

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th January 2026
at 7.07 pm in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors Cllr Aldridge (Chairman), Cllr Payne and Cllr Schmieder
Public Syed Shah 19.35 – 19.57
Other Mrs Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk)
Cllr Prince (No Voting Rights)

Apologies:

Councillors Cllr Peeks, Cllr Rutter, Cllr Gatti

It was advised the meeting would be recorded

2589/B Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1)).

It was unanimously **resolved** to accept the apologies.

25/90B **Declarations of Interest**

None

25/91B **Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held 10th November 2025**

It was **resolved** approve the Minutes Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Aldridge with two abstentions due to absence.

25/92B **Matters from the Minutes**

It was noted that the vehicle that had been reported blocking the weight limit sign on Station Road was taxed had a valid MOT and that Somerset Council had been notified of the vegetation that had grown over the weight limit sign on the 21st November 2025.

25/93B **Correspondence**

25/93.1B An emailed had been received from a resident to consider requesting a 20MPH speed limit through Long Street and Fore Street which had been implemented along the A361 through Pilton and Glastonbury – to be discussed under item 25/95.2B – noted.

25/93.2B To note that a letter had been received from NHS Somerset Foundation Trust informing that they are investigating the footpath boundary next to Williton Hospital and who the responsibility for hedge cutting would be – to be discussed under 25/98.2B – noted.

25/93.3B An email had been received from a concerned parishioner regarding the Edenstone Housing development on Doniford Road – the Committee Clerk had sent a response to the parishioner - Noted.

25/93.4B To consider an email from a parishioner with the suggestion of applying for Section 106 Funding towards the play equipment.
Resolution to use earmarked funds and the grant for the purchase of the play equipment in order that the project would not be delayed. To consider applying for Section 106 Funding for future play equipment.

25/94B **To Consider the Following Planning Applications**

25/94.1B The following applications and if a request for Section 106 Funding is appropriate were considered.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/25/019	Arden Cottage, 33 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QU	Removal of cement based hard coat under lime render/defective cob and replacement with lime based render system/cob blocks to NW elevation with various repairs to NW elevation and adjustment to	To recommend approval Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Schmieder unanimously resolved

		shed door opening to NW elevation to restore cob to original line for structural integrity (retention of works already undertaken)	
3/39/25/020	Arden Cottage, 33 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QU	Removal of cement based hard coat under lime render/defected cob and replacement with lime based render system/cob blocks to NW elevation with various repairs to NW elevation and adjustment to shed door opening to NW elevation to restore cob to original line for structural integrity (retention of works already undertaken)	To recommend approval Proposed Cllr Payne seconded Cllr Schmieder unanimously resolved
CMA/39/25/002	Williton Print Works, North Street, Williton, TA4 4QN	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) into 12 No. residential dwellings (Use Class C3)	Application not discussed as out of the time scale and it was noted that we had already submitted our comments previously.
3/39/25/024	Land Adjacent to the Gas Substation, Smithyard Lane, Williton, Watchet, TA23 0NA	Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) and No.2 (to change the wording of the Noise Technical note) of application 3/39/24/021	Object to this variation and considers the proposed height of the acoustic fence to be inappropriate for a rural setting Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Aldridge unanimously resolved
3/39/25/023	10 Shutgate Meadow, Williton TA4 4TJ	Erection of single storey extension to the rear	No Objections Proposed Cllr Aldridge Seconded Cllr Payne unanimously resolved

25/94.2B Decision to be made as to whether a request for any of the above applications are to be considered by Planning Committee – No request to be made.

25/94.3B To Note the Following Planning Decisions

Application No	Location	Outcome
CMA/39/25/8/001	5 Long Street, Williton	Prior Approval required and Given
3/39/25/014	Pumping Station 294M from Bowhayes Lodge, Minehead to Williton Road, Williton	Grant
APP/E3335/W/25/33735/73	Hollybank, 18 Five Bells, Williton, TA23 0HZ	Allowed
T39/25/003	Catwell House Barn, Catwell, Williton, TA4 4PF	Grant

25/94.4B **Solar Farm Cllr Rutter** – Deferred.

25/95B Highway Matters

25/95.1B Adoption of Blacksmiths Close – responses were awaited from Somerset Council and Summerfield Homes, a chasing letter had been sent to both Somerset Council and Summerfield Homes.

Resolution The Committee Clerk to chase again and if no response had been received by the end of January that Cllr Woods and Cllr Davies would be asked to assist.

25/95.2B Email from resident requesting the speed limit be set to 20MPH along Long Street and Fore Street. The Resident had been informed that this would not be possible within Somerset Highways Regulations and that there was a Community Speed Watch in Williton and they were invited to join this. A follow up email had been received from the resident to state that a 20MPH limit had been implemented on the A361.
Resolution that it would not be appropriate to apply for a 20MPH speed limit along the A39. The data from the Speed Indication Devices would be collected and an advert would be placed in the Parish Newsletter to request volunteers for the Community Speed Watch.

- 25/95.3B **Washford Cross Roundabout (Tropiquaria)** A report had been received of a sunken Manhole cover which had been reported to Somerset Council, Cllr Woods and Cllr Davies. Cllr Davies reported that Cllr Richard Wilkins highlighted that the works had been delayed as a road closure would be needed due to the location of the frame and chamber on the A39, however this would be treated as urgent works and would confirm a start date.
- 25/95.4B Following the resolution 25/79.1B to write to Somerset Council to request a reduction of the speed limit to 30MPH on the Doniford Road an email response had been received. **Resolution** a response would be sent to Somerset Council to ask that the speed limit be set to 30MPH along the whole of Doniford Road and the Committee Clerk would inform Watchet Town Council of our request **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Aldridge unanimously resolved.**
- 25/95.5B **Station Fields (3/39/24/013) Site Visit - deferred.**
- 25/95.6B **Station Fields** it was noted that Lovel's Build Manager had shared their Construction Ecology Management Plan – deferred.
- 25/96B Items to Report on Footpaths/Pavements**
- 25/96.1B Blocked footpath Aller Mead: Title Deeds had been received from Alpha Housing – Deferred (25/82.1B) – deferred.
- 25/97B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 25/97.1B **Bellamy's Corner** – Nothing reported
- 25/97.2B **Street Furniture** – To note that Doniford Farm had been emailed regarding placement of a Parish Notice Board on their premises and that no response had been received **Resolution** the Committee Clerk to request a response.
- 25/97.3B To consider a budget for the Parish Notice Board – to defer until an agreement had been made on the location of the notice board.
- 25/98B Grounds Maintenance**
- 25/98.1B Wildflower Project following the resolution to keep the verges as wildflowers verges to consider a strategy for the future of the project – defer.
- 25/98.2B It was noted that footpath between Shutgate Meadow and the Hospital had become very overgrown, the Committee Clerk had written to the Williton Hospital to seek confirmation of their responsibility for the maintenance of this footpath a holding reply from the NHS Trust had been received – **Noted.**
- 25/99B Flooding Matters**
- 25/99.1B It was noted that a meeting had been proposed with the Environment Agency and other local parishes but a date for this meeting is awaited.
- It was also noted that the drain at the junction of Bridge Street and Priest Street had become blocked and causing flooding halfway across the A39 Committee Clerk to report this to Somerset Council.
- 25/100B Finance and Budget – Nothing reported.**
- 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 Aldridge unanimously resolved**
- 25/101B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
- 25/101.1B Defer.
- Members of the press and public were invited back to the meeting - there were no members.**
- 25/102B Matters for the next Meeting to be held on 9th February 2026.**

Meeting closed at 20.47pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr Peeks..... Dated09/02/2026.....