carpark – Cllr Payne reported that the area opposite the SPAR carpark had been cleared. Cllrs Peeks and McDonald provided details of areas that need to be addressed. It was unanimously **resolved** to write to owners/occupiers to rectify the issues identified **Action: Clerk**
- 20/136B Highway Finger Posts**
- 20/136.1B Renovation of Fingerposts – West Country Blacksmiths had confirmed that the post by the Co-op will be rectified as per the postcard and the rust spots on the Co-op and Doniford posts rectified when the weather conditions improve – noted
- 20/137B Village Notice Board**
- 20/137.1B Update on possible locations to site the board – Clerk advised Risdon Hosegood Solicitors had been approached regarding siting the noticeboard at the front of their property. Also, that SWT had advised that an application to the S106 fund could be applied for, of up to £2K, for the project

20/138B Green Initiatives

20/138.1B To note grant application had been submitted to the Climate Emergency Community, it was **resolved** to remove this item from the Agenda until notification received from SCC

20/139B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 8th March 2021

Parish Online – to be reviewed with a possibility of being able to provide a virtual presentation to all Councillors

Action: Clerk(s)

Meeting closed at 8.19 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Peeks Dated 8th March 2021