

**Minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee
held on Thursday 23 March 2023 at 6.45pm**

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Irlen, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Moss, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Westcott, and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

23/109B To receive apologies for absence: (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
None received.

23/110B To receive any Declaration of Interests under Watchet Town Council's Code of Conduct (Adopted on 9 July 2012) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 Si No: 1464

Name	Minute no	Description of Interest	Personal & Prejudicial	Action
Cllr Whetlor	• All Plans received for discussion	Member of the Planning Committee (SW&T)	Personal & Prejudicial	Cllr left the meeting and did not participate in the discussion or voting

23/111B To receive and sign the minutes of the previous Environment and Planning meeting - (23 February 2023) and adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein. (LGA 1972, SCH12 Para 41 (1) - *(Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1)*)
Cllr Westcott proposed that **'the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023 are approved as a true and correct record'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson with 1 abstention.

23/112B **Allotment/West Beach subsidence:**
(i) West Cliff allotments – brief update report from Geckoella - *(Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 2)*
Cllr Irlen gave the following verbal update:

- Awaiting sub-block to fall before survey #6 conducted and review of the placement of the Heras fencing
- Geckoella updated the visual risk profile (shown to members)
- The 'Danger' sign on the westward wall has been removed by what looks like vandals and washed up on the beach – Cllr Irlen to assess with ground staff if this can be re-erected due to damage.
- Recipient crack appearing in supporting sea wall requiring monitoring.

23/113B **Street Lighting:**
(i) to approve recommendation, quotation, and Bill of Quantities for a replacement street light in Cherry Tree - *(Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 3)*
The documentation provided was discussed. Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the committee approve the quotation from Enerveo to undertake lighting replacement works on Cherry Tree Way, Watchet, and agree to allocate £1605.00 from the Committee budget and recommend to Full Council in April, that an earmarked reserve is set for the remainder of £1818.68 in order for the works to go ahead'**. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

23/114B **Collaborative planning application meetings with Williton Parish Council**
(i) Joint site visit with Williton Parish Council to Normandy Avenue application 3/37/23/ 001 - Williton PC notes from the meeting update - *(Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 4)*
The report provided by Williton Parish Council was noted by members. Cllr Murphy gave the following additional update:

- Reserved matters application for 139 houses
- Williton PC proposing that layout of roads are not fit for purpose, this will then have to go before a design panel who will then work alongside the developer to improve the design.

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- WTC to collaborate with WPC to put together a common statement – not seen anything from WPC to date. Cllr Murphy proposed that **'contact is made with Cllrs involved in the site visit from Williton Parish Council to establish where they are with the comments following the site visit'**. Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried.

(ii) Confirmation of next meeting – verbal update from Cllr Irven

Cllr Irven confirmed that the next collaborative meeting between Watchet Town Council and Williton Parish Council to discuss planning application that effect both Parishes is recommended to be held at the Watchet Visitor Centre on 13th April 2023 at 6.30pm. The Deputy Clerk is to invite WPC and draft an agenda.

23/115B **Liddymore housing Development:**

- (i) 'Phase two' naming of closes – update from Cllr Whetlor - (Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 5**)

Cllr Whetlor updated the committee to correspondence from Summerfield Developers regarding phase 2 close naming. A discussion ensued. Cllr Murphy proposed that **'District Council street names officer is contacted to establish why WTC were not contacted regarding the consultation on original street names for the major spine roads, and find out if too late to have an input to the main road name suggestions. Cllr Whetlor to update Twinning Society with the actions taken'**. Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried.

23/116B To address items received from the planning authority requiring attention prior to the next Somerset West & Taunton / Somerset County Council / planning meetings: *if required*
Nothing to discuss

Plans received for discussion

3/37/23/008 Land in front of houses at 4-12 Doniford Road, Watchet
Display of 2 No. non-illuminated housing advertisement signs on metal posts
The Committee object on the grounds of visual intrusion and obstruction of Watchet Town Council Maintenance who maintain this section of land, and the proposed length of time of 7 years.

3/37/23/009 33 Liddymore Road, Watchet, TA23 0DU
Erection of single storey rear extension
The Committee object due to concerns with the issue of light into neighbouring property and inadequate detail of construction materials

3/37/23/010 Belmont, 51 Brendon Road, Watchet, TA23 0AX
Demolition of concrete greenhouse bases and erection of 1 No. dormer bungalow with associated landscaping and parking
The Committee object on the grounds of overdevelopment and overlooking neighbouring property, and would like to query the proposed pedestrian access claimed to the north west with planning to gain further explanation.

3/37/23/011 16 Gladstone Terrace, Watchet, TA23 0DP
Conversion of existing garage/workshop into a multi-media art studio (retention of part works already undertaken)
The Committee recommend approval and would like to add a comment that the addition of solar panels would be favoured.

23/117B **Matters for the next meeting – verbal, no discussion**

- Liaise with the Deputy Clerk

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed..... *D.S. Westcott*

Date..... *27.4.*