

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Denton (Chairman), Aldridge, Peaks
Public	None
Other	Mrs Michelle Francis (Clerk) Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	de Burgh-Thomas, Payne and White (away)
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23/65B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/66B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/67B Declarations of Interest

There were none

23/68B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 11th September 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes proposed Cllr Aldridge seconded Cllr Denton

23/69B Matters from the Minutes

23/69.1 The purchase of cradle swings which had been installed by Cllr Payne was noted

23/70B Correspondence

23/70.1B Community Funded 20MPH Speed Limit – noted and to be kept on file and referred back to after the following - Cllr Denton reported the Williton and District Business Association had held a meeting with Ian Liddell-Grainger MP and were currently investigating Highways undertaking a full strategic traffic review which it was anticipated that a representative from Williton Parish Council would liaise.

23/70.2B A complaint was received from a resident expressing concern regarding the advertising trailer parked on the corner of Bank Street and Priest Street. Cllr Peaks confirmed she had taken a photo of this trailer on the 24th May 2023; it was unanimously **resolved** to inform the Highways Enforcement Officer; proposed Cllr Peaks seconded Cllr Aldridge.

23/70.3B A Complaint was received from a resident regarding debris in the river at Bridge Street and Catwell. It was noted that the Environment Agency field team had visited to clear but since advised by the resident it was not clear. It was **resolved** for Cllrs Aldridge and Cllr Peaks to take photographs to send to the Committee Clerk and to defer it until the next meeting.

23/70.4b It was noted that a report from a resident from Blacksmith Close that there was a streetlight that was constantly on and that this had been reported. Cllr Aldridge also reported that there was another light that was constantly on in Robert Street and it was **resolved** that Cllr Peaks would take a look and make a note of the lamppost number and report it.

23/71B Report from joint Planning Meeting with Watchet Town Council held on 27th July 2023 - Noted

23/72B Planning Applications for Consideration

23/72.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/23/019	15 Sir Gilbert Scott Court, Lone Street, Williton TA4 4RH	Install internal secondary double glazing to all (10No.) Windows – a mixture of sash and tilt as appropriate to each window	It was noted that this matter was discussed at the Full Council Meeting on the 7 th August 2023 and that there were no comments.
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,	See below

		layout and scale for the erection of up to 139 No. dwellings and associated works	
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3/37/23/001 – it was resolved to request an extension until after the joint planning meeting with Watchet Town Council on the 18th October. Concern was raised regarding the increase of traffic due to most of the development driving through Williton to go to work, driving their children to school, delivery vehicles and also the dangerous junction at Doniford. A Parish Council Comments form was also completed in the event this had to be submitted if no extension was granted.

23/72.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/21/028	Land north of the Transmitting Station, Washford, Williton	Refused
3/39/23/015	Glenmore Bakery, 31 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QN	Granted
3/39/23/016	Bardon Cottage, Washford Cross to Fair Cross, Williton, TA23 0PY	Granted
3/39/23/017	Bardon Cottage, Washford Cross to Fair Cross, Williton, TA23 0PY	Granted
3/37/23/020	Doniford Holiday Village, Sea Lane, Doniford, Watchet, TA23 0TJ	Prior approval not required
3/37/23/022	Former Wansborough Paper Mill, Brendon Road, Watchet, TA23 0AY	Granted

23/73B Highways Matters

23/73.1B Tropiquaria Roundabout – it was unanimously **resolved** to write to the Highways to request they tidy this unsightly area proposed by Cllr Peeks Seconded by Cllr Aldridge.

23/73.2B A Parishioner had reported that the road sign above the Spar shop was missing a screw which had been reported to Somerset Council (Ref: 684590) – Noted

23/73.3B Robert Street Update – deferred

23/74B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

23/74.1B It was reported that the blocked footpath at Aller Mead had been reported to the PSCO and Vistry Partnership. The PSCO reported there was no electric fence, it was **resolved** that Cllr Peeks would look into this and take any photos of the blockage and email them to the Committee Clerk for reporting

23/75B Finance and Budget

Nothing reported

23/76B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

23/76.1B Bridge Green - Nothing reported.

23/76.2B Bellamy's Corner – Nothing reported.

23/76.3B Street Furniture – Cllr Peeks reported that a bench on Watchet Hill has been graffitied and requested that the Community Pay Back Scheme be asked to clean.

23/76.4B Grass Verges – it was **resolved** to chase the Grounds Maintenance Team regarding the weed spraying.

23/77B Flooding Matters

23/77.1B Annual report from Somerset River Authorities - it was **resolved** to defer this until Cllrs had time to peruse the report fully.

23/77.2B To consider a letter to residents regarding riparian duties – at the request of Cllr Peeks it was **resolved** not to send a letter at the present time but to request advice from the Environment Agency regarding standard wording for a standard letter with advice for residents on riparian duties.

23/77.3B Flood Plan and Flood Shed – Deferred

23/78B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton

23/78.1B It was reported that the phone box had not been repaired and it was **resolved** chase up the repair.

23/79B Car parking outside the Parish Office

23/79.1B Parking would be monitored

- 23/80B Wildflower Grass Areas**
23/80B It was reported that there was nothing in the terms of the Grant about cutting the Wildflower Grass areas and it was **unanimously resolved** to request the Grounds Maintenance Team to mow these areas proposed by Cllr Peeks and Seconded Cllr Aldridge
- 23/81B Blue Light on old Police Station**
Deferred due to the time constraints
- 23/82B Community Payback Scheme**
Deferred due to time constraints
- 23/83B Committee Terms of Reference**
Due to time restraints, this item was deferred
- 23/84B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 9th October 2023**
- 23/85B** A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity proposed by Cllr Peeks second by Cllr Aldridge
- 23/86B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
Cllr Peeks requested to ask the contractor to inform how long will the repair likely last. It was **resolved** to make a recommendation to Full Council to accept quotation 1 Option 2 Proposed by Cllr Peeks seconded by Cllr Aldridge **unanimously resolved**. It was further **resolved** that Full Council be asked to source grants for new equipment.

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr de Burgh-Thomas..... Dated ...9/10/23.....