

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillors Nye and White

23/159B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

23/160B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

23/161B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	23/164.1B and 167.2B	Personal	Advised meeting

23/162B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 12th February 2024

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.
Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr de Burgh-Thomas

23/163B Matters from the Minutes

23/163.1B (Item 23/148.4B) Confirmation that a report had been submitted to Somerset Council regarding someone living on a boat at the Queen Bee site - noted

23/163.2B (Item 23/148.5B) Awaiting a response from Somerset Highways with dates for a joint meeting - noted

23/163.3B (Item 23/70.2B) Somerset Council had contacted the owner of the advertising trailer parked on the grass verge on the junction of Priest Street and Bank Street requesting it be removed, otherwise the trailer would be removed by Somerset Council - noted

23/164B Correspondence

23/164.1B An email had been received from J Gliddon and Sons requesting a meeting with Parish Councillors before the proposed joint meeting with Somerset Council. Due to having no response to date from Highways, it was unanimously resolved to agree to a meeting, which all members of EPC would be invited.

Resolution: To arrange a meeting, preferably avoiding Mondays.

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Payne, unanimously **resolved**

23/164.2B A map of the proposed changes to Fore Street, Williton, had been delivered to the office by Ian Liddell-Grainger MP - noted

23/164.3B A letter had been received from Hedgehogs R Us

Resolution: To forward the letter to the Watchet Hedgehogs.

Proposed by Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, unanimously **resolved**

23/164.4B A resident had informed the office of a very large pothole outside Spar, 2 Fore Street, which had been reported to Somerset Council and had been subsequently repaired. Cllr Payne a further pothole had appeared, next to the repair, and he would report it on Fix My Street.

23/165B To Consider the Following Planning Applications

23/165.1B There were no planning applications to consider.

3/39/21/028 – Installation of a ground mounted solar farm with battery storage and associated development – Reported that an appeal had been lodged and Somerset Council were awaiting the Start Letter from the Inspectorate.

Resolution: To monitor this application and hold an Extra Ordinary or Public meeting as required. To ask the Inspectorate when the Parish Council would be notified and confirmation of time frame for comments to be submitted.

Proposed by Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr de Burgh-Thomas, unanimously **resolved**

23/165.2B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/20/003	Land to the west of Williton, off Priest Street	Granted 12.02.2024
3/38/23/003	Tremont, 33 Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4JR	Refused 19.02.2024

23/166B Highways Matters

23/166.1B Robert Street – deferred due to absence of Cllr White.

23/167B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

23/167.1B It was noted the footpath at Aller Mead was still blocked. Cllr Peeks requested contact details to enable a meeting to be arranged.

23/167.2B Elizabeth Peeks as Parish Path Liaison Officer (PPLO) reported the link path between Union Lane and the Roughmoor Industrial Estate had been opened on the 10th February 2024, noting the application for this path may not be determined for many years and the link may be closed at any time - noted

23/168B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

23/168.1B Bridge Green – Noting to report. To be removed from the agenda due to the end of the lease.

23/168.2B Bellamy's Corner – It was noted two streetlights had been replaced.

23/168.3B Street Furniture – Cllr Aldridge updated members on the Finger Posts. It was noted a contractor may be used to concrete the posts into the ground and that this was allocated within provisions.

23/169B Finance and Budget

23/169.1B Countrywide Grounds Maintenance had confirmed acceptance of the Grounds Maintenance Contract - noted

23/169.2B Complete Weed Control had confirmed acceptance of the Weed Spraying Contract – noted. Cllrs would be advised when this was undertaken.

23/170B Flooding Matters

23/170.1B Flood Plan and Flood Shed – it was noted the next meeting would be held on Thursday 14th March, 7pm in the Parish Office.

23/170.2B A verbal report was given on the Flood Meeting “What to do in the Event of a Flood” with outside agencies, which had been held on 27th February 2024 and had been well attended with approx. 40-50 people. There had been a lot of positive feedback and possible volunteers for flood wardens. The Fire Service may be able to assist with clearing of ditches.

23/171B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton

Cllr Peeks agreed to check if the window had been fixed and report back to the office.

23/172B Community Payback Scheme

Cllr Aldridge asked if the contact details could be forwarded to Watchet Task Force, care of the Town Clerk.

23/173B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

23/173.1B Comments received from members of the public at the What's on in Williton event held on 24th February 2024 had been circulated.

A discussion took place regarding what pieces to consider for replacement. It was agreed to obtain three quotations to replace with a similar structure to the one that had been removed, probably in wood with metal bases for ground fixings. Quotations to include supply and installation. To include a slide and climbing frame, on the current footprint, for completion before the July school holidays.

It was anticipated quotations would be forwarded to Full Council April meeting, for a final decision.

23/174B Flagpole

It would be confirmed if a budget had been set for the Flagpole to be erected on Bellamy's Corner.

23/175B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 15th April 2024

Meeting closed at 8.17pm

Signed as a true and correct record ...Cllr Denton..... Dated15/04/24.....