

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 13th February at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.**

Attendees:

Councillors	White (Chairman), Naylor, Payne and Peeks
Public	None
Other	Mrs Michelle Francis

Apologies:

Councillors	de Burgh-Thomas
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22/152B The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded

22/153B Apologies as noted above

22/154B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Payne	22/158.1B	Personal	Left Meeting

22/155B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 16th January 2023

Approval of minutes was deferred to the March meeting to enable potential discrepancies in the minutes to be checked

22/156B Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

22/156.1B (Item 22/143.3B) It was reported the Robert Street signs had signs on both sides stating no turning and no entry except for resident access. This was queried and Cllr White would take photographs, to be discussed at the next meeting

22/157B Correspondence

There was none

22/158B Planning Applications for Consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/22/028	7a Bridge Street, Williton TA4 4NR	Erection of single storey porch to front, covered canopy to front and side, single storey extension to the rear, replacement of external doors and windows and increased roof height of garden roof/gym	Cllrs Naylor, Peeks and White carried out a site visit to re-address application. No objection, but comments made on potential light pollution from the garage windows and all of multi-pane windows on the front of the building is out of keeping with that type of property in Bridge Street. Would prefer to see a pitched roof, not a flat roof, on the garage.
Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Peeks and unanimously resolved			
3/37/23/001	Land to the South of Doniford Road and Normandy Avenue, Watchet	Application for the approval of reserved matters following outline application 3/37/17/019 for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of up to 139 No. dwellings and associated works	Comments would be submitted after the joint site visit and meeting with Watchet Town Council.
3/39/23/001	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Watchet, TA23 0TJ	Installation of a 20ft Container, an AHU (Air Handling Unit) for the swimming pool and a fence enclosure	No objection
Proposed Cllr Naylor, seconded Cllr Payne, unanimously resolved			

22/158.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/22/029	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Watchet, TA23 0TJ	Granted
ABD/39/22/001	Building at Bardon, Washford Cross to Fair Cross, Washford, TA23 0PY	Granted

22/159B SWT Council Planning Consultation

Members voiced the following comments:

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- Adjoining Parish/Town Councils should be made aware of applications.
- All West Somerset applications should be advertised in the West Somerset Free Press, under public notices.
- Comments should be accepted by letter, not just on-line submissions, for those who do not have internet access.
- The name and address of applicant and anyone commenting on applications, should go on the application, but redacted for the public website. Example given if a Tenant wished to comment on landlords' application, their name and address should be withheld.
- Hyperlinks should be allowed.
- Local Community Networks should list applications for their area.
- Planning department should advertise locally.

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- All statutory consultees should be made aware of decisions.
- The Parish/Town Council should be told of decision.
- Confirmation on how process is decided whether an application would be considered at committee or delegated officer.

Cllr Peeks would submit a written report, highlighting the comments, for consideration at Full Council.

22/160B Highways Matters

- 22/160.1B A meeting had been arranged with SCC Highways and Cllr Davies to discuss the speeding within the village. Cllr White would attend as Chairman of the EPC and Cllr Denton would attend as Speed Watch co-ordinator. A report of the meeting would be addressed at a future meeting
- 22/160.2B The request for costings of village entry and exit signs had been submitted to SCC Highways, this would also be discussed at the site meeting

22/161B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

A resident of Aller Mead Estate had expressed concern over the increase in dog fouling on the footpaths around the estate, reported to be exasperated by extra dogs residing at Orchard Brooks and had requested extra dog bins. It was **resolved** to reply advising the resident to contact their management company, although the Parish Council could not fund extra bins, they would support their request to this management company. The Parish Council would also request Somerset West and Taunton Council and the new Unitary Council that extra rubbish bins are installed on all new developments.

22/162B Finance and Budget

- 22/162.1B Grounds Maintenance Contract would be discussed at the March Full Council meeting

- 22/162.2B SCC Grass Verge Cutting Contract would be discussed at the March Full Council meeting
- 22/162.3B Weed Spraying Contract would be discussed at the March Full Council meeting
- 22/162.4B Wildflower Cutting – the contractor had submitted a cost for incorporating the whole of the contracted areas sown last year, but members only wished the Parish Council responsibility areas to be considered. These areas are already covered in the Ground Maintenance schedule.
- 22/163B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 22/163.1B Bridge Green (The Copse) The lease had been renewed and signed.
- 22/163.2B Bellamy's Corner – Food waste being left had started again
- 22/163.3B Street Furniture – The seat on Watchet Hill had additional graffiti, which needed reporting to the police
- 22/163.4B Grass Verges – No reports
- 22/164B Great British Spring Clean Up**
- 22/164.1B Cllr Peeks advised she had met with Sarah Cresswell, the SCC Footpath Warden, under her role as Parish Path Liaison Officer and had been informed Union Lane would be added to the maintenance contract for clearing twice a year. Wyndham Estate would be contacted by the officer, to request the clearing of the ditch.
- As there was no member to take the lead on the Spring Clean Up, it was resolved not to proceed but to reevaluate in 6 – 8 months' time.
- 22/164.2B The probation service would advise in due course when they are in a position to start.
- 22/165B Items to Report on Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- (It was resolved to consider 22/165.2B first)
- 22/165.1B Items of play equipment needed consideration for replacement. After the inspection last year, Wicksteed had forwarded various options for different play equipment. It was agreed to await the H&S report and then to consider options
- 22/165.2B A report had been received from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance on playground equipment that needed attention, being the large wooden climbing and the repainting of the See-saw. After a discussion it was unanimously **resolved** to proceed with small repairs / replacements and to instruct CLP Safety to carry out a H&S audit on the equipment. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Peeks
- 22/166B Flooding Matters**
- None reported
- 22/167B Fingerpost Training**
- 22/167.1B A date for training would be obtained, then volunteers would be requested, via Williton Window
- 22/168B Board on A39 approaching Williton from Highbridge**
- 22/168.1B It was noted the board and posts had been removed, no further action required

22/169B Litter Picking

Deferred to next meeting, due to time restraints at request of Cllr Naylor

22/170B Summer Hanging Baskets

A discussion took place regarding the hanging basket display around the village for the King's Coronation, with the suggestion of supplying baskets as last year, at the Parish Office, Bellamy's Corner and some of the businesses. Cllr Peeks proposed that only the Parish Office and Bellamy's Corner baskets were organised and to ask the Business Group to undertake and pay for the baskets on business premises, seconded Cllr Naylor.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Payne to include the same businesses as last year, if the Business Group were unable to support, as it was the Coronation year, therefore, baskets to be displayed at the Parish Office, all the businesses that had hanging baskets last year including, Bellamy's Corner, Post Office, Barbers, Williton Flooring and the SPAR; this was seconded by Cllr White. A vote was taken on the amendment, with 2 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

The vote replaced the previous motion as substantive motion. With no further amendments, a vote was taken on the substantive motion, to arrange Hanging Baskets on the premises listed above, with two votes in favour and 2 votes against, the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the proposal. Motion passed.

22/171B Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 13th March 2023

Report from planning meeting with Simon Fox and Watchet Town Council
Dates for future SWT Planning Committee – for noting

Meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Mick White... Dated 13th March 23