

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	de Burgh-Thomas (Chairman), Aldridge, Nye, Payne, Peeks, White
Public	None
Other	Mrs Michelle Francis (Clerk) Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	Denton
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23/106B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/107B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/108B Declarations of Interest

There were none

23/109B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 9th October 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes. **Proposed Cllr. Payne seconded Cllr. Nye** three abstentions due to absence.

23/110B Matters from the Minutes

23/109.1B It was noted that the terms of reference would be taken to Full Council at the meeting on 9th October 2023 but they were to be taken to the Finance and Administration meeting,

23/111B Correspondence

23/111.1B A letter had been received from a resident who resides on Doniford Road requesting the lowering of the speed limit Cllr Payne proposed that the Committee Clerk contact Somerset Council to request the speed limit be reduced Cllr Peeks requested an amendment of seeking a letter of support from a Somerset Councillor requesting a reduction of the speed limit to 40MPH to be sent to Somerset Council together with our request, Cllr Payne accepted the amendment **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Peeks unanimously resolved**

23/111.2B An email had been received from a resident requesting that the branches be cut at Bellamy's Corner to deter camping there, it was proposed not to cut the branches **proposed Cllr. Peeks seconded Cllr Aldridge** one abstention.

23/111.3B A phone call was received at the Parish Council Office from a resident who was concerned regarding a tree branch at the Pavilion Ground at the Robert Street Entrance, they were informed that it had been reported and the Parish Council were dealing with the situation. The resident also mentioned that they were concerned with a neighbour who lived opposite not maintaining their water ways. It was agreed to defer this until 23/117.1B Flooding Matters, Riparian Duties.

23/111.4 A resident had emailed to request a speed indicator to be located on Doniford road to inform people if they were adhering to the speed limit it was agreed that the Committee Clerk to inform the resident that we are now in possession of a Speed Indicator Device which will soon be put in place at sites agreed by Somerset Highways and that other sites will be looked at in due course **Prosed Cllr. Aldridge seconded Cllr Payne.**

23/112B Planning Applications for Consideration

23/112.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/23/021	4 Priest Street, Williton	Replacement of ground floor external doors, replacement of No4. Casement windows on rear lean-to's, render to eastern rear-to	It was proposed that the two doors inside the porches should be replaced with the original ironmongery and all windows should be replaced like for like as these areas of the building were

		and removal of small eastern gable window	visible. Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Peeks unanimously resolved.
3/39/23/022	Thistledo, 16 Five Bells, Williton	Demolition of fire damaged bungalow and erection of 1 No. 1.5 storey dwelling	it was proposed to draw Planning Department's attention that the red line does not meet with the highway across the private access road. It was agreed that the tiles should be of a dark grey colour, it was also agreed the hedge height should be a condition and that the hedge be retained. Cllr Peeks proposed and Cllr. Nye seconded two abstentions.
3/37/23/026	Liddymore Farm, Liddymore Lane, Williton, Watchet	Application for reserved matters following outline application 3/37/17/020) for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, with additional drainage and levels, for the erection of 175 No. dwellings (Phase 2 and 3)	Concerns were raised as listed below which would be held as a holding reply. Extension would be requested until mid-January 2024 and a joint meeting would be held with Watchet Town Council Prosed Cllr. Peeks seconded Cllr. Payne and all agreed.

- There are only 18 visitor car parking spaces and these are not visible on plan
- There are only 2 parking spaces per dwelling
- Sufficient electrical infrastructure should be installed for fast charging electric cars as there is no public transport.
- Concerns regarding the width of the road, ensure larger vehicles and emergency services vehicles have access.
- The plans have differed greatly from the original plans, there is one road of concern which may be leading to a possible building development in future.
- Where will the affordable dwelling be located and to ensure a fair distribution between Williton and Watchet.

23/112.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/23/012	Hollybank, 18 Five Bells, Williton, TA23 0HZ	Granted

23/113B Highways Matters

23/113.1B Cllr White had visited the residents of Robert Street regarding the road signs and the possible installation of bollards at the end of Robert Street where it meets Long Street it was agreed that the Committee Clerk would contact Somerset Highways to request new road signs and have a road sign with house numbers **proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Peeks unanimously resolved.**

23/113.2B It was noted that the grit bins had been checked by Cllrs it was agreed that 2 bags of grit would be purchased to be placed in the grit bin at Bridge Close and that the remaining grit bins were stocked.

23/113.3B It was discussed as to as to whether to contact Trading Standards regarding the parking of possible dealership cars. It was resolved contact Somerset Highway and Manga to arrange a joint meeting to discuss parking issues at Northcroft **proposed Cllr. Payne seconded Cllr Peeks unanimously resolved.**

23/113.4B It was noted that the kissing gate, part of the hedge and dog waste bin had been removed at Catwell footpath and had been replaced with a gate that would give access to car. Mrs Peeks, as Path Liaison Officer, had discussed with Somerset Council and they would investigate whether there was permission for vehicular access to this field.

23/113.5 It was noted that the complaint regarding Station Road had been reported on Fix My Street.

23/114B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

23/114.1B It was **unanimously resolved** to contact Somerfield for a site meeting regarding the blocked access.

23/115B Finance and Budget

23/115.1B The ground Maintenance Contract 24/25 was reviewed it was agreed to remove Bridge Green from the Contract, to increase the grass cutting to 16 times a year on the Amenity Area. It was also resolved to ask for quotes to be for 3 years.

23/115.2B It was resolved to remove Bridge Green from the Weed Spraying Contract and to change the Contract to read all of Station Road.

23/116B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

- 23/116.1B Bridge Green – nothing to report
- 23/116.2B Bellamy's Corner – it was noted that a verbal offer had been received from the Sea Scouts to supply and plant bulbs at Bellamy's Corner it was resolved to accept this offer of planting bulbs in an agreed area. **Proposed Cllr. Nye and Seconded Cllr Payne unanimously resolved**
- 23/116.3B Street Furniture – it was noted that the graffitied bench had been cleaned by the Community Pay Back Scheme.
- 23/117B Flooding Matters**
- 23/117.1B It was resolved to adopt the Riparian Duties letter with a couple of amendments and send to the residents of Monksilver Stream **Proposed Cllr. Payne Seconded Cllr. Aldridge** one abstention.
- 23/117.2B It was noted that the Flood Plan had been adopted and that there was a meeting to be held on the 16th November 2023 for the public for flood group volunteers.
- 23/118B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton**
- It was agreed to defer the update of the phone box.
- 23/119B Blue Light on old Police Station**
- It was noted that an email had been received from Somerset Planning Department confirming that the planning had been determined without the need for the word "Police" to be retained it is no longer within Somerset Councils powers.
- 23/120B Community Payback Scheme**
- Nothing to report
- 23/121B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 23/121.1B It was noted that the play area had been repaired and the Harris fencing would be removed. It was suggested to set up a public meeting to speak to local parents/grandparents, care givers regarding future play equipment to be held in the Parish Council Office in January 2024.
- 23/122B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 15th January 2024**

Meeting closed at 9.11pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr Payne..... Dated15/01/24.....