

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 17th January 2022 at 7.00pm
In the Pavilion, Brendon Room Williton**

Attendees:

Councillors: Peeks (Chairman), Payne, Naylor, Nye

Public:

Other: Julie Coe (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors: Cllr Denton and Cllr White

21/117B The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded

21/118B **Apologies** – as noted above Cllr Denton and Cllr White

21/119B **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Payne	21/123.3B	Personal	Left meeting

21/120B **Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 11th October and 8th November 2021**

After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Nye it was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes dated 11th October 2021 and 8th November 2021.

21/121B **Matters from the Minutes.**

21/121.1B Loose curb stones and areas in the village with roads and paths in disrepair. All Cllrs to walk their areas and report findings to the Parish Office. Parish office to contact highway's and request a full survey of the village and plan of actions and dates for repairs.

21/122B **Correspondence**

21/122.1B Sale of 49 Whitecroft confirmed due to lack of appropriate cladding and the cost associated with repairs. No further action.

21/122.2B Wessex water confirmed they are no longer installing water stations free of charge. Cllr Naylor to prepare a paper putting forward Williton Parish Councils case for water stations and the whereabouts of where has been identified for them to be placed to receive maximum use.

21/123B **Planning applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/21/026	Mason Arms, 2 North Road, Williton, TA4 4SN – note to SWAT although no objections Cllr's comments are not available for public viewing on the portal.	Awaiting Decision on Replacement window
3/39/21/027	Sandpipers, Watery Lane, Doniford, TA23 0TW – no objections. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye. All in favour	Awaiting Decision Erection Of single storey side Extension and Widening of vehicle access

21/123.2B **Notification of Planning Decisions**
There are none logged

21/123.3B **To note the following planning amendments**

3/39/21/017	Methodist Church, Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4NT Cllr recommend to SWAT the pillar box is moved next to buttress and the front door be repainted in a more muted colour. Note that front door was painted before planning application has been decided upon.	Mezzanine floor level has been raised To the bottom of the window and the location of the car park has been moved from the front of the building
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21/124B **Highways Matters**

21/124.1B Overgrown hedge causing danger to vehicles on Allermead Way. Somerset County Council have been informed that this is now dangerous and urgent. They have been sent the Unilateral attachment to the original planning confirming they are responsible. Case number 597706. Assistant the parish clerk has reported back to the Parishioner who raised their concerns. An Officer from Somerset County Council had been assigned to do an onsite inspection.

21/124.2B Finger posts. Cllr Peeks has agreed to take on the task of walking around the village with Magna to look and address the finger posts. Cllr Peeks will contact Magna directly and make arrangements to complete this task.

- 21/124.3B All Cllr's were given confirmation that Station Road is adopted in its entirety. No further action required.
- 21/124.4B Cllr Payne reported the road markings in the village need attention. This was reported to highways and noted work had begun on improving markings. No further action required.
- 21/124.5B Road mirrors on bends in the village are lacking on main access roads in the village. Assistant to Parish Clerk report to highways.
- 21/125B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**
- 21/125.1B Summerfield housing have been contacted again and Parish office have given a deadline of 26th January for a response to the footpath link from Aller mead to the new development. Parish office to report at next EPC meeting.
- 21/125.2B Parish office had contacted Wales and Wessex for an inspection of the areas where the grass verges have been damaged. Parish office would advise Cllr Naylor once a contact had been confirmed.
- 21/125.3B Pavement outside Holly Barn. Photo taken and reported to Highways under previous reference 596838.
- 21/126B Finance and Budget**
- All finance issues referred to end of the meeting under reference 21/134B
- 21/127B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officer**
- 21/127.1B All Cllrs to report on their areas regarding overgrown hedges or any other shrubland concerns. Assistant to Parish Council has requested a deadline of 31st January for this to be resubmitted back into the relevant departments at SWT.
- 21/128B Items to Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 21/128.1B Ref (21/110.2B) Agility platform ramp timber structure. Parish office to obtain quotes to replace and repair. Approach Clerk at Bridgwater to ask who they use and approach Wicksteed.
- 21/128.2B Idverde will not respond with reference to the Community Investment Fund for the spring riders. It was agreed to proceed without funding. Parish Office to obtain revised quotations. If in budget put to full council to go ahead. Proposed Cllr Payne, 2nd Cllr Naylor. Passed.
- 21/128.3B Repair of matting in playground. Sovereign have requoted without the need to provide storage and water as these are available on site. Cllr Nye provided a list of other potential companies that may be able to quote.
- 21/129.1B Flooding Matters**
- 21/129.1B Monksilver stream still required clearing. Parish Office to contact the environment agency again to have this addressed.
- 21/130B Green Initiatives**
- 21/130.1B Wildflower project. Work has started but more volunteers are still required. Cllr Johnson wished to step from over seeing this project. Cllr Johnson would prepare a document for Februarys EPC meeting bringing Cllr's up to date. This will then need an alternative Cllr to come forward to manage this project.
- 21/131B Village Notice Board**
- 21/132.1B Cllrs Howes report was distributed for discussion. After the options were discussed, Cllr Payne favoured the noticeboard by the barbers shop, seconded by Cllr Peeks, motion carried two in favour and one abstention. This noticeboard is owned by the church, Parish Office to make contact to request permission to use.
- 21/133B Matters For the Next Meeting to Be Held 14th February 2022 – no matters raised**
- 21/134B To pass resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity.**
- 21/134.1B Item (21/91.4B) Sovereign quotation. Request an amended quotation removing storage and water pricing as these are already available on site. New quote received 24/01/2022.

21/134.2B Items (21/126.1B & 21/126.2B & 21/126.3B) Countrywide quotes for grass cutting and weeding. Quote for complete weed for weed spraying. Quote for hanging baskets and planters from Countrywide. Weed control were discounted due to being a rather inconsistent when used previously. Cllr Payne proposed Countryside, seconded Cllr Naylor, all in favour motion passed. Grass cutting, quote from Countrywide. Ensure quality and monitoring. Cllr Payne proposed Countrywide, seconded by Cllr Nye, all in favour motion passed. Hanging basket quotes moved to funding meeting held on 18th January 2022, item carried forward.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr White Dated 14th February 2022