

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st August 2011 at 7.00 pm
at the Council Chamber, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	Woods (Chairman), Koch, Bigwood, James, Vaughan, Gower, McDonald and Wood
SCC	Trollope-Bellew
WSDC	May
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Davies, Bryant, Hall, Peeks

11/73 **Apologies as noted above**

11/74 **Resignation and Co-option of Councillor**

It was **resolved** to note the resignation of Cllr Richards. An application had been received from Angela Wood and after a proposition by Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Gower it was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt her to the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance was duly signed.

11/75 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Woods	11/83	Personal	None

11/76 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2011**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after an amendment to Item 11/72 date of next meeting being 1st August.

11/77 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

11/77.1 (Item 11/51.2) Hinkley C Consultation Cllr May advised members that the pre-planning application was passed by the Planning Committee after a lengthy meeting. A written agreement to the construction of a roundabout at Washford Cross had been received.

11/77.2 (Item 11/56.1) Correspondence Log – SID Results It was **resolved** to note that traffic speeds were increasing but no action was being taken as a result of the tests.

11/78 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

There was no report

11/79 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Trollope-Bellew advised that the Local Enterprise Partnership held their first meeting in July and that it was hoped to deliver the new broadband by 2012 but the Council was looking for a strategic partner on the technical side. He also advised that the EDF application would be submitted to IPC (to be renamed MIU) on 30 September. Regarding the proposed boundary changes, he advised that West Somerset would not be losing any Councillors and there was to be an overall reduction of 3 Councillors throughout Somerset. He confirmed that he had put forward the proposal for the pedestrian crossing at Long Street and a proposal for signage to emergency routes had also been submitted.

11/80 **Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May advised that the District Council had agreed to the Parish's request to change the name of the new housing development from Smithy Close to Blacksmith's Close and that a new Priest Street sign would be given to Croft House to install. He expressed concern regarding times of closure of the Recycling Centre to carry out work during days it was open to the public which had caused long queues and he asked the Parish to support his letter to Somerset Waste Partnership. He had also received complaints about areas of Magna Housing which was being dealt with. He was chasing up the problem with the street light at Catwell which was permanently on, and the pavement outside Nat West.

11/81 **Chairman's Notices**

The Clerk advised that she had received some late correspondence as follows:
Minehead Eye – request for funding to transport youngsters to the centre. It was **resolved** to put this on the next agenda of the Finance and Administration Committee.
Community Buying Ltd – Invitation to register for the Pilot Project.
West Somerset Council – details of training sessions regarding planning matters.

11/82 **Correspondence**

11/82.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

11/82.2 Somerset County Council – Planning application 3/39/11/022 – proposed modelling of existing recycling plant providing increased capacity, new lighting, new storage bays and drainage. There were no objections to this application

- 11/82.3 Somerset County Council – Nominations for Chairman’s Award for Service to the Community. It was **resolved** unanimously to nominate Jenny Gibson for her work on Williton Window.
- 11/82.4 It was **resolved** to note the request for responses to the consultation from the Avon & Somerset Police Authority and members were asked to comment individually online.
- 11/82.5 It was **resolved** to support the proposal from Steve Shaw of Unlock Democracy regarding empowering local Councils.

11/83 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 12th July 2011

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

11/84 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 25th July 2011

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

- 11/84.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Current Account Expenditure.
- 11/84.2 (Item 11/50A) It was **resolved** unanimously to approve the recommendations to a small increase in the salary scale of the new appointment as it would still be within budget, and to place the advertisement.

11/85 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts

Date	Details	Cheque No	Inv No	Total £	VAT £
01-Aug-11	B Walsh & Sons Ltd – Refurbishment	2117	2036	17,684.40	2,947.40

It was further **resolved** to pay the next interim payment to B Walsh & Sons during August as there was no Finance and Administration Committee meeting provided it was approved by the project manager. Regular monthly payments including salaries were also approved for payment.

11/86 Report of Meeting with District Council to discuss Devolvement of Services held on 1st August

It was **resolved** to appoint a working party and to seek local residents’ views on whether they wished the public toilets to be maintained. Cllrs Woods, McDonald, Gower and Wood agreed to form the working party and Cllr Peeks would also be invited to join. The meeting would be held on 17th August at 6.30pm in the Parish Office. The Clerk was asked to check with the District Council if the meeting on 5th September was going ahead as it was felt this would give an opportunity for the working party to report back to them before making recommendations to Full Council at the meeting on 3rd October.

11/87 Report of Meeting of Advisory Board of Williton Children’s Centre on 8th July 2011

As Cllr Bryant was not present there was no report.

11/88 Report of Meeting of West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum held on 5th July 2011

Cllr McDonald felt the meeting was extremely interesting. He advised the main speaker was David Eccles from EDF who talked about the proposed community fund which was still at its early stages.

11/89 Friends of Somerset Libraries Campaign

Cllr Koch asked members to consider supporting the legal challenge and to make a pledge. After some discussion it was **resolved** to support keeping the Williton Library open and a decision to the amount of the pledge would be taken next month after speaking to Watchet Town Council.

11/90 Office Accommodation - Update

Cllr Vaughan updated members on progress and advised of the minor changes that had been recommended by the project manager. It was hoped to complete the project by mid September.

11/91 Williton Village Hall Partnership

The Clerk advised that she had received the documents which were ready to be signed. Some clauses needed to be completed and Cllr Vaughan agreed to do this and to arrange with the Chairman to get the documents signed.

11/92 Street Art 2011

The working group advised that this was progressing and a request had been put in the Williton Window for participants and the prizes were being sought. The group asked members to encourage people to take part. Cllr Bigwood agreed to collect the boards.

11/93 Royal Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Woods agreed to ask both bands to play on Tuesday 5th June. Voluntary organisations would be asked to take part and organise some of the activities. The beacon would be moved off the ground, if a suitable location was found, before the celebrations.

11/94 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 3 October 2011 – Budget considerations

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm