

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees:

Councillors	Aldridge, Nye, Payne, Rutter, Schmider, Peeks (Arrived at 19.25 item 24/100.1B)
Public	None
Other	Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	McDonald
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24/93B It was advised the meeting would be recorded

24/94B Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Payne Proposed Cllr Aldridge to act as Chairman for the purpose of the Meeting
Cllr Nye Seconded. Cllr Aldridge proposed Cllr Rutter as the Vice Chairman of the Committee
Cllr Payne Seconded Unanimously Resolved.

24/95B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

24/96B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Payne	24/101.1B	Other Non-disclosable Interest	Left the meeting during the discussion of 24/101.1B Planning Application ABD/39/24/001

24/97B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held on 14th October 2024.

Resolution approve and sign the Minutes **Proposed Cllr. Payne Seconded Cllr Rutter 3 abstention** due to absence.

24/98B Matters from the Minutes -

24/98.1B (Item 82.1B) A letter had been sent to Orchard Wyndham Estate – **Noted.**

24/98.2B (Item 82.3B) Cllr Rutter had attended the SALC briefing Manage Trees for Risk Management Purposes – Cllr Rutter was asked to look at the Tree Risk Assessment to assess the potential risk.

24/98.3B (Item 24/64.4B) Full Council had been asked to consider D J Gliddon and Sons request to have a topographical survey undertaken and to also support the proposed plans for the Fore Street Concept Plan but declined the request to commission a topographical survey – **Noted.**

24/99B Correspondence

24/99.1B A letter had been received from the National Trust regarding the Fresh Water Community Grant Fund – It was **Noted** and it was agreed there were no areas that this would apply to within the Parish.

24/99.2B A letter from Somerset Council Public Rights of Way Maintenance – **Noted.**

24/99.3B A brochure had been received from Glasdon Focus on Local Councils – **Noted.**

24/100B To Consider the Following Planning Applications

24/100.1B The following applications were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/24/021	Land adjacent to Gas Substation, Smithyard Lane, Williton, TA23 0NA	Variation of Conditions of No's 8 and 9 of application 3/39/22/007	OBJECTS on the grounds there is no reasoning for this variation to conditions No's 8 and 9 Williton Parish Council requests that the wording is kept the same. Cllr Payne Proposed Cllr Rutter seconded unanimously resolved.
3/39/24/022	Chaplins, 4 Limpetshell Lane, Williton, TA4 4QR	Installation of a flue to serve combi-boiler, installation of 4 No windows with double glazed units and formation of a WC/Sink room at first floor level.	Williton Objects to Plastic double-glazed units as this are no in keeping with the character of the property. Williton Parish Council have concerns of the borrowed light it would adversely affect the character and appearance of the property with the loss of light to bedroom 2. Proposed Cllr Peeks seconded Cllr Payne unanimously resolved.
3/39/24/023	2 North Croft, Williton, TA4 4RS	Erection of single storey extension on the side with erection of front and rear porch.	No objections.
Cllr Payne left the Meeting (19.51)			
ABD/39/24/001	The Allotments Field, Highbridge, Williton	Application for prior approval for change of use of agricultural building into 1 No dwelling house (Class 3) and for associated operational developments.	Williton Parish OBJECTS to this application on the grounds that no further evidence has been submitted since application ABD/39/23/001 to support this change of use of agricultural building into 1 No dwelling house (Class 3). Cllr Peeks Proposed Cllr Rutter seconded Unanimously resolved
Cllr Payne re-entered the meeting (20.09)			

24/100.2B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/24/014	Thatches, 12 Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ	Grant
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24/101B Highways Matters

24/101.1B Robert Street – the Committee Clerk had chased Somerset Highways regarding replacing the road signs on Robert Street to be taken off the Agenda and reviewed every third meeting – **NOTED.**

24/101.2B 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.**

24/102B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements

24/102.1B Cllr Peeks had been liaising with the Estate Management of Aller Mead, Cllr Peeks is would also be formulating an email to be sent via the Parish Office to Somerset Highways to enquire if the footpath would be adopted – **Noted (No vote took place on this item on potential costs of this item).**

24/102.2B Dog Poo bin reported as missing from the bottom of Danesfield Hill which had been reported to Somerset Council – **Noted.**

24/103B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers

24/103.1B Bellamy's Corner – Nothing to report

- 24/103.2B Street Furniture – to consider what type of would be purchased as a replacement bench on Killick Way
Resolution to locate the agreement with Somerset Council for the Bench, if no agreement to inform Somerset Council we will be replacing the bench in due course. Cllr Peeks discussed that perhaps Parishioners or local businesses may be interested in sponsoring/donating money towards the bench. It was agreed that a note should be displayed in the office window explaining that the bench will be replaced in due course.
- 24/104B Finance and Budget**
 Budgets for EPC Asset Management, EPC Grounds Maintenance and EPC Projects were set got the Budget 2025/2026.
- 24/105.B Flooding Matters**
 24/105.1B A brief update was given on the Flood Plan and Flood Shed.
 24/105.2B The Williton Response Group are due to hold a meeting in November, the date is to be confirmed.
 24/105.3B Cllr Rutter updated the Committee on their riverbank walk.
- 24/106B Community Payback Scheme**
 The Community Payback Scheme were in the process of painting the Parish Office – **Noted.**
- 24/107B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
 24/107.1B The Committee discussed what type of play equipment would be considered for replacing the large aging play equipment in the Children's Play Area, it was agreed for Councillors to visit other play areas for ideas and a recommendation would be put to Full Council in the New Year.
- 24/108B Speed Indicator Device**
 A request from the Finance and Administration Committee had been received to investigate solar panels for the existing Speed Indicator Device.
Resolution to refer this back to Finance and Administration Committee for efficiency.
- 24/109B Somerset Councils and Wildlife Trust – Act to Adapt Initiative**
 Cllr Rutter spoke about the act to adapt initiative, and it was agreed that this would be presented to the Williton Response Group (also known as Flood Group) at their next meeting.
- 24/110B To pass a resolution to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity.**
 Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Peeks unanimously Resolved.
- 24/110B To consider the quotes for Ground Maintenance Contract and Weed Spraying Contracts (if received).**
 No quotes had been received.
- 24/112B To invite members of the press and public to re-enter meeting.**
- 24/113B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 11th November 2024.**

Meeting closed at 8.54.pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated