

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.05 pm  
at the Council Chamber, Williton

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Woods (Chairman), Saunders, Gower (left early), Hooper, Bigwood, Morse, Chadwick
<b>SCC</b>	None
<b>WSDC</b>	May
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	None
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
<b>Public</b>	One member
<b>Other</b>	Guy Braga – Community Council for Somerset

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Aldridge , Lapham, Peeks, Vaughan, Davies, Trollope-Bellew, Police

10/38 **Apologies as noted above.**

10/39 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Woods	10/41.1	Personal	None
Cllr Hooper	10/41.2	Personal	None

10/40 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

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

10/41 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10/41.1 (Item 10/23.2) Guy Braga from the Community Council of Somerset was welcomed to the meeting. He explained how the Community Council had been asked by Sedgemoor and West Somerset District Councils together with technical advisors, ARAP, to provide support to the community and to help Parish Councils interpret the Hinkley C proposals. Themed meetings would be scheduled at the beginning of September and a report would be produced for the District Council which would help with the local impact report and support would be offered to Parish Councils by the Community Council before making a final decision in response to the consultation. The deadline for the Parish Council's response was 4 October which was also the scheduled meeting date of the monthly meeting, but as there was no meeting in September it was suggested swapping dates with the Trustees meeting, scheduled the previous week, in order to put together the Council's response. The announcement of the preferred proposals going forward to Stage 2 of the Consultation would be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Representatives from EDF and PPS were to attend the following meeting in August and it was agreed that the meeting would take on the same format as in January, commencing at 6.45pm with an extended public participation period to give members of public the opportunity to raise questions.

10/41.2 (Item 10/32) A report from the Village Hall Steering Group was circulated at the meeting. It was **resolved** to defer this item to a closed session at the next meeting to give time for members to consider the proposals.

10/42 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

A written report had been submitted stating that antisocial behaviour was being targeted at Whitecroft, 17 crimes had been reported during the month of June and the multi-agency Williton/Watchet football project was in the process of being set up for another 6 weeks. Sgt Dillon had written to advise of his promotion to Inspector at Yeovil. The Clerk was asked to thank him for his support whilst at Williton.

10/43 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Trollope-Bellew had advised in a written report that there was still concern over the future of central government funding to local government.

10/44 **Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May advised that Williton Police were 3 officers short. He advised that the Pupil's Parliament held at the District Council had produced some interesting ideas. There was discussion over the signage at Poundshead Cross and who was responsible for cutting the hedge. Parking problems continued outside Croft House. There had also been damage reported to paving slabs at Half Acre after some gas pipes had been installed. The next Regeneration Meeting would take place on 26<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm.

**10/45 Chairman's Notices**

The Clerk advised the Chamber would be unavailable for Council meetings in December and February. It was unanimously **resolved** to keep the same date but try and book St Peter's School. She advised that West Somerset Healthcare Patient Group were asking for support either by a short update in the local parish magazine or by nominating other local groups who might be interested in helping. It was **resolved** that a copy of the letter be sent to Williton Window and posted on the website.

**10/46 Correspondence**

10/46.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

10/46.2 It was unanimously **resolved** to nominate Shirley Dee for her work in the community and the hospital for the Chairman's Award for Services to the Community 2010.

10/46.3 It was **resolved** to note the email received from Unlock Democracy regarding the Sustainable Communities Act proposals

**10/47 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

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

10/47.1 (Item 10.24.3B) The idea of a Youth Council was discussed and it was suggested inviting 2 interested young people to join the Council but to write to SALC to investigate how this could be done. It was unanimously **resolved** to bring this matter forward to the October meeting.

10/47.2 (Item 10/25B) It was **resolved** to accept recommendations put forward by the Committee regarding the planning application at Gliddons Garage with some additional observations circulated by Cllr Hooper.

**10/48 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010**

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

10/48.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Expenditure Analysis.

10/48.2 (Item 10/20.4A) It was **resolved** to increase the budget for the Photographic Competition to £3700.

10/48.3 (Item 10/21.1A) It was **resolved** to agree to the recommended budget adjustments.

**10/49 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

There were none.

**10/50 Report from SALC meeting held on 10 June 2010**

It was **resolved** to note the report circulated by Cllr Chadwick dealing mainly with legislative updates.

**10/51 Revised Standing Orders in line with SALC model**

It was **resolved** to note the revised Draft Standing Orders prepared by the Clerk and to appoint a small working party to look at the detail in order to recommend to Full Council for adoption. Cllrs Chadwick, Woods and Saunders agreed to meet the Clerk to go through the changes on 9 August at 10am.

**10/52 Percentage of affordable housing within the village**

Cllr Hooper circulated a letter she had received from David Gliddon outlining figures showing the proportion of social housing allocated to Williton and Watchet in comparison to Minehead. Some concern was expressed at these figures and after some discussion it was **resolved** to write to the Planning Officer at the District Council asking if he could confirm whether the statistics were correct and if so to request a balance of social and private housing on a level plain with Minehead and send copies of the letter to Watchet and Dulverton Town Councils.

**10/53 Loss of Businesses in Williton**

Some concern was expressed at the loss of businesses in Williton, despite the Trading Estate doing well, and in particular 3 empty shops in Long Street. It was **resolved** to try and contact the owners of the property suggesting they contact either the District Council if they want to let the property or contact Artlife who might be able to help with artists displaying pictures in the windows.

**10/54 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 2 August 2010 after presentations from EDF and PPS**

Hinkley C Stage 2 Proposals; Village Hall Proposals