

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6th December 2010 at 7.10 pm
at the Council Chamber, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	Woods (Chairman), Peeks, Chadwick, Saunders, Lapham, Hooper, Bigwood, Vaughan, James and Richards
SCC	None
WSDC	May
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	One member
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Trollope-Bellew, Davies, Lakin, PCSO Middleton-Smith

10/117 **Apologies as noted above.**

10/118 **Co-option of New Member**

It was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt John Richards to the Council and the Declaration of Office and Register of Interests were duly signed. Cllr Richards was welcomed to the Council and agreed to sit on the Finance and Administration Committee.

10/119 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	10/128.2	Prejudicial	Left room
Cllr Peeks	10/134 & 10/121.4	Personal	Participation
Cllr Hooper	10/128.2	Prejudicial	Left room
Cllr Hooper	10/134	Personal	Participation
Cllr Woods	10/126.7	Prejudicial	Left room

10/120 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2010**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

10/121 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10/121.1 (Item 10/102.1) Hinkley C Consultation Details of the EDF Parish Council Cluster Groups had been received and Cllr James agreed to attend the meeting on 7th December if possible.

10/121.2 (Item 10/102.2) Meeting with Planning Manager Cllr Woods reported on the meeting with Andrew Goodchild where the subject of community housing was discussed and members asked that this was included in any future planning scheme. This subject was also discussed at the Regeneration Forum.

10/121.3 (Item 10/106) Meeting dates for May after the election The Clerk advised that the Chamber was free on 9th May for the May meeting to be held immediately after the election and 25th April was available to hold the Parish Assembly before the end of the election year. It was **resolved** to go ahead with these dates.

10/121.4 (Item 10/106) West Somerset Planning Peer Review Cllr James attended the meeting and reported that feedback had been given by a number of parishes regarding the timescale for replies to planning applications and that training had also been requested. The District Council agreed to feedback to Parishes after collating all the suggestions.

10/122 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

It was **resolved** to note the written report from PCSO Middleton-Smith outlining the crime incidents and police activities with the school and community during November.

10/123 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

There was none.

10/124 **Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May advised that the river behind the school and Union Lane was blocked and he had contacted Wyndham Estate who were waiting for a quotation before carrying out the work. As the rubbish in Union Lane was coming from residents he agreed to write to them and ask Wyndham Estate to do the same. He advised the road signs at Bellamy's Corner should be moved shortly. He asked the members to support Mrs Holden's request to the bus companies regarding lack of seats due to Butlin's visitors taking seats for their suitcases. It was **resolved** to support this request by writing to both the bus companies and to Butlins requesting that extra buses were put on at these busy periods. There was still a problem with lorries carrying dirt to the old refuse site and he was investigating the matter.

10/125 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk asked for volunteers to join the rota for Williton Window. She also advised members of the sudden death of the Williton Station Manager. Members commented on the number of emails being received from the Highways Department regarding the Winter road conditions. She agreed to keep the website updated with this information instead.

10/126 Correspondence

10/126.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

10/126.2 It was **resolved** to concede to the Trustees request to grant funds in line with the agreed budget

10/126.3 It was **resolved** to note the letter from Mr and Mrs Scott regarding the state of the building to the rear of the Free Press Office and to write to the Free Press and the Police with copies of their correspondence and send copies to Peter Hughes and request that they look into the matter.

10/126.4 It was **resolved** to note the various correspondence received regarding the proposed budget cuts and to wait until full details of the cuts and the affect on Parish Councils were known.

10/126.5 It was **resolved** to note the impact of the budget cuts on the local youth provision.

10/126.6 It was **resolved** to note the letter from Watchet Town Council regarding joint partnership working and to reply stating that members were interested in working together and to write to Sampford Brett asking if their members would also be interested in such a partnership.

10/126.7 An application had been received by West Somerset Council from Danesfield School for funds from the Planning Obligation Funding towards the cost of an outdoor store for members' consideration. It was **resolved** to reply that as the money was not going to recreational facilities members did not feel able to support this application.

10/127 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 9 November 2010

It was **resolved** to note the report.

10/127.1 (Item 10/55.1B) Cllr Woods asked for the Committee to put forward some figures that could be submitted to LARC for the Safe Route to School project and reminded them of the deadline. The Clerk advised that positive information had been received from the Rights of Way Officer after a site meeting with Cllr Peeks and it was suggested writing to her requesting help with obtaining quotations on fences and gates and drawing up a plan to submit to the landowners.

10/127.2 (Item 10.69.3B) It was **resolved** to put forward the priorities outlined by the Committee.

10/128 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 15 November 2010

It was **resolved** to note the report.

10/128.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Expenditure Analysis.

10/128.2 (Item 10/75.1A) It was **resolved** to approve the recommendations not to support this application.

10/128.3 (Item 10/75.2A) It was **resolved** to approve the recommendations not to support this application.

10/128.4 (Item 10/59.6A) It was **resolved** to approve the final budget figures for 2011-2012 and set the precept at £79,155.15.

10/129 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none

10/130 Report of meeting of Williton Christmas Festival held on 4 November 2010

Cllr Bigwood advised that all preparations were in place for the festival to take place on 8th December. Clarification was requested regarding the public liability insurance. It was agreed that the male members of the Parish Council would judge the Christmas decorations competition this year and the winners invited to the Council meeting in February for the presentation of the prizes.

10/131 Report of Williton Regeneration Forum meeting held on 29 November 2010

It was **resolved** to note the written report and to note that any development would be linked to EDF's park and ride and the need to benefit the village. The masterplan referred to at the meeting was a working document leading up to the Parish Plan.

10/132 Report of Williton, Watchet and Quantocks Area Panel meeting held on 30 November 2010

Cllr Lapham reported on the meeting. The main item of interest was from the Highways Department regarding their winter services plan.

10/133 Office Accommodation

It was **resolved** to place this item in the public domain. It was advised that the contract had been received and was ready for checking and signing and it was hoped to take on ownership early in the new year. The working party would be looking at tenders for the project management and design to refurbish the building and to build on a community centre for the village. It was **resolved** to name the building Williton Parish Council, The Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

10/134 It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

10/135 Report from Village Hall Working Group and consideration of request from Steering Group

After some discussion it was unanimously **resolved** to agree to the Steering Group's proposal to take over the management of the Village Hall and to become a corporate Trustee subject to taking ownership of the budget. The Steering Group would continue to act as a fundraising group.

10/136 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 6th December 2010

Meeting closed at 9.20pm