

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2021 at 7.00pm
In the Brendon Room, Williton Pavilion**

Attendees:

Councillors: Aldridge, Nye, Payne, Peeks, Stanford and White (Chairman)

Public:

Other: Karen Brown (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors: Denton

21/22B To advise the recording of the meeting

21/23B Election of Grounds Maintenance Officers – the following officers were elected:

21/23.1B Responsibility for Street Furniture – Peeks

21/23.2B Responsibility for streets for Weed Spraying – After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Payne it was unanimously **resolved** to agree the list and notify Cllrs of their respective responsibilities

Action: Clerk

21/24B Apologies – as noted above

21/25B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Payne	21/29.1B Planning Application 3/39/21/017, Methodist Church, Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4NT	Personal	Informed meeting Left meeting physically
Cllr Peeks	21/29.2B 5mph signage at Sir Gilbert Scott Court	Personal	Informed meeting

21/26B Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 10th of May 2021

After a proposal from Cllr Nye, seconded by Cllr Stanford, it was **resolved** to approve the minutes with an abstention from Cllr Peeks, with one minor correction on page 2

21/27B Matters from the Minutes – After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was unanimously **resolved** to remove items 21/27.1B – 21/27.5B until further updates are received

21/27.1B (20/164.3B) Confirmation of field name for field near Aller Way – Cllr Peeks volunteered to look at map when retrieved by Wyndham - noted

21/27.2B (20/164.4B) Overgrown hedge along the length of The Copse – Request to bring work forward on safety grounds being considered by County Roads Operational Manager and Road Closures team – Highways chased - await response - noted

21/27.3B (20/164.6B) Damaged green at The Copse – Request made to Savills to put temporary parking restrictions and cones in place when access is needed to the fields. Spoke to Savills who advised that they are in discussions with Highways - noted

21/27.4B (20/165.1B) SWT Planning Dept provided past Tropiquaria planning application information with respect to ascertaining ownership of the Bus Shelter – enquiry placed with Land Registry 25th May – await response - noted

21/27.5B (20/165.2B) SWT Environmental Health advised a Seagull License would not be applied for due to lack of evidence – Feedback/evidence received from local businesses collated and sent to SWT. Write to businesses with SWT suggestion “to stop the gulls nesting on the roofs, perhaps the business owners can carry out proofing to prevent nesting, as this may be a way to discourage birds in the area”

Action: Clerk

21/28B Correspondence

21/28.1B Email from Parishioner regarding reducing the speed limit on Sea Lane, Doniford. It was **resolved** to write to Haven and respond to the parishioner

Action: Clerk

21/28.2B Idverde advised that they will be getting some more bird boxes, insect hotels and wildflower seeds that they will make available to the parish over the next couple of months - noted

21/28.3B Email from Parishioner regarding the condition of grass verges, weeds and footpath surfaces in the parish forwarded to Countrywide and response sent to the parishioner

Action: Clerk

(21/25B) Following Declaration of interest, Cllrs Payne and Aldridge left the meeting at 7.30pm

21/29B Planning applications for consideration

21/29.1B

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/21/017	Methodist Church, Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4NT	Change of use from a church (Class D1) to a 1 No. dwelling (Class C3) with demolition of structures to the rear, and associated works	Williton Parish Council object on the following grounds. Vehicle charging point location - It appears that the proposed installation will involve knocking down the wall at the front of the property, which would be detrimental to the aesthetics of the building and adjacent buildings. It is suggested that the vehicle charging point be located to one of the owned parking spaces at the rear of the property. It is also noted that no planning application has been submitted for the extra access onto the A358 to allow the applicant to charge his vehicle. Location of letterbox - It is suggested that the letterbox is fixed to the buttress to the right-hand side of the front door. Mezzanine floor - It appears that the mezzanine floor will be visible through the windows, which is not acceptable. Consideration should be given that the mezzanine floor cannot be seen through the windows.
At 7.41pm Cllr Payne returned to the meeting			
3/39/21/016	2 Bank Street, Williton, TA4 4NH	Application for approval of reserved matters for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the site	See 3/39/21/016 J Gliddon Planning Application.docx
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SCC/3834/20 21	Williton Depot and Waste Transfer Station	Redevelopment of Williton Depot and Waste Transfer Station	No objection, subject to the following criteria being met: The whole area/building must be 'Seagull proof' 24/7 x 365 days a year to prevent nesting on roofs, which causes a nuisance to neighbouring residential and business properties.

21/29.2B (21/07.8B) 5mph signage a Sir Gilbert Scott Court – Cllr Peeks to provide update – deferred to next meeting

21/29.3B Notification of Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/21/010	Mamsey House, 30 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ	Refused
3/39/21/011	15 Dovetons Drive, Williton, TA4 4ST	Granted
3/39/21/013	Thatches, 12 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ	Granted

At 8.30pm Cllr Aldridge returned to the meeting

21/30B Highways Matters

- 21/30.1B (21/10.1B) Vehicle damage to Northcroft grass verges and kerbs – Gas Board now undertaking works on this verge. Write to Wales & West Utilities to request that verge is reinstated to original condition
Action: Clerk
- 21/30.2B (21/10.2B) Doniford Farm – Cllr White awaiting response from Cllr Davies - noted
- 21/30.3B (21/10.3B) Improvements of Station Road onto Long Street up to the bridge on the A39 – photos sent to Highways requesting that they address road safety issues – await response – Write to Highways again to request site meeting
Action: Clerk
- 21/30.4B Williton Recycling Centre – Viridor contacted to request the implementation of a traffic management system – await response - noted
- 21/31B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements** - After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Payne, it was unanimously **resolved** to remove items 21/31.1B – 21/31.5B until further updates are received
- 21/31.1B Overflowing guttering & rendering at SPAR – chased, await response - noted
- 21/31.2B Overflowing guttering 17 High Street – await update from County Roads - noted
- 21/31.3B Overflowing guttering at Wyndham Arms & West Somerset Free Press – await update from County Roads - noted

- 21/31.4B Property downpipes expelling directly onto pavements, poor road and pavement conditions around the Village – await update from County Roads - noted
- 21/31.5B Overflowing guttering and moss falling from roof above Avenue 39 – await update from County Roads - noted
- 21/31.6B (21/11.6B) Footpath link between Aller Mead Way and the adjoining new development (The Paddocks) – Land Registry plans obtained from Alpha Housing Services. Summerfield Developments contacted re ownership of land - noted
- 21/32B Finance and Budget** – Nothing to report
- 21/33B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 21/33.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) – nothing to report
- 21/33.2B Bellamy's Corner – nothing to report
- 21/33.3B Street Furniture – nothing to report
- 21/34B Items of Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 21/34.1B Roundabout repairs – Countrywide have replacement parts, repair still outstanding – Countrywide would be chased **Action: Clerk**
- 21/34.2B Replacement Spring Riders – Full Council approved GB Sport & Leisure quotation. S106 funding would be applied for in parallel with a grant from idverde (see 21/34.3B below)
- 21/34.3B Playground Equipment Grant from idverde – After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was unanimously **resolved** to progress joint application for idverde and S106 funding. Note: value of grant up to £1000
- 21/34.4B Deterioration of matting in Playground – Quotations requested to repair or replace - noted
- 21/34.5B Annual Playground Inspection – Somerset Fields advised the inspection would be undertaken in August
- 21/35B Flooding Matters**
- 21/35.1B Report of potential blockage in the river at Catwell and concern regarding river at Highbridge – EA investigating, no further update - noted
- 21/35.2B Further report of blockage in the river at Catwell by Parishioner. Gave the Parishioner the EA hotline number to report, also chased EA again - noted
- 21/36B General Environment around the Village**
- 21/36.1B (21/17.1B) Unkempt Garden at No.32 Northcroft – District Council to issue further Notice 215, Untidy Land under the planning act
- 21/36.2B (21/17.2B) Overhanging vegetation on tractor site opposite Gliddons – Photos sent to Highways; Highways will issue letter to resident. Gliddon's office contacted - noted
- 21/37B Highway Finger Posts**
- 21/37.1B All finger posts renovated to the required standard - Magna chased to liaise with Cllr Peeks to arrange for photographs to be taken – await response - noted
- 21/38B Green Initiatives**
- 21/38.1B (21/19.1B) Great British Spring Clean 2021 – Litter picking event on Union Lane and Watery Lane undertaken on 5th June. A 'Thank you' message to residents would be published in Williton Window and Nextdoor **Action: Cllr White/Cllr Howes**
- 21/38.2B (21/19.2B) Climate Emergency Community Fund Application (Wildflower Project) – Cllrs Johnson and Nye would take this project forward - noted
- 21/39B Village Notice Board**
- 21/39.1B Cllr Howes' proposal was discussed. It was previously decided not to allow Risdon's to advertise their business or job vacancies, therefore siting the noticeboard on their land is not a viable option. After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Nye, it was unanimously **resolved** to request Cllr Howes to find and research an alternative site for the placing of the noticeboard and submit a revised proposal for consideration. **Action: Clerk**
- 21/40B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 14th June 2021** – It was **resolved** to remove items 21/30B, 21/35.1B, 21/36.1B, 21/36.2B and 21/37.1B from the agenda

21/41B **Unanimous resolution passed to exclude Press and Public from the remainder of meeting – recording of the meeting stopped at 9.07pm**

21/42B **Speed Indicator Devices** – Cllr Aldridge gave an overview of quotations received. After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Stanford, it was unanimously **resolved** to proceed with the Elan City quote with the provision of training. If no EPC funds available this would be referred to Full Council. This would be progressed in parallel with the Speedwatch initiative

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr White.... Dated19th July 2021.....