

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 at 7.20 pm  
at the Council Chamber, Williton

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Woods (Chairman), Koch, Bigwood, James, Vaughan, Gower, McDonald, Wood, Peeks and Beaver
<b>SCC</b>	Trollope-Bellew
<b>WSDC</b>	May
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	PCSO Dave Rowe
<b>Press</b>	Mrs C Webb
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
<b>Public</b>	2 members
<b>Other</b>	David Cameron and Granville Roberts, Environment Agency

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Davies and Hall

11/95 **Apologies as noted above**

11/96 **Co-option of Councillor**

Two applications had been received for the vacancy from Heather Beaver and William Thrush. After receiving a majority vote from a secret ballot, it was **resolved** to co-opt Mrs Beaver to the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed. As Mr Thrush had expressed specific interest in the Recreation Ground, the Clerk was asked to write asking if he would like to become a member of a working party of the Trustees.

11/97 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	11/99.2 & 11/193	Personal	None
Cllr James	11/105.1	Personal	No vote

11/98 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011**

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

11/99 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

11/99.1 (Item 11/77.1) Hinkley C Consultation David Cameron and Granville Roberts from the Environment Agency were present to give information and to answer questions on the consultation on EDF's applications for environmental permits for Radioactive Substances Activity and Combustion Activity. They advised that the deadline for the consultation had been delayed until 15<sup>th</sup> December but added that this was the first stage of the consultation and the Council would be consulted again in the second stage in March or April 2012. There will be two further applications, one for Construction Work – just one consultation period of 20 days from around 12 October, the other application for Discharges of Water would be received at the end of the month. Members expressed various concerns which the representatives agreed to investigate. Councillors were asked to look at the consultation in more detail and bring back their responses to the next meeting. Cllr Woods reported on the meeting with Ian Liddell-Grainger which mostly concerned the roads around Bridgwater and concerns on how traffic would get through as EDF were not addressing the problems being raised at the various Transport Forum meetings.

11/99.2 (Item 11/89) Friends of Somerset Libraries Campaign A response had been received from SALC and Watchet Town Council and after some discussion it was **resolved** (6 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) to defer pending more information on whether funding was still needed.

11/99.3 (Item 11/81) Feedback from Planning Training Sessions Members who attended these training sessions felt them to be extremely valuable and recommended fellow members to attend any future training offered.

11/99.4 (Item 11/82.3) Chairman's Award for Service to the Community Cllr Woods agreed to attend the presentation ceremony on 20 October and to write a citation for Jenny Gibson.

11/100 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

PCSO David Rowe updated the meeting with the latest crime figures for Williton. He advised that PC Holdsworth had moved to another post within the Police and had been replaced by PC Andrew Ware. He gave members both his and PC Ware's mobile contact details. There followed some discussion on the speeding issues within the village.

**11/101 Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Trollope-Bellew advised that the major issue had been the transport plan for the Hinkley C project as they did not feel the proposals were going to work. The application, which was an extremely large and unyielding document, was due to be submitted in October and the decision not expected until early 2013. Work was in progress in budget planning for the next 2 years and there was expected to be a zero increase in Council tax. Regarding the electoral review, it was likely that Crowcombe and Stogumber would move into the Dunster division, which he felt not to be a practical solution but there was little choice. He confirmed that the requested pedestrian crossing in Long Street had successfully been added to the list of planned works and should be constructed within the next financial year.

**11/102 Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May advised that the new wheelie bins had still not been delivered in Williton and he was still waiting to hear about the proposed work to the pavement by the National Westminster Bank.

**11/103 Chairman's Notices**

The Clerk drew members' attention to emails that had been forwarded regarding supporting the proposal on the Localism bill made by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, the summary of the Area and Annual Meeting of SALC, Key Policy Changes from Homefinder Somerset, Somerset Care regarding Community Engagement in West Somerset and Forum 21 invitation to a workshop on Green Initiatives in the New Economic Climate which Cllr Koch agreed to attend. An invitation had been received from the Churchwardens of the Benefice of Watchet and Williton to the Institution of the Reverend Clive Gilbert and a request had been received to nominate an officer for the Community Policing Awards. Williton Twinning Association had also requested displaying a notice in the new Parish Office which was granted.

**11/104 Correspondence**

11/104.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

11/104.2 It was **resolved** to note the details of the County Divisions Review from SALC.

11/104.3 It was **resolved** to note the consultation of the proposals from the Boundary Commission for England and to comment individually.

**11/105 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

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

11/105.1 (Item 11/46.3B) It was **resolved** to go ahead with the installation of the electricity for the Christmas lights.

11/105.2 (Item 11/46.B) It was **resolved** not to renew the lease on The Copse and to review the situation after 6 months to check if the area was being maintained properly by the landowner. The motion was carried by 8 votes for and 1 against.

**11/106 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

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

11/106.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Current Account Expenditure.

11/106.2 (Item 11/60.1A & 11/60.2A) It was **resolved** not to grant funding to the two organisations as recommended by the Committee.

**11/107 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

There were none.

**11/108 Budget Considerations**

It was **resolved** to note that the draft proposals would be put forward at the next meeting.

**11/109 Report of Meeting of Watchet, Williton & Quantocks Area Panel held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Cllr Koch advised that there were to be cuts in the Fire Service with reduced fire engines. There had been a presentation from Magna where they advised that unused garages would be redeveloped into smaller houses to free up some of the 3 bedroomed houses. Cllr Koch and Bigwood agreed to attend a tour of the village being organised by Magna on 7<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**11/110 Report of Meeting of Williton Children's Centre held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

As Cllr Bryant was not present there was no report. Cllr Beaver agreed to act as a second representative.

**11/111 Office Accommodation - Update**

The move to the new office had taken place and Chanin and Thomas had agreed to advertise the leased office. Interest from the community in letting the foyer and meeting room had already been shown. The furniture and further items required were being ordered. It was **resolved** that the Finance and Administration Committee would take on the organisation of the official opening.

**11/112 Williton Village Hall Partnership**

It was **resolved** that Cllrs James, Vaughan, Gower and Peeks would form the working party to look at the terms of reference. All future references to the partnership would be known as the Williton Community Hall.

**11/113 Street Art 2011**

The event had to be postponed due to lack of interest and only 3 children's paintings had been submitted. It was suggested asking the community to become more involved with the organisation. Cllr Wood had proposed that the event should run in May with the History of Williton as a theme. It was **resolved** to place this matter on the agenda in January.

**11/114 Royal Jubilee Celebrations**

It was **resolved** to defer this to the next meeting.

**11/115 Devolvement of Public Toilets and Street Cleaning**

The working party had met on 17<sup>th</sup> August and members of the Parish Council had met with the District Council on 5<sup>th</sup> September. As a result a proposal had been submitted by the District Council to take out the baby changing facilities and replace with unisex toilets and a disabled toilet with changing facilities. This would reduce the cost and enable them to keep these within their budget for another year. It was **resolved** to agree to this proposal and to look at other options next year. It was further **resolved** to reduce the street sweeping by reducing the cycle from 8 weeks to 10 weeks and to take out the duplication with the mechanical sweeping. It was **resolved** that the working group should meet regularly with the District Council and the Clerk was asked to make these arrangements.

**11/116** It was **resolved** that due to the confidential nature of the following item to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

**11/117 Devolvement of Grounds Maintenance Services**

It was **resolved** to draw up a specification of the grounds maintenance requirements after the Personnel Committee had met to look at the Groundsman's present schedule of work and to meet with Graham Carne of the District Council to discuss the implications.

**11/118 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 7 November 2011 – Budget requirements**

Meeting closed at 10 pm