

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th March 2011 at 7.15 pm
at the Council Chamber, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	Woods (Chairman), Peeks, Richards, Lapham, Bigwood, Vaughan and James
SCC	None
WSDC	None
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	PC Holdsworth
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	Four members
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Lakin, Saunders, Chadwick, Hooper, Davies, May, Trollope-Bellew

10/171 **Apologies as noted above.**

10/172 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Lapham	10/179.2	Personal	None
Cllr Lapham	10/180.1	Prejudicial	Left room
Cllr Woods	10/174.2 & 10/181.2	Personal	Left room
Cllr Peeks	10/178	Personal	None
Cllr Peeks	10/179.5 & 10/180.1	Personal	None
Cllr James	10/180.1	Personal	None

10/173 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2011**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes with one minor alteration at item 10/160 to delete "during the election period" and replace with "after the date of the election" in first sentence.

10/174 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10/174.1 (Item 10/157.1) Hinkley C Consultation Responses to the consultation being carried out by EDF on the Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals were required by 28th March. Members were happy that the proposed location for the park and ride had been relocated to the lorry park and that there would be a reduced number of car park spaces and a roundabout provided at Washford Cross. It was unanimously **resolved** that the following points should be considered.

- The proposed roundabout should be constructed and in use before the park and ride was in use
- The pickup point in Williton needed to be clarified
- Would there be provision for local pick up points where there were large groups of workers eg caravan park, so that workers would not need to use the park and ride facilities.
- Have EDF entered into any agreement with the District Council regarding the legacy of the park and ride car park.
- Clarification was required regarding the number of bed spaces resulting from the reduction of campus bed spaces.
- Members would like to see family houses or conversions built on brown field sites.
- Members would welcome input on sports facilities, and in particular a swimming pool
- Clarification was required on how the £20million allocated would be spent.

Responses to WSC and SDC Supplementary Planning Document would be discussed at the next meeting. A public meeting was being held at short notice the following evening in Williton to look at the points raised in the document.

10/174.2 (Item 10/157.5) Debris in river behind schools It was **resolved** to note the reply from Orchard Wyndham stating that they would clear the river after the school had moved their items and to bring the matter back to the next meeting to check this had taken place.

10/175 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

PC Holdsworth gave the crime statistics for the previous month. He advised the skate ramp had been at Danesfield School on 23 February and would return every month until July and asked members to help publicise this facility. The police would also be visiting the school shortly. He advised that additional patrols had been enforced at Long Street after the recent fatal accident and 6 fixed penalties had been issued. A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Long Lakes and Orchard Close was now in place,

10/176 Report from Somerset County Councillor

There was none

10/177 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

There was no report.

10/178 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk advised that she had received late notice of temporary road closure at Tower Hill from 21st March for 5 evenings.

10/179 Correspondence

10/179.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

10/179.2 A request had been received for financial support from Wheels. It was **resolved** to reply advising that due to the present financial climate no grants to organisations would be given in the next financial year.

10/179.3 It was **resolved** to note the temporary road closure at East Quantoxhead and Kilve for 4 nights from 15 March.

10/179.4 It was **resolved** to note the request for support in organising transport to the Minehead Eye and suggest that they contact Atwest and the schools to see if they would use their minibuses.

10/179.5 It was **resolved** to note the S106 funding available from the Planning Obligations and that Williton would be eligible to apply and it was **resolved** to pass this matter to the Environment and Planning Committee. A request was also received to identify a further priority and it was **resolved** to include Highways.

19/179.6 It was **resolved** to note the details of the reduced bus services.

10/180 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 15th February 2011

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

10/180.1 Responses to Planning Application 3/39/11/002 – proposed supermarket at Bank Street Comments that had been received from all members had been circulated for discussion as Appendix A of the minutes. There were concerns expressed regarding the potential increase in traffic, and in particular the impact on Bridge Street if there were two roundabouts in close proximity. There was also concern that the application did not support the Parish Council vision of an Inner Relief Road. The re-siting of Lloyds Bank and the impact on local businesses also caused concern. After some agreed minor modifications to the Appendix, it was **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds outlined in the amended document with 3 members in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

10/181 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 21st February 2011

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

10/181.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Expenditure Analysis.

10/181.2 A request for funding for a new defibulator for the First Responder had been received. It was **resolved** to reply advising that there were no funds available for grants in the next financial year but to suggest contacting the Community Chest for funding. A further request had been received for funding for horse riding for SEN children and it was unanimously **resolved** not to grant the funds in line with the Council's policy for the next financial year.

10/182 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none.

10/183 Report of meeting of Watchet, Williton and Quantocks Area Panel held on 22nd February 2011

There was not much to report as there was nothing discussed concerning Williton.

10/184 Report of meeting with Mr and Mrs Clothier at Doniford Farm held on 28th February 2011

It was advised that this was a good meeting and that Mr and Mrs Clothier's plans were to develop and open a zoo by 2012 which would employ 6 part-time staff and would bring old farming styles back. This would not be in competition with the Tropiquaria. They had also agreed to go ahead with the lease which needed to be drawn up by the Finance and Administration Committee.

10/185 Report of meeting with SALC regarding Localism Bill held on 16th February 2011

It was **resolved** to note the Clerk's written report, but she was asked to seek clarification on Predetermination.

10/186 Village Hall Partnership with Parish Council

A letter had been sent to the Chairman from the Friends of the Memorial Ground to which the Chairman had replied, apologising for their difficulties of hearing at the last meeting. It was **resolved** to write to the Friends advising them of the present situation and that they would be kept informed of any developments. A letter had been sent to the Charity Commission seeking advice on how to proceed.

10/187 Office Accommodation

A further meeting had been held with the architect who was now in a position to apply for building regulations. It was unanimously **resolved** to draw a cheque to cover the costs. Volunteers were requested for a working party to help take down worktops in preparation of the building work. A letter of interest had been received from the WI market and it was suggested inviting them to look at the building when it was in a better state of repair. It was **resolved** to note that a window had been cracked and it was agreed to check that the condition did not worsen.

10/188 Royal Wedding

It was advised that flags and bunting were available for the village but the size and amount needed to be assessed and it was **resolved** to ask the Groundsman to take some measurements.

10/189 Steams Up and Street Art 2011

As Cllr Chadwick was not present this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

10/190 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 4 April 2011

Parish Assembly
Elections
Personnel issues

Meeting closed at 9.23pm