

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.00pm, in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Cllr Rutter, Cllr Nye, Cllr Schmieder
Public	None
Other	Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)

Apologies:

Councillors	Cllr Peek, Cllr Aldridge Cllr Payne
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It was advised the meeting would be recorded

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Rutter was appointed Chair for the purpose of this meeting **Proposed Cllr Schmieder Seconded Cllr Nye.**

25/46B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1)).

It was resolved to accept the apologies **Proposed Cllr Nye Seconded Cllr Schmieder unanimously resolved.**

25/47B **Declarations of Interest**

None

25/48B **Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held 14th July 2025**

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

25.49B **Matters from the Minutes**

25/49.1B (25/35.3B) A response from Magna had been received regarding the verge on Townsend Road thanking us for letting them know however they will not be taking any action but would monitor the situation – **Noted.**

25/49.2B (25/44.B) Consider the implications of loss of commercial properties – a letter had been sent to Somerset Council regarding the loss of commercial properties and a request that this be taken into account for the Somerset Local Plan 2045.

25/50B **Correspondence**

25/50.1B A press release was received from Somerset Council regarding the planning application backlog – **Noted.**

25/50.2B A report had been received that a drain on Tower Hill was blocked and that this had been reported to Somerset Council – **Noted.**

25/50.3B An Email had been received from Monksilver Parish Council regarding the Somerset Council Transport Plan. To consider Williton Parish Council's response to the Local Transport Plan 2025/2026.

Resolution Cllrs viewed the questionnaire and would complete the questionnaire online. Committee Clerk to inform Monksilver Parish Council.

25/50.4B An email from Cllr Woods had been received regarding her request for a disabled parking space on Priest Street – **Noted.**

25/50.5B An emailed had been received from a Parishioner requesting that Williton Parish Council liaise with Sampford Brett Parish Council in regard to speeding on Tower Hill. The Parishioner also commented on the increased amount of dog mess around the village and on the Recreation Ground.

Resolution it was noted that the 30MPH speed limit sign had been obscured by vegetation in the hedgerow and the Committee Clerk to inform Somerset Council. Committee Clerk to liaise with the Community Speed Watch Committee. To request that a notice be placed in the Parish Newsletter regarding the dog mess.

25/51B To Consider the Following Planning Applications

25/51.1B The following applications and if a request for Section 106 Funding is appropriate were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/25/013	Orchard Wyndham, Stream Road, Williton, TA4 4HH	Rebuilding of partially collapsed Dovecote including mitigation measures relating to BNG enhancement	No Comments Proposed Cllr Nye Seconded Cllr Schmieder.
3/39/25/010	Highfield Barn, Station Road, Williton TA4 4RW	Removal of Conditions No's 5,6,7 and 8 of application 3/39/24/017.	No Comments Proposed Cllr Nye Seconded Cllr Schmieder.
3/28/25/004	Applegarth, 35 Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4JR	Erection of single storey extension to the side and rear and conversion of loft space into ancillary accommodation.	No Comments Proposed Cllr Nye Seconded Cllr Schmieder.
3/37/25/009	Land South of Doniford Road and Normandy Avenue	Variation of Condition No.1 (approved plans) of application 3/37/23/001 to amend house type at Plots 27 (Cc to Bm), 35 (Cc to Ea), 36 (Cc to Ea), 37 (Bu to Bm), 38 (Fa to Bd-C), 39 (Fa to Bd-C) and 40 (Bu to Bm).	No Comments Proposed Cllr Nye Seconded Cllr Schmieder.

25/51.2B Decision to be made as to whether a request for any of the above applications are to be considered by Planning Committee – **None**.

25/51.3B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/24/012	Rifle Range and Huts, Bridge Street, Williton, TA4 4NR	Grant
3/39/25/004	Bardon Barn, Washford, Watchet	Grant
3/39/25/006	Bowhays Lodge, Smithyard Lane, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NN	Grant
3/39/25/007	12 Catwell, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4PF	Grant
3/39/25/008	Tuesday Cottage, 21 Bridge Street, Williton, TA4 4NR	Grant
3/39/25/011	65 Long Street, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4RD	Grant

25/52B A letter had been sent to Somerset Council regarding Section 106 Funding on 25th July 2025 a reply was awaited – **Noted**.

25/53B Highway Matters

25/53.1B A letter had been sent to Somerset Council regarding the adoption of Blacksmiths Close on 22nd July a reply is awaited, the Committee Clerk had also sent a letter to Summerfield Homes to request information on the adoption of Blacksmiths Close a reply is also awaited – **Noted**.

25/53.2B A request from Somerset Council had been received to request the levels of the Grit Bins/Bags be checks – Cllrs confirmed they would check the locations and inform the Committee Clerk.

- 25/54B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**
- 25/54.1B Blocked footpath Aller Mead: Title Deeds had been received from Alpha Housing – Deferred (25/39.1B) – **Deferred** until next meeting.
- 25/55B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 25/55.1B **Bellamy's Corner** – A request from Williton Young Farmers to use Bellamy's Corner to display scarecrows as part of a Community Event.
Resolution To permit Williton Young Farmers to use Bellamy's Corner but to ensure that Bellamy's Corner is left tidy. **Proposed Cllr Schmieder Seconded Cllr Nye.**
- 25/56.2B Street Furniture** – The bench for Killick way had been ordered and delivery is awaited **Noted.**
- 25/56.3B **Consider purchasing a notice board to be located in Doniford** – The Committee Clerk informed the Committee that she had no update at present **Noted.**
- 25/57B Grounds Maintenance**
- It had been reported that there had been broken glass found on the amenity area and other locations, Cllr Peeks (who had kindly removed the broken glass), the Committee Clerk had contracted the Grounds Maintenance Contractors to remind them this would be part of their little picking contracted obligations **Noted.**
- 25/58B Flooding Matters**
- Cllr Rutter would be attending an Act to Adapt meeting in October **Noted.**
- 25/59B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 25/59.1B The Committee Clerk informed the Committee that she had been looking into a grant for the Play Area **Noted.**
- 25/59.2B It was noted that the Rospa safety report had been received. The Committee Clerk to investigate options for the maintenance work on existing play equipment to be undertaken..
- 25/59.3B It had been reported that there the play tower installed in August 2024 had large cracks in some of the posts, the Committee Clerk had contacted the Contractor who supplied and installed the tower and it was confirmed that the cracks had appeared due to the hot weather and that the cracks would close again during the wetter months and that the unit had been covered by a 15 year warranty, the unit had also been inspected by Rospa in July and no concerned had been raised – **Noted.**
- 25/60B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 13th October 2025.**

Meeting closed at 20.04pm

Signed as a true and correct record ... Cllr Rutter Dated 13th October 2025