

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th March 2022 at 7.00pm In the Pavilion, Brendon Room Williton

Attendees:

Councillors: White (Chairman), Payne, Nye

Public:

Other: Julie Coe (Committee Clerk) Michelle Francis (Legal Officer)

Apologies:

Councillors: Cllr Denton, Peeks and Naylor

- Public Speakers** 3 members of the public presented their comments all under the planning application number 3/39/22/007. 1 reading on behalf of a parishioner under planning application 3/39/22/004. **The public left after public participation.**
- 21/156B** The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded
- 21/157B** **Apologies** – as noted above
- 21/158B** **Declarations of Interest**
- 21/158.1B Cllr Payne declared an interest in the village notice board and planning application 3/39/22/005
- 21/159B** **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 14th February 2022**
- 21/159.1B After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White it was **resolved** to approve the minutes, after a slight amendment to 21/119B.
- 21/160B** **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**
- 21/160.1B (Item 21/141.1B) Report reference the water station request to be held at the Parish office from Cllr Naylor has been deferred until 11th April.
- 21/161B** **Correspondence**
- 21/161.1B West Country Blacksmiths quote to be passed on to the EPC members and presented to full council. Proposed Cllr Payne, Seconded Cllr Nye, all in favour.
- 21/162B** **Planning applications for consideration**
- 21/162.1B Planning ref 3/39/22/001. Erection of 2 No. dwellings. Mamsey House 30 Priest Street. WPC object on the same grounds stated on the previous application no 3/39/21/010. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye, all in favour.
- 21/162.2B Planning ref 3/39/22/002. Works to the roof, 3 chimneys and guttering at The White House 11 Long Street. Document was read out by the Legal Responsible Officer. Cllr Peeks had no authority to carry out a site visit or give 'advice' this must always be arranged through the Parish office. Therefore, Cllr Peeks was acting as an individual and not as a representative of the Parish Council. Parish Council will only now consider the original application as submitted to the Local Planning Authority and that this will not include the 'advice' given by Cllr Peeks.
In view of the statement presented by the Legal responsible officer on 14th March 2022 WPC will abstain from any comments. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye all in favour.
- 21/162.3B Planning ref 3/39/22/003. Removal of cedar shingle covering and replacement with natural slate, allowing for upgrading the insulation within the roof void and any timber structure repairs. 2 and 3 Cottages Church Street. No objections, Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr Payne, all in favour.
- 21/162.4B Planning ref 3/39/22/004. Application for outline planning with all matters reserved (except for access and layout) for 5 No. start-up units for light industrial use. Land at Slade Way. No objections. Must be low level single storey. Noise and light pollution to be observed and reinstate footpath. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye all in favour.
- 21/162.5B Planning ref 3/39/22/005. Application for change of use of the church (Class D1) to 1 No. residential dwelling (class C3) with various alterations including installation of solar panels to the roof and erection of stone and cast-iron boundary wall/fence. Methodist Church, Tower Hill. Cllr Payne declared an interest leaving only two Cllr's to comment. Needed to defer and request a second extension.
- 21/162.6B Planning ref 3/39/22/006. Application for conversion of buildings of part of former print works into a development of 6 No. dwellings. To be deferred and request a further extension to allow for Cllr Peeks to advise what was discussed when she visited the site. EPC possible site visit. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye, all in favour.

- 21/162.7B Planning ref 3/39/22/007. Installation of a battery energy storage facility, substation, underground cabling, access, landscaping, biodiversity enhancements and ancillary infrastructure and equipment to include acoustic fence, security fence, CCTV, and gates. Land adjacent to Gas Substation Lane, Williton. WPC object, this site should remain as agricultural land and no signs have been placed on site. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye, all in favour.
- 21/162.8B Planning ref 3/39/22/009. Erection of a jump tower with climbing wall and a container bar. Doniford Holiday Village, Watchet. No objections WPC support the application. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr White all in favour. .
- 21/162.9B Planning ref 3/39/22/010. Erection of 4 No. semi-detached dwellings with associated works (resubmission) WPC object on the same grounds as the previous application. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye, all in favour.
- 21/162.10B To note Legal Officer (Michelle Francis) left the meeting at this point. 8pm.
- 21/163B To Note the Following Planning Decisions**
- 21/163.1B – All planning applications were read out and acknowledged all had been granted
21/163.5B
- 21/164B Highways Matters**
- 21/164.1B Ongoing issue with the responsibility of the left-hand overhanging hedge heading toward Doniford. Photo's to be taken and presented at the next EPC. Wyndham estate to be contacted again.
- 21/165B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**
- 21/165.1B Grass Verges – No reply had been received from SCC Highways to arrange a site visit to discuss the poor condition of the verges. It was resolved the clerk would contact Wales and West Utilities direct to request they attend a site meeting. Despite numerous attempts to request a site visit office have had no response from Wales and West Utilities. Escalate further, defer until April EPC.
- 21/166B Fire Beacon**
- 21/166.1B Specification received from Cllr White and three requests for quotes have been sent to GA Sullys. B Walsh and Sons and Rock Landscaping.
- 21/167B Finance and Budget**
- 21/167.1B Refer to reference 21/175.1B
- 21/168B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officer**
- 21/168.1B Areas of concern reported by Cllr's have all been reported by the office the necessary agencies. No further action.
- 21/169B Items to Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 21/169.1B Refer to reference 21/175.1B
- 21/170B Flooding Matters**
- 21/170.1B No movement from the environment agency about the dredging that is required. Office to escalate to the agency raise a complaint and request a date for this to be resolved. Remove from agenda and put on tracker.
- 21/171B Green Initiatives**
- 21/171.1B Wildflower Project – No Cllr has offered to take on this project. Final decision must be made at next EPC.
- 21/172B Village Notice Board**
- 21/172.1B Office to write to Mr B Tyner of Williton Post Office formally to request permission to use notice board.
- 21/173B Great British Spring Clean**
- 21/173.1B To consider cleaning up Union Lane and Watery Lane. Add to April's agenda.
- 21/174B Matters For the Next Meeting to Be Held 11th April 2022 – no matters raised**

- 21/175B** **A resolution was passed to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity. Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr Payne.**
- 21/175.1B Item (21/169B) EPC decided and agreed on the quotation from Sovereign who will repair the matting and put in the new Spring Riders.
The office will formally write to Sovereign agreeing to the quotation and agree timescales to commence the works.

Meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed as a true and correct record ...Cllr White..... Dated12th April 2022.....