

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Denton (Chairman), de Burgh-Thomas, Nye, Payne, Peeks and White
Public	None
Other	Mrs Michelle Francis (Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	None
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23/20B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/21B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/22B Election of Grounds Maintenance Officers

23/22.1B Responsibility for Bellamy's Corner - Cllr Nye

23/22.2B Responsibility for The Copse – Cllr Payne

23/22.3B Responsibility for The Street Furniture – Cllr Peeks

23/22.4B Responsibility of Streets for Weed Spraying – shared Councillor responsibility, it was **resolved** the updated form would be forwarded

23/23B Declarations of Interest

There were none

23/24B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 9th May 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes proposed Cllr de Burgh-Thomas seconded Cllr Denton

23/25B Matters from the Minutes

23/25.1B (Item 23/11.2B) The gutters and downpipes had been reported to Somerset Council and a response was awaited.

23/26B Correspondence

23/26.1B A letter had been received from a resident expressing concern regarding 'housing development in Williton' This would be discussed under item 23/27.2B – noted

23/26.2B A letter had been received from a resident thanking the Parish Council for their article in Williton Window and requested a litter bin in Church Street. This would be discussed under item 23/29.3B – noted

23/26.3B Planning Committee Guidance; Development Management Guidance had been received from Somerset Council – noted. Cllr Peeks commented that Parish Meetings had their right to request a planning application to be considered at committee taken away and requested this was highlighted at the LCN meeting.

23/26.4B Parish Briefing Sheet – Street Naming and Numbering had been received from Somerset Council – this will be considered further to clarify if Parish Councils would be consulted regarding the naming of roads, therefore it was resolved to defer the item to the next meeting.

23/27B Report from Joint Planning Meeting with Watchet Town Council

23/27.1B It was **resolved** to note the minutes and appendix received from Watchet Town Council. Watchet Town Council would be contacted to confirm a date and venue for the next meeting.

23/27.2B A request had been received for an update from Somerset Council on the above meetings it was **resolved** to ask Watchet Town Council for a joint meeting to be clerked, to enable comments to be ratified. An extra Ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 19th June 2023 to enable WPC to reaffirm comments.

23/28B Planning Applications for Consideration

23/28.1B The following applications were considered

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/23/011	4 Priest Street, Williton	Installation of 1 No. gas meter box and 2 No. water services box	Support – a minor alteration that does not adversely affect the character or appearance, as it is on the rear of the listed building Proposed Cllr Payne and 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 37/37/17/019 for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of up to 139 No. dwellings and associated works	Agreed to defer and to hold an extra ordinary meeting

23/28.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/23/002	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way Williton, TA4 4TB	Granted
3/39/23/010	4 Five Bells, Williton, Watchet, TA23 0HZ	Granted

23/29B Highways Matters

23/29.1B (Item 23/10.1B) Robert Street – it was **resolved** that Cllr White and Cllr de Burgh-Thomas would consult with residents on a fact-finding basis, to establish what the residents would like, highlighting that this is not the decision of the Parish Council but that they would consider a request to forward to Highways.

23/29.2B A resident had contacted Cllr Payne expressing concern with parking issues in Northcroft and requesting the Parish Council support a “residents parking only”. After a discussion it was noted this was not the only area that experiences parking issues, therefore it was **resolved** to request a site meeting with Highways and Magna to clarify ownership of areas and to discuss options to alleviate problems being faced.

23/29.3B Site meeting with Somerset Council, Cllr Denton and Cllr Woods – B3190 Five Bells to Washford Cross. Cllr Denton gave a verbal report of the meeting he had attended.

23/30B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

23/30.1B Cllr Denton reported a wheelchair user had experience difficulties crossing the A39 from the Free Press Office to the Car Park. It was noted there is currently a drop kerb slightly further along the pavement which possibly could be made more visible to pedestrians and vehicles. It was **resolved** to add this problem to the meeting to be held with Highways. In addition the pavement outside the old Lloyds Bank would be discussed due to the adverse camber of the pavement.

23/30.2B A request for a bin positioned along Station Road had been received. It was **resolved** to request that Somerset Council install and maintain a bin at their cost. Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Peeks and unanimously **resolved**.

23/30.3B A request had been received for a litter bin in Church Street. It was noted there was currently a dog bin which Somerset Council own and maintain it was **resolved** to request the bin was changed to a dual-purpose bin, which would give a larger capacity. Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Peeks and unanimously **resolved**.

23/30.4B Broken paving slabs on the drop kerbs on Killick Way had been reported to Fix My Street – Noted.

23/31B Finance and Budget

Nothing to report

23/32B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

23/32.1B There had been no response from Wyndham Estate regarding the stones around the Copse, it was **resolved** to follow up. It was further **resolved** to ask the Community Payback Scheme if they could cut back the hedge.

23/32.2B Bellamy's Corner – a discussion took place regarding the installation of a water standpipe which currently cannot be installed as Somerset Council have not confirmed the lease. After a proposal from Cllr Payne seconded by Cllr Peeks it was **resolved** when the lease was received a cost for the installation of a water pipe would be obtained from Wessex Water. The grounds maintenance contract would be checked regarding weeding.

23/32.3B Street Furniture – nothing reported.

23/13.4B Grass Verges – nothing reported

23/33B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

23/33.1B RoSPA Play Safety Team annual inspection had been booked and a date was awaited.

23/33.2B A discussion took place regarding the replacement/repair of play equipment and holding an open day to engage with residents as to what would be preferred. It was suggested to also contact parents via St Peter's School and St Peter's Nursery to obtain suggestions. Members were asked to take note of equipment of at other play areas.

Signs would be erected on the Herras Fencing explaining why the items were currently screened off and out of use.

It was unanimously **resolved** to replace 3 cradle swings and one chain proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr White.

Look into options for one inclusive swing boat type cradle.

23/34B Flooding Matters

23/34.1B Cllrs Aldridge, de Burgh-Thomas and Denton had visited the Flood Shed and found several issues which required attention, such as a combination lock and shelving. It was **resolved** a working group would be formed to rectify these issues and update the Flood Plan. Members of the working group would be Cllr Aldridge, de Burgh-Thomas, Denton and Payne.

23/35B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton

BT had been chased regarding this outstanding item and had confirmed details had been sent to the Field Manager. It was anticipated the repairs would be carried out in the near future.

23/36B Summer Hanging Baskets

23/36.1B It was reported some of the businesses had accepted the offer for hanging baskets and they had been erected.

23/37B Wildflower Grass Areas

23/37.1B Complaints had been received regarding the unkempt look around the Parish and a discussion took place as to whether the grass areas should be cut. It was resolved to look at the terms of the grant and, if allowed to do so, to cut these areas. Proposed Cllr de Burgh-Thomas seconded Cllr White and unanimously **resolved**.

23/38B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 10th July 2023

Blocked footpath at Aller Mead and Blue Light on Police Station.

Apologies from Cllr Peeks and Cllr White

Meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Denton Dated ... 10th July 2023

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