

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2021 at 7.00pm
In the Pavilion, Brendon Room Williton

Attendees:

Councillors: White (Chairman), Nye, Naylor, Payne. Peaks

Public:

Other: Julie Coe (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors: Cllr Denton

21/80B The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded

21/81B **Apologies** – as noted above Cllr Denton

21/82B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Naylor	21/90.4B	Personal	Informed meeting

21/83B **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 13th September 2021**

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

21/84B **Matters from the Minutes.**

21/84.1B Northcroft and Whitecroft verges – Cllr Naylor to provide photos. Item carried forward

21/84.2B Cllrs to contact named parishioner to arrange walk around with him so he can demonstrate his concerns getting around Williton on his mobility scooter. Item carried forward.

21/85B **Correspondence**

Free trees for Royal and National Initiatives. Cllr Payne suggested not to proceed which was unanimously agreed.

21/86B **Planning applications for consideration**

21/86.1B There were none to consider.

21/86.2B Notification of Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/21/023	14 Half Acre Williton, TA4 4NX	Granted

21/87B **Highways Matters**

21/87.1B Curb stone situated outside Parish Office in Killick Way had been reported as loose with cars either driving over or pulling over for short periods of time. Highways have been informed, assistant to Parish Clerk will request an update on this and timescales for repair.

21/87.2B The hedge on Doniford road by Allermead Estate remains overgrown. Parish office will put in a second request for this to be done and request timescales for completion. Both Summerfield Housing and Highways will be contacted.

21/87.3B (Item 21/90.4B) Grass Verges – update regarding request for photographs

21/88B **Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**

21/88.1B (Item 21/69.1B) Footpath link between Aller Mead Way and the adjoining new development (The Paddocks) – no update. It was **resolved** to chase the meeting request between Summerfield Housing, the Aller Mead Management Group and the Parish Council. Cllr Peaks still awaiting a response from Summerfield Housing. Ongoing.

21/89B **Finance and Budget**

21/89.1B The ground maintenance contract of the Memorial Ground was made available for review. It was deemed necessary for the contractor to confirm the perimeter for the strimming around the main area and children's area. Alongside with the beech hedge and if it could be thinned out at the top without harming the chain link fence or any nesting birds. Parish office to ensure the front of the memorial shelter is fully sprayed around the hard standing. Hedge cutting to remain the same and fall in line with the wildlife and countryside Act. Continue to maintain hedges however Cllr's to discuss in more detail reference the possibility of contacting the private owners of the properties who's gardens back on the wall adjacent to Long Street to remove the overhanging shrubs and weeds. Ground clearance is fine Parish Office to remind Countryside to remove conkers from the pathway and grounds. Safety and

security remains acceptable with Countrywide advising Parish Clerk of any incidents Bellamy's corner, Parish office to ask Countrywide to please take care not to trim the flowering bulbs. Continue to weed flower beds and pots. Parish office to request the strimming in the Amenity Area (previously known as Williton Community Hall Land) to increase to 16 times per year.

21/89.2B The weed spraying contract was made available for review. Parish office to ask District Council if weed spraying is currently being carried out around the perimeter of the toilet building in Killick Way.

21/89.3B The grass cutting contract was made available for review Parish office to investigate what other Parish's are being remunerated for cutting SCC land.

21/89.4B Budget available for review. EPC projects were reviewed it was resolved to take out Parish signage from the budget and allocate to the reserves. Christmas budget of £600.00 to remain. All agreed.

21/90B Items Of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

21/90.1B Bridge Street (The Copse) weeds had been sprayed, no further action.

21/90.2B Bellamy's Corner. Area has been tidied, no further actions.

21/90.3B Street Furniture. Declared all fine no further action required.

21/90.4B Grass verges. Parish office to contact Countrywide to request a date for the Autumn cut of the wildflower verge by Normandy Estate, Doniford Road.
Cllr Naylor had identified concerns in Northcroft and White Croft of overgrown hedges making path access difficult and for mobility scooter users potentially dangerous. Cllr Naylor to provide photos to the office.

21/91B Items To Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

21/91.1B Discuss the annual inspection report. Report identifies splintering on the walkway and the timbers going into decline. (page 4 on the report) on the agility area. Cllr Payne offered to shave this off to resume safety on the apparatus.

21/91.2B Roundabout Repairs – carried forward still awaiting costs.

21/91.3B Replacement Spring Riders – carried forward awaiting response for funding.

21/91.4B Deterioration of matting in playground. Needs urgent replacement. Cllr Nye to forward contact information and the Parish Office will obtain three separate quotes.

21/91.5B Request to move beech hedge in play area. Brought forward and put into finance and budget for next months meeting.

21/92B Flooding Matters

21/92.1B Monksilver still requires clearing the environment agency have been informed, carried forward.

21/93B Highways Matters

21/93.1B Still awaiting response from Magna, Parish office will chase and advise at the next meeting.

21/94B Green Initiatives

21/94.1B (Item 21/3B.2B) Climate emergency fund application. (Wildflower project) A revised quotation had been received earlier in the day which will go to full council with a recommendation to accept.

21/95B Village Notice Board - No Update

21/96B COP26 – Cllr's Naylor and Nye to attend conference and submit a report

21/97B Request for a Flagpole to be erected in a prominent position in the centre of Williton, possibly Bellamy's Corner.

Request for flagpole was considered, after a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Nye with three votes in favour and two against it was recommended to full council that the request is declined.

21/98B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 8th November 2021

(Ref 2109.4B) metal posts and overgrown hedges reported by Cllr Naylor. Cllr Naylor to provide photos and contact highways.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated