

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors Aldridge (Chairman), Payne, Rutter Schmieder
Public None
Other Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors Cllr Peeks, Cllr Nye

It was advised the meeting would be recorded

25/31B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1)).

It was resolved to accept the apologies **Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.**

25/32B **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Rutter	25/35.1B	Other non-registerable interest	Informed Meeting
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25/33B **Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held on 9th June 2025**

It was **Resolved** approve the Minutes **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Rutter** unanimously resolved with one abstention due to absence.

25.34B **Matters from the Minutes**

(Item 25/24) to note that the Committee Clerk had sent a letter regarding the junction at Roughmoor Industrial Estate and cc'd Avon and Somerset Police.

25/35B **Correspondence**

25/35.1B Letter from Savills regarding woodland shelterbelts
Resolution a letter to be formulated by the Committee Clerk under the guidance of Cllr Rutter **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Aldridge unanimously resolved.**

25/35.2B A Parishioner reported to the office that there were two very overgrown hedges on Long Street.
Resolution a letter to be written to the residents to request the hedges be cut back.

25/35.3B An email had been received regarding Townsend Road.
Resolution the information to be forwarded to Manga Housing.

25/35.4B Email from Parishioner regarding overgrown footpath at Bridge Street which had been reported to Somerset Council - **Noted.**

25/35.5B Email from Parishioner regarding an abandoned vehicle at St Peter's Close which had been reported, the vehicle had now been removed - **Noted.**

25/35.6B Email from Somerset Council – Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot update – **Noted.**

25/35.7B A report from a Parishioner regarding seagulls at Croftways which have become a increased nuisance and have attacked the Parishioner three times.
Resolution to report this to Somerset Council Environmental Health and to report that the Parishioner had been attacked.

25/35.8B A Parishioner had telephoned the office to make a complaint regarding the disabled parking being located in the main carpark accessed by Killick way up a steep slope, the Parishioner had been furnished with Cllr Wood's contact information – **Noted.**

- 25/35/.9B A response had been received from Somerset Council regarding Planning Application 3/39/24/013
Resolution
 A letter to be sent to the Planning Authority with the recommendation that the Developer and the Land Owner are encouraged to reach a mutual agreement regarding the cycle path. To also inform the Planning Authority that we would not pursue the issue of the legality of the Planning Application. **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.**
- 25/35.10B A telephone call from a Parishioner enquiring when the new signage would be installed in Robert Street, Somerset Highways had been contacted and their response was **Noted.**
- 25/35.11B Email from Parishioner regarding overgrown hedge on Fore Street in front of the car park. **Resolution** to inform Somerset Council the hedge would need cutting back as a matter of urgency due to the narrow pavement next to the main road.
- 25/35.12B An offer had been received from Cllr Woods offering to hold a talk on Asian Hornets. **Resolution** to decline the offer but to thank Cllr Woods and for the Committee Clerk to contract Defra and request literature to have available in the office and posters for the notice boards.
- 25/36B To Consider the Following Planning Applications**
- 25/36.1B** The following applications and if a request for Section 106 Funding is appropriate were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/25/008	Tuesday Cottage, 21 Bridge Street, Williton, TA4 4NR	Various internal and external alterations	No Objection Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.
3/39/25/009	Pumping Station 294m from Bowhayes Lodge, Minehead to Williton Road, Williton	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the land for the storage, sale, repair and de-pollution of vehicles.	No Objection as long as the Environment Agency standards are met Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Payne unanimously resolved.

- 25/36.2B Decision to be made as to whether a request for any of the above applications are to be considered by Planning Committee – **None.**

- 25/36.3B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/28/24/008	Tremont, 33 Tower Hill. Williton, TA4 4JR	Granted

- 25/37B To Consider Section 106 costs for Taunton dwellings (Cllr Aldridge item 25/17B)
Resolution a letter to be sent to the Planning Authority to request that all future developments be asked for larger 106 contributions which would be more inline with the CIL (Community Investment Levy) **Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.**

- 25/38B Highway Matters**

To consider the adoption of Blacksmiths Close (Cllr Aldridge item 25/17B)
Resolution - A letter to be sent to Somerset Council enquiring if they would be adopting Blacksmiths Close and to ask if there were no plans for adoption enquire as to why it would not be adopted. To also ask if there were any other unadopted roads that Somerset Council would be adopting. **Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.**

- 25/39B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**

- 25/39.1B Blocked footpath Aller Mead: Title Deeds had been received from Alpha Housing – Defer

- 25/40B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**

- 25/40.1B **Bellamy's Corner** – Nothing to report.

- 25/40.2B **Bellamy's Corner** – Nothing to report.

- 25/40.3B **Street Furniture** – The agreed bench on Killick Way would be ordered before the next Committee Meeting.
- 25/40.4B **Consider purchasing a notice board to be located in Doniford** – The Committee Clerk informed the Committee that there was no update on this at present.
- 25/41B Grounds Maintenance**
- It was reported that there was two sizeable branches in the river at the Memorial Ground the Committee Clerk would investigate.
- 25/42B Flooding Matters**
- Cllr Rutter would be attending a Zoom Meeting regarding Flash Flooding. The Provis Group had invited Cllr Rutter to hold a talk on landscaping in Minehead and would report back to the Committee.
- It was also noted that a section of the stream seemed to be blocked on the Orchard Wyndham Estate Cllr Rutter to furnish the Committee Clerk with the relevant information in order that a letter could be sent Orchard Wyndham to inform them.
- 25/43B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 25/43.1B The Committee Clerk informed the committee that there was not updated as yet following the resolution to concentrate on Ninja Play style and to ensure compliance of Public Contracts Regulation 2015 – Defer.
- 25/43.2B An email had been received from Cllr Peeks regarding the removal of the large play tower.
- Resolution** - On viewing the Rospa Safety Inspection that had been received this was considered a low risk this would be rectified when the new play equipment would be installed.
- 25/43.3B Email from Cllr Woods regarding funding – **Noted** with thanks.
- 24/44B **Consider the implications of loss of commercial properties (Cllr Aldridge Item 24/30B)**
- Resolution** a letter to be sent to the Planning Authority to express concern at the number of commercial properties that have been lost in the centre of Williton and ask that this be considered when the next Somerset Local Plan is being considered. **Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Rutter unanimously resolved.**
- 25/45B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 8th September 2025.**

Meeting closed at 20.53pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated