

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 7.00pm
at St Peters Church, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors White (Chairman), Hooper, Peeks and Stanford
Other None
Clerk Mrs Michelle Francis
Public None

Apologies:

Councillors Aldridge, Howes, Johnson and Payne
Other None

21/35 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

21/36 Apologies as noted above

21/37 Declarations of Interest

There were none

21/38 To consider the following planning application

Application No	Location	Description
3/37/20/006	Liddymore Farm, Liddymore Lane, Williton, Watchet, TA23 0UA	Application for approval of reserved matters following Outline Application 3/37/17/020 for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale with additional information on drainage strategy and levels for a residential development of up to 250 No. dwellings

The application was discussed, and comments would be submitted, in addition to previous comments made, to include concern over lack of car parking provision; increase of traffic along Doniford Road and Williton; footpath to be retained and improved; as the Parish Council was not consulted in the original application, a request for S106 for recreational facilities.

Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Stanford and unanimously resolved.

Meeting closed at 7.37 pm

Signed as a true and correct record ... Cllr Payne Dated 5th July 2021

Copy of Comments Submitted to Somerset West and Taunton Council on 3rd June 2021

Williton Parish Council is only commenting on the section of the application that is within the Parish of Williton. Williton Parish Council reiterate their previous objection, primarily on the lack of a strategic traffic management plan in relation to the whole area, as there are currently several large development applications and all need to be looked at together to prepare a traffic management plan due to the increase in traffic that the developments will cause particularly as most traffic will need to go through Williton to reach the development sites. Plans are needed to control secondary traffic, both along Liddymore Road and Doniford Road as they are too narrow for construction traffic and would result in an increase in traffic flow causing unacceptable traffic disruption. If the plans are approved, Williton Parish Council would request that there be timed access for construction traffic to site being after 10am and before 3pm, due to the close proximity to the First Schools. Possible flooding issues need to be overcome and the access roads must be properly maintained and kept clear.

Williton Parish Council objected on the original details regarding lack of off street parking. The amended details shows that the amount of parking has been reduced from 201 to 159. The Highway Authority has stated that the optimum number of spaces is 195. Williton Parish Council object to this significant reduction and consider that the number should be significantly increased to ensure that there is enough off street parking. There should also be more visitor parking provided to ensure that the roads do not become congested which would be to the detriment to the free flow of traffic and for emergency vehicles because if the roads end up being too narrow for such vehicles to pass due to on street parking this could endanger lives. The use of a condition to ensure that the garages remain as garages (such as agreed on the extension to Aller Mead Way development in Williton which is currently under construction) is considered necessary to help ensure that the roads do not get blocked by parked cars. In addition no cycle parking appears to be provided either in the garages or elsewhere within the curtilage of the proposed dwellings. This should be provided.

Currently the public right of way that runs adjacent to Liddymore Lane (WL28/20) is not easy to use but is a very useful link between Doniford Road and Watchet and will help connect the proposed development to Williton and Doniford. Williton Parish Council would like to see this retained and the whole length of the footpath improved and carried out as part of the application. The public rights of way on the application site should not all be diverted onto the proposed pavements but should be separate routes to the road network to make them attractive to users and safe as required by Saved Policy T/9

Williton Parish Council was not advised of the original outline application and as such made no comments on the application. Had we been consulted we would have asked amongst other things for a S106 for recreation as the proposed development will put further pressure on the facilities in the Parish such as on the public rights of way network and would like to see a contribution towards improvements to the network and for other recreational facilities within the Parish.

It would appear from the submitted revised parking matrix that an extra two affordable houses are to be provided, which if this is the case, Williton Parish Council support this aspect of the application.