

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th July 2026
at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors: Cllr Prince (Chairman), Cllr Peeks, Cllr Payne, Cllr Aldridge,

Public: Timothy Coles, Chris Bradly left at 19.26 before item 26/37B

Other: Charlotte Hirst (Committee Clerk – Assistant to the Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Rutter – Personal Reasons.

It was advised the meeting would be recorded

26/37B Health and Safety – Housekeeping and any reportable issues

It was noted that a request had been received from Somerset Council to report the level of the Grit Bins in Williton – Committee Clerk would email Cllrs to request these be checked and would respond to Somerset Council.

26/38B Apologies

Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved as indicated (LGA 1972 s85 (1)). **Proposed Cllr Peeks Seconded Cllr Payne** - unanimously resolved.

26/39B Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	26/43.1B 3/39/26/002	Personal – advice given	Advised meeting

26/40B Approval of Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meetings held 8th June 2026.

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes **Proposed Cllr Peeks Seconded Cllr Payne** unanimously resolved.

26/41B Matters from the Minutes

26/29.2B Two speed indicator devices had been ordered, it was reported by the Committee Clerk that these had now been delivered.

26/42B Correspondence

26/42.1B An email had been received from Storm Earth, distributed to Cllrs on 24th June 2026 regarding planning application 3/39/26/008

26/43B Planning Applications – plans are available for inspection on the Somerset Council website under the planning portal.

26/43.1B The Following Planning Applications were considered and if a request for Section 106 Funding was appropriate.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/26/002	Arden Cottage, 33 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QU	Various external repairs and alterations (retention of works already undertaken).	No Objections
3/39/26/008	Williton Industrial Estate, Station Road, Williton, TA4 4TB	Erection of 2 No. industrial units with parking and loading facilities and alterations to highway access.	Williton Parish Council still considers that this application to be a welcome use of the land and is pleased to see that adequate provisions have been made for parking on the site. However, the Parish Council raises the following objections and observations:

			- Williton Parish Council are pleased that the height of the proposed building had been lowered, however the Parish Council still considers the structure is too tall, being higher than the neighbouring unit. The adjoining industry buildings along the Union Lane boundary are single storey which do not adversely affect the dwellings on the other side of Union Lane - Williton Parish Council feel that the windows on the south-west elevation (facing Union Lane) should be removed to reduce any lighting impact on wildlife being that it is a rural lane, the windows, even if opaque, the light would still have an adverse effect on the wildlife that use this green corridor. Williton Parish Council feel that with the solar and the battery storage it would be of little expense to use lighting in lieu of windows. - All external lighting should accord with the advice given in the Ecological Report on the adjoining application for 3 units 3/39/26/003 to help ensure that local wildlife including bats are not adversely affected. - The proposed operating hours should be carefully considered to ensure that the amenities of the nearby residential properties are not adversely affected especially relating to noise from delivery vehicles. - The trees located behind the development site but in the applicant's ownership should be retained, and a tree management plan should be implemented to ensure their ongoing maintenance as the trees are an attractive screen and wildlife habitat. - In light of existing flooding issues, the Parish Council considers that the informal footpath between this application site and the adjoining application site (3/39/26/003) which is well used by people working on the industrial estate and residents should be surfaced as part of this application, as it is a potential flood escape route to the adjoining housing estate. Perhaps a S106 could be put in place to ensure this happens.
--	--	--	--

26/43.2B Decision to be made as to whether a request for any of the above applications to be considered by planning committee – No request to be made.

26/43.3B To Note the Following Planning Decisions made by Somerset Council

Application No	Location	Outcome
3/39/24/010	Springhays, Priest Street, Williton, TA4 4NJ	Grant
3/39/25/017	Land North of Doniford Stream and west of Doniford Road, Williton	Grant
3/39/26/005	The Little House, 23 Long Street, Williton, TA4 4QN	Refuse

26/43.4B **Solar Farm** – it was noted that the Committee Clerk had still not been able to make contact with the developers of this site, work had started on site and it was suggested that a council member attend the site.

- 26/43.5B **Station Fields** the Committee Clerk informed the committee that a reply was still awaited from Lovel's Community Fund department – the Committee Clerk would chase.
- 26/43.6B **3/39/25/017** – a written update from Cllr Rutter had been received – Cllr Peeks informed the committee that the cycleway had been agreed **Cllr Peeks proposed** a letter be written to the case officer at Somerset Council to thank them for their careful consideration of our comments and for the amendment of the planning application to also request confirmation when the details of the conditions had been submitted **Seconded Cllr Prince** unanimously resolved.
- 26/44B Highway Matters**
- 26/44.1B **Doniford Road** – following the resolution 25/79.1B an email had been sent to Somerset Council requesting a reduction of the speed limit to 30MPH and petition had been attached, a request for an update had been submitted which had not been received Committee Clerk had chased for a response again and had also contacted Cllr Davies to request his assistance in this matter **Cllr Peeks Proposed** to also contact Cllr Rodrigues for assistance **Seconded Cllr Payne** unanimously resolved.
- 26/44.2B **Road closure signs** to consider asking Somerset Council Highways for more information to be added to road closure signs i.e. access as far as.
Resolution Cllr Payne Proposed to write to Somerset Highways to request more information to be included on the road closure signs to include diversion and where the closure starts. Cllr Payne would also bring this up at the LCN meeting, Committee Clerk would also write to MP Gilmore to request that their office also raise this issue **Seconded Cllr Peeks** unanimously resolved.
- 26/45B Items to report on Footpaths/Pavements**
- 26/45.1B **Blocked footpath Aller Mead** an email response had been received from Somerset Council Committee Clerk would respond to the email again asking for specification for the works to build the link to, to adhere to adoptable standards a response was still awaited.
- 26/45.2B **Footpath at Catwell and Townsend** it was reported by Cllr Prince that this footpath had new closure signage Cllr Peeks confirmed that she had requested a meeting with the Rights of Way and Bridge Warden together with the Environment Agency.
- 26/45.3B **Overgrown brambles and vegetation** at various locations in Williton including Fore Street, Bank Street, outside the former Children's Centre on Killick Way and North Road. Cllr Peeks in her role and PPLO had reported many of these to Somerset Council, Committee Clerk to invite Somerset Highways for a guided walk of the area. A report would be written for Williton Window to explain to residents how to report highway issues. A letter would be written to Gliddon and Sons to request the maintenance of the land opposite the shop premises on Priest Street.
- 26/46B Items of Report from Grounds Maintenance Officers**
- 26/46.1B **Bellamy's Corner** Nothing to report.
- 26/46.2B **Street Furniture** - Bench at Aller Farm an update from Cllr Rutter, the bench would need to be wire brushed a request had been made for the Community Payback Scheme outdoor team to undertake this work.
- 26/46.3B **Keep Williton Tidy Scheme** – A response from the insurance company had been received and an update would be given to the parishioner and an offer of training would be offered.
- 26/47B Grounds Maintenance**
- 26/47.1B **Wildflower Project** – Deferred due to Cllr Gatti's absence from the meeting.
- 26/47.2B **Footpath between Shutgate Meadow and Williton Hospital** a response is still awaited from the Estate Office of the NHS Trust.

- 26/48B Flooding Matters**
 26/48.1B Deferred however it was noted that a request had been made of Somerset Council for their Gully and Drain Maintenance Programme.
- 26/49B Somerset Local Nature Recovery Strategy**
 26/49.1B Defer.
- 26/50B Finance and Budget**
 Nothing
- 26/51B Telephone Box Northcroft**
 The telephone box located at Northcroft had been reported as broken the Committee Clerk had contacted BT and was informed that this line had been turned off in December.
Resolution the Committee Clerk to contact BT again to request that this line is reinstated and maintained due to an unreliable mobile network in this area.
- 26/52B Play Equipment in Recreation Ground**
 No update.
- 26/53B Somerset Council Car Park located in Killick Way.**
 To consider a request from a parishioner for free parking or an extension to the 15 minute free parking and to add additional free parking bays to enhance local commerce.
Resolution local shops would be contacted by way of a letter to gain their opinion if more free parking would improve their business **Proposed Cllr Payne Seconded Cllr Aldridge** unanimously resolved.
- 26/54B Matters for the next meeting to be held on 14th September 2026**
 Quotes for replacing fencing and gates in children's play area.
 ROSPA inspection.

Meeting closed at 20.51pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr Prince.... Dated14/09/2026.....