

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees:

Councillors: White (Chairman), Payne and Naylor

Public:

Other: Michelle Francis (Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors: Cllr Denton and Peeks

21/136B The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded

21/137B **Apologies** – as noted above

21/138B **Declarations of Interest**

There were none

21/139B **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 17th January 2022**

After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Naylor it was resolved to approve the minutes, after a slight amendment to 21/119B.

21/140B **Matters from the Minutes.**

21/140.1B (Item 21/124.3B) It was noted Station Road, was fully adopted

21/140.2B (Item 21/124.4B) It was noted some road markings had been improved.

21/140.3B Confirmation had been received that the footpath link between Aller Mead Way and the adjoining new development (The Paddocks) would be constructed. Forecasted to begin end of March 2022.

21/141B **Correspondence**

21/141.1B Wessex water confirmed they are no longer installing water stations free of charge. Cllr Naylor would prepare a proposal to be held on file for any future funding that becomes available.

21/142B **Planning applications for consideration**

There were no applications for consideration

21/143B **Notification of Planning Amendments** – There were none

21/144B **Notification of Planning Decisions** – There were none to note

21/145B **Highways Matters**

21/145.1B Overgrown hedge on Doniford Road by Aller Mead Way. An enforcement officer had visited the area and advised it was outside of the development area, so no breach of planning and had advised this was reported to SCC Highways. Wyndham Estate would be contacted as they were believed to be responsible for the left-hand hedge, heading toward Doniford. Cllr White would take photo's that could be forwarded to show the overgrown vegetation that was causing problems with visibility.

21/145.2B (Item 21/111/1B) The restoration of the Fingerpost opposite the Co-op had been funded by Magna Housing. It was reported a representative from Magna Housing had met with Cllr Peeks and the volunteer who had helped with the project, for a final photocall on Tuesday 8th February to complete the grant funding report.

CPRE had funds of £250.00 available, as match funding, for the restoration of finger posts. After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Naylor it was unanimously resolved to apply for the funding to enable the brown post on Bellamy's Corner to be renovated. Somerset County Council would be contacted for permission to renovate the post and request funding towards the work. A quote for the refurbishment would be obtained from West Country Blacksmiths as they had undertaken the work on the other posts in the Parish.

21/146B **Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**

21/146.1B 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.

21/146.2B Pavement outside Holly Barn. Photo taken and reported to highways. Remove from agenda and keep on the tracker.

21/147B Finance and Budget

21/147.1B (Item 21/128.3B) Deterioration of matting in Playground. – to be discussed under item 21/154.1B

21/147.2B A site visit had been undertaken earlier in the day from Sutcliffe Play Southwest. Item deferred until the quotation had been received.

21/148B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officer

Areas of concern around the village regarding poor access on footpaths and pavements. Cllr Payne and Naylor had reported their areas and the findings have been submitted to Highways. Councillors who had not submitted reports would be requested to do so before the next meeting.

21/149B Items to Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

21/149.1B (Item 21/128.B). Agility platform ramp timber structure. Reports were awaited, item deferred.

21/49.2B (Item 21/128.3B) Repair of matting in playground. To be discussed under item 21/154.1B.

21/150B Flooding Matters

21/150.1B Monksilver still requires clearing. This had been reported to the Environment Agency and a response awaited. Reference SWT395864312. Noted.

21/151B Green Initiatives

21/151.1B Wildflower Project – A final report was awaited from Cllr Johnson

21/152B Village Notice Board

21/152.1B St Peters Church had discussed the proposal and had requested further details, that were: confirmation the church would be able to use one third of the board and an illustration of the proposed replacement. It was agreed one third would be available for their use, the areas would be clearly marked, possibly with two headings.
Permission would be required from the owner of the building to replace the existing board, believed to be the Post Office. The Barbers shop would also be contacted as a matter of courtesy. The Clerk would investigate if Planning Permission and/or Advertisement Permission was required.

21/153B Matters For the Next Meeting to Be Held 14th March 2022 – no matters raised

21/154B A resolution was passed to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity. Proposed Cllr Naylor, seconded Cllr Payne.

21/154.1B Item (21/128.3B) To consider quotations for the replacement of matting in the Playground. As a third quotation was awaited, it was resolved to prepare a paper and forward straight to the March Full Council for a decision.

Meeting closed at 8.04pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated