

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Denton (Chairman), Aldridge, Nye, Payne and White
Public	None
Other	Mrs Michelle Francis (Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	de Burgh-Thomas (unwell) and Peeks (away)
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23/44B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/45B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/46B Declarations of Interest

There were none

23/47B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12th June 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Nye

23/48B Approval of Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 19th June 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Nye

23/49B Matters from the Minutes

23/49.1B (Item 23/30.3B) A reply had been received advising that a replacement will be provided when they order new bins.

23/50B Correspondence

23/50.1B Parish Briefing Sheet – Street Naming and Numbering had been received from Somerset Council - noted

23/50.2B Letter from WDBA - noted

Email from Parishioner regarding visibility issues on A39 from Townsend – to be discussed under item 23/53B

Report from Parishioner regarding overgrown hedge limiting footpath, Long Street – to be discussed under item 23/54B

23/51B Report from Joint Planning Meeting with Watchet Town Council

23/51.1B It was noted the next joint meeting would be held on 27th July, in Williton Parish Office at 6.30pm. Agenda items were considered, the following would be requested: Doniford Road application to include footpath to Williton, Parsonage Farm development, Traffic Survey. All members were invited; Cllr Payne confirmed he would attend.

23/51.2B Cllr Payne gave a verbal report from the Teams meeting, regarding Wansborough Paper Mill application. The site was currently being bought by a different, design and build, developer who planned to amend the plans for fewer, medium-low rise properties. They advised the “Physical proposal for the roundabout outside Somerset Farmhouse, Williton, had been parked”. This developer would be asked to make a financial contribution, along with those proposing other developments in the area, towards a full strategic review of the roads around Watchet and Williton by Highways. No timescale for that review was given.

Cllr Payne would meet Ian Liddell-Grainger MP with Williton & District Business Association to discuss the traffic problems on Friday 14th July 2023. Members enquired if Cllr Rigby would be attending, in addition a discussion took place regarding Levelling Up Funding, a possible 'bypass' and evidence of the Highway survey stating the village was never built for the volume of traffic now being endured.

23/52B Planning Applications for Consideration

23/52.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/23/015	Glenmore Bakery, 31 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QN	Erection of a Single storey extension at the side	See below
A member had raised concern regarding a possible pecuniary interest. The clerk had contacted the Monitoring Officer and the advice was that they considered this correct and advised no comment was made. Cllr Payne proposed this advice was followed, there was no seconder. Cllr Aldridge proposed it was referred to the Monitoring Officer to obtain further confirmation, seconded Cllr White and unanimously resolved. Noted an extension to be requested and an extra ordinary meeting if necessary, would be held.			
3/39/23/016	Bardon Cottage, Washford Cross to Fair Cross, Williton TA23 0PY	Erection of a first-floor extension over the kitchen with internal and external alterations (resubmission 3/39/22/022 Town and Country Planning Act)	No Comment Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr White, one abstention
3/39/23/017	Bardon Cottage, Washford Cross to Fair Cross, Williton TA23 0PY	Erection of a first-floor extension over the kitchen with internal and external alterations (resubmission 3/39/22/023 Planning Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Object due to detrimental effect on listed building. Do not agree with the removal of the stairwell and would question if this was a listed internal feature. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Nye, unanimous
3/37/23/020	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Doniford, Watchet, TA23 0TJ	Installation of a 22.5m monopole supporting 6 No. antennas and ancillary development thereto	Whilst support the requirement for 5G, objection to the height due to the visual impact as within sight of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Aldridge, on against

23/52.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/22/020	Court Farm House, Doniford Road, Watchet, TA23 0TQ	Refused
3/39/23/011	4 Priest Street, Williton	Granted
3/39/23/013	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way, Williton, TA4 4TB	Granted
3/39/23/014	Red Park Equestrian Centre, Egrove Way, Williton, TA4 4TB	Granted
ABD/39/23/001	Meadowbridge, South of A39, Blearypate Coppice, Williton	Refused
3/39/23/003	Fairfield House, 51 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QY	Withdrawn

23/53B Highways Matters

23/53.1B Robert Street – Cllr White advised he had taken photographs and measurements to make a template for residents to comment upon. Agreed to include some properties on Long Street that are affected. Comments would be presented to the September EPC meeting

23/54B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

23/54.1B Blocked footpath at Aller Mead – Cllr Nye advised there was an electric fence blocking the path – this would be reported to the PCSO. Resolved to write to the developers and ask what they intend to do for safe access.

23/54.2B Various reports to Parish Office regarding overgrown footpaths which had been reported to Somerset Council. Areas reported: Watery Lane, Tower Hill, Doniford Road and Shutgate Meadow.

23/55B Finance and Budget

A price had been received for the replacement of the four cradle swings. Further to the inspection, it had been advised there was insufficient gap for the swings to meet modern standards and only one swing should be placed per bay. To follow this advice, Cllr Payne proposed only two cradle swings were purchased, one per bay; seconded Cllr Nye and unanimously **resolved**.

23/56B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

23/56.1B Response from Wyndham Estate regarding the stones around the Copse, stating the Parish Council could install and be responsible for any liability. Due to the decision at Full Council to end the lease as of 31st March 2024, the clerk advised not to proceed with the stones. Cllr Denton proposed this advice was followed, seconded Cllr Payne and unanimously **resolved**.

23/56.2B Bellamy's Corner – The ground maintenance contract had been checked and there was no provision for weeding, only strimming four times a year. It was **resolved** to defer this item until the 2024/2025 contracts were brought to committee for consideration.

23/56.3B Street Furniture – nothing reported.

23/56.4B Grass Verges – no update

23/57B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

23/57.1B Cllr Payne advised the RoSPA Play Safety Team annual inspection had taken place and he had attended. A report was awaited, but the advice was the large structure should be able to be repaired, but the small structure recommended to remove. Quotations would be sought.

23/58B Flooding Matters

23/58.1B Flood Plan and Flood Shed update – noted the working group would meet and report to the September meeting

23/59B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton

Due to time restraints, this item was deferred

23/60B Wildflower Grass Areas

No update

23/61B Blue Light on old Police Station

Deferred due to the absence of Cllr Peeks who had requested this item on the agenda, however, it was noted the blue light was in situ.

23/62B Community Payback Scheme

23/62.1B Consideration was given for a list of jobs to be collated. Resolved to ask for the following to be undertaken:

- Paint Parish Office (internal) (paint would need to be supplied);
- Clear vegetation next to rollers on Memorial Ground (not to touch the wall), noted, arisings would need to be cleared.
- Union Lane – Wyndham Estate to be asked to remove debris.
- Watery Lane
- Cut hedge between The Copse and Croft House

Any further suggestions to be submitted to the clerk.

23/63B Committee Terms of Reference

Due to time restraints, this item was deferred

23/64B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 11th September 2023

Meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr Denton..... Dated ..11/09/23.....