

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillors	Whetlor, Aldridge
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24/37B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

Cllr Payne was duly Elected as Chairman for the purpose of this meeting

24/38B Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Peeks Proposed to defer the Election of Chairman until the next EPC Meeting. Cllr. De Burgh Thomas was Elected as Deputy Chairman **Seconded Cllr Nye unanimously resolved** one abstention.

24/39B Responsibilities for Street Weed Spraying it was agreed to forward the List of Street to be Included in Weed Spraying to all Councillors in order that they allocate themselves to streets they were happy to take responsibility for.

24/40B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

24/41B Declarations of Interest

None

24/42B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held on 10th June 2024

Cllr Peeks requested that the full comments regarding Planning Application 3/39/24/006 that were sent to Somerset Council be added into the minutes on page two.

RESOLUTION to sign the Minutes with this amendment **Proposed Cllr. Payne Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously Resolved.**

24/43B Matters from the Minutes - None

24/44B Correspondence

24/44.1B A resident had called the office to report work being carried out in Outmoor Wood. Cllr Rutter confirmed that he had contacted The Forestry Commission and that they had issued a licence for the works that were being carried out – **NOTED.**

24/44.2B A resident had called the office to report a possible case of Japanese Knotweed Mrs Peeks as Path Liaison Officer informed the Committee that she had investigated this matter and reported that it was actually Himalayan Honeysuckle - **NOTED**

24/44.3B A resident had reported that a neighbouring property had extremely overgrown brambles on their property which encroach the watercourse and that the Environment Agency had been requested to make a site visit and that a date for this meeting was awaited – **NOTED.**

24/44.4B A response to J Gliddon and Sons email was formulated **Proposed Cllr de Burgh-Thomas Seconded Cllr Nye unanimously Resolved.**

24/45B To Consider the Following Planning Applications

24/45.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/24/007	10 Quantock Grove, Williton, TA4 4PD	Loft Conversion with erection of two dormer windows.	No Objection in principle but consider that in the interest of good design that the ridge of

			the dormer should be lower than the ridge of the main dwelling to be more aesthetically pleasing.
3/39/24/010	Springhays, Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ	Conversion of building into 2 No. dwellings with parking (amended scheme to 3/39/22/001)	See Below
Object on the following grounds: Williton Parish Council question whether the red line is correct as shown on the proposed site plan as this includes the four parking spaces next to the main building. The number of car parking is excessive and is in excess of the number of spaces mentioned in the D&A Statement. The garden for unit A is too small. It is considered that the removal of the two car parking spaces next to the main building would make the size of the garden more acceptable. The design of Unit B is a better design than that previously approved but the kitchen/dining area should be reduced by approximately one third to be more in proportion with the main section of the bungalow. The external facing of the building should be more sympathetic to Mamsey House i.e. stone with some render on the sides as found on the adjoining two new houses and it would be preferable to see chimneys on the properties as to match Mamsey House. Should any application however, be approved we implore that a recreation contribution be required to comply with the approved Section 106 Planning Obligations SPD.			
3/39/24/011	Hollybank, 18 Five Bells, Williton, TA23 0HZ	Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of No.1 dwelling	Williton Parish Council Object to the erection of a dwelling on the grounds that 1. The dwelling will be a very visible and dominate feature in Five Bells which is characterised by a single row of dwellings with no dwellings in the back gardens. If the erection of dwellings in the rear gardens is repeated too often it will have a visual detrimental effect on the character of Five Bells. 2. The residents of 18 Five Bells will be adversely impacted by the proposed dwelling due to a loss of privacy and disturbance caused by the use of the proposed access to the proposed dwelling being sited adjacent to the existing dwelling also be affected by vehicle headlight glare.
NMA/39/24/001	Wibble Farm Nurseries, Wibble Farm, Williton to Bridgwater, Williton	Application for a Non-Material Amendment to the application 3/39/24/001 for the asbestos roof and wall panels with insulated metal panels and the installation of roof covering in continuous slopes rather than stepping down over the extensions with additional 20'X8' container for battery storage set within the loading bay off the NW corner of the processing barn, roof profile of solar barn to be mono-pitched roof rather than saw-toothed, raising in three sections as per permission but with lowered eaves as to not increase the overall height of the building.	Object to the proposed amendments on the following grounds: The proposed change of a saw tooth roof to a monopitch roof on the solar building will have an adverse visual impact on the surrounding area including the setting of the Quantocks National landscape due to the significant increase in the expanse of roof and solar panels especially as the three rows of panels that would be seen as shown on the approved drawings is now proposed to double to six rows. This will look industrial and the glare from the panels will further worsen the visual impact (as seen with the existing solar farm). With regards to the replacement of the roof on the barn building Williton Parish Council consider the existing plan to be superior. It would be a shame to have continuous monotonous metal roof. It is suggest that to retain some interest in the roof and to break the appearance of the roof up the Applicant could remove the asbestos and replace in the same style but if the roof is replaced with metal sheeting it should be broken up with different colours or materials to reduce the visual impact.

24/45.2B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
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No decisions

24/46.B Highways Matters

24/46.1B Robert Street – Cllr Peeks emailed the Committee Clerk photos of the signed for Somerset Council of the road signs to be replaced which were forwarded to Somerset Council – **NOTED**.

Resolution the Committee Clerk chase Somerset Council.

24/46.2B To note that Somerset Council had been emailed regarding setting a 30MPH speed limited through Five Bells and a response is awaited – **NOTED**.

24/47B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

24/.47B Cllr Peeks informed the Committee that she was still awaiting a response – **NOTED**.

24/48B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

24/48.1B Bellamy's Corner – It was noted that the D Day Display was still up and needed to be put into storage for use next year.
The Committee Clerk was asked to look at the Tree Report regarding the Cherry Tree on Bellamy's Corner.

24/48.2B Street Furniture – Nothing to report.

24/48.3B Weed Spraying – it was agreed that there were some areas of concern regarding the weed spraying some large areas of streets have not been sprayed.
Resolution to monitor the second spray and follow up with the Contractor if there are any issues that need rectifying.

24/49B Finance and Budget – Nothing to report

24/50B Flooding Matters

24/50.1B Flood Plan and Flood Shed – it was reported that there still was not much interest in supporting the Flood Plan and the Williton Response Group from the community **NOTED**.

24/50.2B The next flood meeting is to be held on 11th July 2024 - **NOTED**

24/51B Disrepair of BT Phone Box, North Croft, Williton

Cllr Peeks kindly informed the Committee that she would check the progress of the repairs to the Phone Box -**NOTED**.

24/52B Community Payback Scheme

It was **NOTED** that the liaison for this scheme was away at present.

24/53B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground

24/53.1B To consider Annual Inspection from Rospa Play Safety
Resolution the Committee Clerk to contact Rospa to book the inspection if the costs did not exceed £260 + VAT and to consider the Scheduled Annual Inspection at the discounted rate for future inspections. **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Peeks unanimously Resolved.**

24/53.2B IT was **noted** that the Ground Maintenance Contractors had raised concerns on their recent Playground Inspection Sheet and that a quoted for the repairs had been requested. It was also noted that the rotten plank that had been replaced with a slightly smaller plank and it was agreed that this was a sufficient repair until the replacement plank would be fitted by the contractor when installing the new play equipment.

24/54B **Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 9th September 2024 – Nothing.**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed as a true and correct record ...Cllr Peeks..... Dated9th September 2024.....