

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.**

Attendees:

Councillors	Payne, Aldridge, Nye (arrived at 19.03 item 23/124B), White
Public	One Member
Other	Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	Denton, de Burgh-Thomas, Peeks
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Due to the absence of the Chairman and the vice chairman Cllr Payne was duly elected Chairman for this meeting proposed by Cllr Aldridge seconded Cllr White unanimously resolved.

23/123B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/124B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/125B **Declarations of Interest**

There were none

It was agreed to move to item 23/129B

23/129B **Planning Applications for Consideration**

23/129.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/28/23/003	Tremont, 33 Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4JR	Demolition of dwelling and erection of 3 No. dwellings with associated works.	Supports Sampford Brett Parish Council's Comments: -Williton Objects on the grounds that 3 houses this site would be over-developed. The planning information is incorrect as there is no main sewerage pipework at this site. The proposed buildings are too close to the boundaries and to the house at No 35 Tower Hill (once extended according to the approved plans 3/28/22/005). There is limited provision for parking and visitor parking which is likely to lead to parking on the pavement or road which would be hazardous.
3/39/24/001	Wibble Farm Nurseries, Wibble Farm, Williton to Bridgwater Road, Williton TA4 4DD	Development of existing light industrial buildings and structures to facilitate the needs of Styles Ice Cream business activities including processing, storage, renewable energy generation, office and display/presentation space.	Fully support this planning application as it is a positive use of the site and commend the green use and energy saving plans. Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Nye unanimously resolved

23/129.2B Notification of Planning Decisions – Noted

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/23/022	Thistledo, 16 Five Bells, Williton	Granted

It was agreed to return to the main Agenda

23/126B **Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 13th November 2023**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes. **Proposed Cllr. Aldridge seconded Cllr. Nye unanimously agreed.**

23/127B Matters from the Minutes

23/128B Correspondence

- 23/128.1B It was noted that a report from a resident had been received regarding a missing safety rail near the Railway Bridge Doniford Road and that a car had entered the ditch, the Committee Clerk reported that Somerset Highways has listed this work as completed but the repair was just a plastic bollard.
- 23/128.2B A report from a resident was received from a resident that hedge at 23 Long Street is very overgrown and is causing issues it was resolved that the Committee Clerk would write a letter to the resident to request they cut back the overgrown hedge.
- 23/128.3B A letter from Cllr Woods has been received in support of the reduction of the speed limit on Doniford Road it was resolved to send this to Somerset Highways. It was also resolved that the speed limits signs were checked on Doniford Road.
- 23/128.4B It was noted that a copy of a letter sent to Somerset West Planning Team was received regarding Aller Mead.
- 23/128.5B A letter had been received regarding Parsonage Farm planning application it was resolved that the Committee Clerk respond to the letter informing them Williton Parish Council are aware and monitoring closely all planning applications.
- 23/128.6B It was noted that an email regarding the Riparian Duties letter had been received and the Committee Clerk had issued a response inviting the resident to attend this EPC Meeting and to attend the upcoming Flood meeting on the 27th February 2024.

23/130B Highways Matters

- 23/130.1B It was agreed that Cllr. White would take the photos of the road signs that need replacing on the junction of Long Street and Robert Street that have been requested by Somerset Highways.
- 23/130.2B It was noted that the Grit bin at Bridge Close had now been filled.
- 23/130.3B It was noted that a meeting had been arranged for the 30th January 2024 with Magna Housing and Somerset Highways to discuss Parking issues at North Croft and the surrounding roads, Cllr Payne and Cllr White will attend and an Agenda was agreed upon.
- 23/130.4B It was reported by the Committee Clerk that Cllr Peeks was awaiting responses regarding the gate that had been changed from a kissing gate to a larger gate which would allow access for vehicles at Catwell and will update the Committee at the next meeting.

23/131B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

- 23/131.1B It was resolved that the Committee Clerk would arrange meeting with Linden Homes, Summerfield to discuss the blocked path.
- 23/131.2B It was agreed that the Community Pay Back Scheme would be asked to clear up the graffiti at St Peters Close.

23/132B Finance and Budget

- 23/132.1B This item was discussed under item 23/141B.
- 23/132.2B This item was discussed under item 23/142B.

23/133B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

- 23/133.1B Bridge Green – Noting to report.
- 23/133.2B Bellamy's Corner – It was decided that the Committee Clerk would gather more information on the which trees were recommended for a TPO (tree preservation order).
- 23/133.3B Street Furniture – Nothing to report.

23/134B Flooding Matters

- 23/134.1B It was noted that the majority of the Riparian Duties letters had been delivered and Cllr Nye was due to deliver the remaining letters.
- 23/134.2B Cllr Payne updated and informed the Committee that more volunteers were needed to action the Flood Plan and that it had been decided not to move the Flood Shed for the time being.
- 23/135B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton**
It was noted that the Phone Box had been repaired.
- 23/136B Community Payback Scheme**
A list of works for the Community Payback Scheme was discussed.
- 23/137B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 23/137.1B It was noted that there were two drop-in sessions arranged for the public to share their views on future play equipment.
- 23/137.2B Noted.
- 23/137.3B Cllr Nye reported she had been researching many types of play equipment and handed a list to the Committee Clerk to research.
- 23/138B Flagpole**
It was agreed that the proposed flagpole should be located at Bellamy's Corner as it is more central to the Village proposed Cllr White seconded Cllr Nye one abstention.
- 23/139B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 12th February 2024**
- 23/140B A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity proposed Cllr. Payne seconded Cllr Aldridge all agreed.**
- 23/141B Grounds maintenance Contract quotes were considered** after a proposal by Cllr Aldridge seconded by Cllr White it was unanimously resolved to recommend to Full Council the acceptance of Quotation 2.
- 23/142B Weed Spraying Contract quotes were considered** after a proposal by Cllr White seconded by Cllr Nye it was unanimously resolved to recommend to Full Council the acceptance of quote 5 one year contract.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed as a true and correct record ...Cllr Denton..... Dated12/02/24.....