

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.00 pm  
at the Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Woods (Chairman), Koch, Bigwood, Vaughan, McDonald, Wood, Peeks, Hall and Beaver
<b>SCC</b>	None
<b>WSDC</b>	None
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	PCSO Peter Bolton
<b>Press</b>	Mrs C Webb
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
<b>Public</b>	2 members
<b>Other</b>	

## Apologies:

**Councillors** James, Gower, May, Davies and Trollope-Bellew

11/141 **Apologies as noted above**

11/142 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Vaughan	11/152	Personal	No vote
Cllr Peeks	11/144.1	Personal	None

11/143 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after amending "Chairman" to "Clerk" in the second sentence in item 11/131 and deleting the names of attendees in "Other".

11/144 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

11/144.1 (Item 11/122.1) Hinkley C Consultation Cllr Wood had circulated information on some research she had carried out regarding health issues relating to radioactive waste and asked for members' to consider these findings. After some discussion it was **resolved** not to add any further comments to those made at the last meeting to the consultation on environmental permits for Radioactive Substances Activity as the evidence was not substantiated. It was **resolved** to note the Adoption Statement of the Hinkley Point C Supplementary Planning document from the District Council and to bring any comments to the next meeting if needed. It was further **resolved** to note the drop-in events that had been set up to assist people with registration to the IPC. Further late documents had been received from the IPC with links to making representations online by 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Public information events had been arranged by EDF at Danesfield School on 7<sup>th</sup> January between 10am and 2pm.

11/144.2 (Item 11/134) Williton Village Hall Partnership Cllr Vaughan advised that the Solicitors were chasing the landowners for their consent but it was hoped to set up the inaugural meeting on 23rd January to discuss how this would be managed.

11/145 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

PCSO Peter Bolton updated the meeting with the latest crime figures for Williton. He advised that the recent assault that had taken place on the memorial ground was under investigation. Parking issues were discussed and members requested figures regarding the issuing of parking tickets for the next meeting and suggested a box junction outside the Post Office. The Clerk was asked to write to Inspector Lisa Simpson for support to this application.

11/146 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

There was no report.

11/147 **Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May had submitted a written report regarding some of the outstanding highways issues. He also expressed concern regarding the article in the West Somerset Free Press with details of the proposals for a Free School in Williton and asked for this to be put on next month's agenda.

11/148 **Chairman's Notices**

Late correspondence had been received from the Youth Service outlining an alternative proposal to keep the youth service open which had been submitted to Somerset County Council due to a 75% cut in its budget. It was **resolved** to put this item on next month's agenda for consideration. The Clerk drew members' attention to the Somerset Community Oil Scheme. A vote of thanks was recorded to Cllr James for her work on getting the Christmas decorations up and running.

11/149 **Correspondence**

11/149.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

11/149.2 It was **resolved** to note the letters from the Williton Hospital Staff and the League of Friends requesting support to their proposals relating to the proposed closure of beds in the hospital. It was **resolved** after a proposition by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr Peeks that a public meeting be held in the New Year with representatives from the NHS Trust to discuss the implications to these proposals.

11/150 **Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

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

- 11/150.1 (Item 11/73.1B) The Clerk drew members' attention to the Somerset's Draft Countrywide Parking Strategy document which had been forwarded electronically and asked for responses at the next Full Council meeting to meet the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012.
- 11/150.2 (Item 11/73.3B) The document relating to the Somerset Waste Core Strategy was being circulated between members and responses were required by the next Full Council meeting to meet the deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012.
- 11/151 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**  
It was **resolved** to note the report.
- 11/151.1 (Item 11/83.1A) It was **resolved** to agree to the recommendations of the terms of the lease for the Doniford Car Park after a proposition by Cllr Vaughan and seconded by Cllr McDonald.
- 11/151.2 (Item 11/84.4A) It was **resolved** to agree to the recommendations to purchase an electric water boiler for the office after a proposition by Cllr Koch and seconded by Cllr Beaver.
- 11/151.3 (Item 11/85.1A) It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Current Account Expenditure.
- 11/151.4 (Item 11/84.7A) Confirmation had been received from 25 guests to the office opening and arrangements were all in place.
- 11/151.5 (Item 11.88.2A) It was **resolved** to agree to the recommendations not to grant financial support to WHEELS.
- 11/151.6 (Item 11/90A) The Risk Management Action Plan was circulated to all members and it was **resolved** to note that a risk assessment had been carried out for the Christmas Festival
- 11/152 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**  
It was **resolved** to pay the attached accounts as there was no Committee meeting during December.
- 11/153 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the Trustees of the Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011**
- 11/153.1 It was **resolved** to agree to the Trustees request of a subsidy in the sum of £9,000 for year 2012-2013.
- 11/153.2 Cllrs Wood, McDonald, Peeks, Koch and Hall agreed to form a working group to look at a plan to enhance the centre of Williton and Cllr Peeks agreed to co-ordinate a meeting and to invite other interested parties.
- 11/153.3 It was **resolved** to note that a meeting had been arranged on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to discuss the arrangements to celebrate the Jubilee Day and it was agreed to invite other interested parties.
- 11/154 Budget Considerations**  
It was **resolved** to agree the draft budget after some minor alterations: remove the contribution to British Telecom for the telephone sponsorship, reduce the training budget by £500 and reduce the Community Charge by £100. This would result in an increase of 4.66% to the budget which was within the recommended maximum of 5%. The final budget would be agreed at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was recorded to Cllr Vaughan for his work on the budget.
- 11/155 Report from Magna West Somerset Housing Association Stakeholders' Conference held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011**  
Cllr McDonald advised that the meeting had been well attended and that the Association were no longer using solar panels as it was not shown to be cost effective. He had been invited to visit one of their projects and was awaiting details.
- 11/156 Report of meeting with West Somerset Council to discuss the LDF Core Strategy on Renewable Energy held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**  
Cllrs Woods, McDonald and Wood attended this meeting with Stuart Todd who had highlighted ways of bringing renewable energy in Williton and shown examples of ways of saving energy. It was **resolved** to put this item on the next Environment and Planning Committee agenda.
- 11/157 Devolvement of Services**  
Cllr McDonald advised that he had attended the District Council Cabinet meeting and had aired his concerns about the perception of being rushed forward without consultation. It was **resolved** to request more details on how the District Council intended to progress after their meeting with Somerset County Council to discuss grounds maintenance.
- 11/158 Olympic Torch in Williton on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012**  
It was **resolved** to defer this item until February.
- 11/159 National Citizen Service**  
Cllr Wood put forward details of a national project involving students in Year 11 for 3 weeks in the summer term to work with the community and which was funded nationally and suggested that they could be involved in a play project. She agreed to explore some of the options.
- 11/160 Matters for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 –**  
Agree Precept; Williton Community Hall, Emergency Planning, Williton Free School, Christmas Competition, Youth Service – Alternative Proposal

Meeting closed at 9.06 pm