

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Denton (Chairman), Aldridge and de Burgh-Thomas
Public	None
Other	Mrs Michelle Francis (Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	Payne, Peeks and White
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23/01B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/02B Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Denton was unanimously elected Chairman – proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas

Cllr de Burgh-Thomas was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman – proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr Denton

23/03B Election of Grounds Maintenance Officers

It was **resolved** to defer until the following meeting, when more members would be present

23/04B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/05B Declarations of Interest

There were none

23/06B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11th April 2023

It was resolved to approve the minutes

23/07B Matters from the Minutes

23/07.1B (Item 22/198B) Pothole by SPAR entrance, Robert Street had been filled - noted

23/07.2B (Item 22/170B) Summer Hanging Baskets – WDBA (Williton & District Business Association) were keen to support – (to be discussed under item 23/19B)

23/08B Correspondence

23/08.1B Somerset Council – Environment Maintenance, Verge Maintenance Sheet 2023 - noted

23/09B Planning Applications for Consideration

23/09.1B The following applications were considered

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/21/028	Land north of the Transmitting Station, Washford, Williton	Installation of a ground mounted solar farm with battery storage and associated development	Reiterate strong objection and comments already submitted. (Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas, unanimously resolved)
3/39/23/012	Hollybank, 18 Five Bells, Williton, TA23 0HZ	Erection of a detached garage and workshop with office/storage space above	No objection (Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas)
3/39/23/013	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way, Williton, TA4 4TB	Removal of Condition No. 3 (holiday occupancy) of application 3/39/19/016	Would question the reason why now impracticable for the applicant to use that accommodation as holiday occupation, subject to good reason, no objection (Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas)

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3/39/23/014	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way, Williton, TA4 4TB	Removal of Condition No. 2 (holiday occupancy) of application 3/39/18/029	Would question the reason why now impracticable for the applicant to use that accommodation as holiday occupation, subject to good reason, no objection (Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas)
ABD/39/23/001	Medowbridge, South of A39. Blearypate Coppice, Williton	Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building into 1 No. dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development	Query if within the West Somerset Local Plan development line for Williton. Subject to historical use of building conforming to conditions for C3 building, then no objection. (Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas)
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	Reserve the right to defer comments

23/09.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/22/028	7a Bridge Street, Williton, TA4 4NR	Granted
3/39/23/001	Land to the South of Doniford Road and Normandy Avenue, Watchet	Granted
3/39/23/004	11 Dovetons Close, Williton, TA4 4SS	Granted
3/39/23/005	Land Adjacent to A39 with Station Road, Williton	Refused
3/39/23/007	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Watchet, TA23 0TJ	Granted
3/39/23/008	25 Fore Street, Williton, TA4 4PX	Granted
3/39/23/009	19 Bridge Close, Williton, TA4 4PJ	Granted

23/10B Highways Matters

23/10.1B (Item 22/197.3B) Robert Street – due to absence of Cllr White, it was resolved to defer this item to next meeting

23/11B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

23/11.1B New footpath between Aller Mead and new housing estate had been installed - noted

23/11.2B Cllr Peeks had supplied details of gutters and downpipes from various properties, believed to cause issues on pavements and roads, causing icy conditions. It was **resolved** to ask Highways for clarification of responsibility.

23/12B Finance and Budget

Nothing to report

23/13B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

23/13.1B Bridge Street – Wyndham Estate had been contacted to request the stones, which had been promised, be placed around the edge to deter vehicles deteriorating the land further. No response, this would be chased.

23/13.2B Bellamy's Corner – nothing reported

23/13.3B Street Furniture – Graffiti on the bench on Watchet Hill – Cllr Payne had reported to the Community Payback scheme and asked if they could clean the bench.

23/13.4B Grass Verges – nothing reported

23/14B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

23/14.1B Full Council had discussed the report from CLP Safety and Training

23/14.2B RoSPA Play Safety Team – Annual Inspection – unanimously **resolved** to instruct inspection to take place. Proposed Cllr Denton, seconded Cllr Aldridge

- 23/14.3B Wicksteed Proposal from play equipment – resolved to check if prices were still current and to request GB Leisure and one other company to submit a proposal for refurbishment or replacement
- 23/15B Flooding Matters**
Concern was raised that the Flood Plan was out of date and the condition of the Flood Shed. It was resolved to hold a site meeting on Tuesday 16th May at 10.30am to carry out an inventory of the shed and its condition, then to discuss updating the plan.
- 23/16B Report from joint planning meeting with Watchet Town Council**
No report had been received. A copy of the minutes would be requested
- 23/17B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 12th June 2023**
- 23/18B A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the remained of the meeting, due to commercial sensitivity**
Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr Denton and unanimously **resolved**
- 23/19B Consideration of quotation for the supply of Hanging Baskets**
WDBA were happy to work with the Parish to distribute a joint letter to businesses offering a hanging basket, at a subsidised amount of £20, on the undertaking that the business would ensure the basket was watered and a bracket was available for the basket. The EPC budget would cover the remaining cost of the baskets.
Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr Denton and unanimously **resolved**.

Meeting closed at 8.39pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCLLR DENTON Dated ...12 June 2023.....