

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Payne, Rutter
Public	One member of the Public
Other	Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	Peeks (away), Aldridge (away)
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Before the beginning of the Meeting a member of the public spoke regarding the proposed scheme for Fore Street.

24/76B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

24/77B Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Payne Proposed Cllr McDonald as Chairman and to defer the election of Vice Chairman **Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.**

24/78B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

24/79B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr McDonald	24/82.1B	Other Non-disclosable Interest	Advised meeting

24/80B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held on 9th September 2024.

Resolution approve and sign the Minutes **Proposed Cllr. Rutter two** abstention due to absence.

24/81B Matters from the Minutes - None

24/82B Correspondence

24/82.1B Letter received from Orchard Wyndham Estate.

Resolution The Committee Clerk to respond robustly to Orchard Wyndham Estate to request confirmation that a representative was present during the tree felling to ensure that proper care and attention was afforded to the bats. To also request that they undertake a full ecological survey. **Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Rutter Unanimously Resolved.**

24/82.2B To note that an email had been received from D J Gliddon and Sons which would be discussed under item number 24/84.4B.

24/82.3B An email from SALC had been received offering free SALC briefing on how councils (landowners) manage trees for risk management purposes and how that can be made easy. Also a look at tree consultancy for planning and development purposes.

Resolution Cllr Rutter to attend the briefing **Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Rutter Unanimously Resolved.**

24/82.4B An email had been received from Somerset Council with a Highway Volunteers Handbook and Training Process Slides attached – **Noted.**

24/83B To Consider the Following Planning Applications

24/83.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
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3/37/23/026	Liddymore Farm, Liddymore Lane, Williton, Watchet	Application for the reserved matters following outline application 3/37/23/026 for the access, appearance, landscape, layout and scale, with additional drainage strategy and levels, for the erection of 175 dwellings (Phase 2 and 3).	Williton Parish Council's comments still apply from 5 th December 2023.
3/39/24/017	Highfield Barn, Station Road, Williton, TA4 4RW	Conversion of barn into No.1 two bedroom holiday let.	Williton Parish Council supports this application this will enhance tourism. Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Rutter Unanimously Resolved.
Appeal APP/E3335/ W/24/33454 67	Tremont, 33 Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4JR	Demolition of dwelling and erection of 3 No. dwellings with associated works.	Nothing further to add to this Williton Parish Councils objection still stands.

24/83.2B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

No Planning decisions reported – **Noted.**

24/84.B Highways Matters

24/84.1B Robert Street – the Committee Clerk had chased Somerset Highways regarding replacing the road signs on Robert Street – **NOTED.**

24/84.2B The Committee Clerk had emailed Somerset Council regarding setting a 30MPH speed limited through Five Bells and a response is awaited, Somerset Council had been chased for a response– **NOTED.**

24/84.3B The Police had been notified of the email that had been received from Cllr Davies regarding the speeding on Doniford Road from the bottom of Rydon Hill towards Watchet through the 30MPH zone – **NOTED.**

24/84.4B An email from D J Gliddon and Sons had been received requesting a topographical survey of Fore Street to be undertaken. **Resolution** to recommend to Full Council that, with the lack of any other concept plan, Williton Parish Council to consider the request of undertaking the topographical survey and to also consider support of the proposed concept design of Fore Street. **Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Rutter Unanimously Resolved.**

24/85B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

24/.85.1B Update on blocked footpath at Aller Mead - **Noted.**

24/85.2B Update on Dog Poo bin is missing from the bottom of Danesfield Hill – **Noted.** It was also noted that there is a Dog Poo bin Missing from Catwell.

24/86B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

24/86.1B Bellamy's Corner – Nothing to report

24/86.2B Street Furniture – it was **Noted** that the bench on Killick Way had been removed due to it being rotten **Resolution** to consider a budget to replace the bench and to obtain quotes.

24/86.3B Weed Spraying – a report from Minehead Town Councils report on their trail of Foam Stream had been received - **Noted.**

24/87B Finance and Budget

The Grounds Maintenance and Weed Spraying Contracts were finalised, and tenders would be obtained for 2025/2026 Contracts to include contracts for 1 year and 3 years.

24/88.B Flooding Matters

24/88.1B Flood Plan and Flood Shed update Cllr Rutter informed the committee that he and Cllr Peeks had walked the waterways and had mapped the area identifying any potential issues – **Noted.**

- 24/88.2B Williton Response Group held a meeting on 19th September 2024 attended by Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and Somerset Rivers Authority – Williton Response Group are intending to hold another meeting at the end of November and would hope that Canninton Enterprise Group would be in attendance – **Noted**.
- 24/89B Community Payback Scheme**
The Community Payback Scheme had begun painting the Parish Office meeting room – **Noted**.
- 24/90B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 24/90.1B The ROSPA inspection report was considered, it was **Noted** that nothing flagged was of needing immediate attention.
- 24/90.2B To consider replacing the large play equipment with a recommended clamber stack rather than having to carry out costly repairs on the current ageing play equipment. **Resolution** to request Full Council to consider Grants or a budget for replacing the play equipment.
- 24/91B Tree Risk Assessment** WWMRG Trustees have undertaken responsibility of the Tree Risk Assessment for the Memorial Ground and that this would be carried out – **Noted**.
- 24/92B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 11th November 2024.**

Meeting closed at 9.pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr.Aldridge..... Dated ...11/11/2024.....