

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6th July 2015 at 6.45 pm
at the Council Chamber, Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chair), Aldridge, Bennett, Bigwood, Kirkham, Koch, Peeks, Perrett, Richards, Vaughan and White.
SCC	Davies (left after item 15/54)
WSC	Davies, Aldridge
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	Mrs Cilla Webb
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	Five members
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Denton

Before the start of the meeting Naomi Griffiths from Minehead Eye addressed the council and spoke about Williton Youth Club, followed by Lesley Knight from Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit who addressed the council about Somerset Emergency Community Contacts.

15/47 Apologies as noted above.

15/48 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	15/50.3, 15/50.5	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	
Cllr Peeks	15/50.12	Personal	
Cllr Richards	15/50.2	Personal	
Cllr Richards	15/50.3, 15/50.5	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	
Cllr McDonald	15/50.12	Personal	
Cllr Bennett	15/60	Personal	
Cllr White	15/50.12, 15/63	Personal	

15/49 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st June 2015

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

15/50 Matters to Report from the Minutes

- 15/50.1 (Item 15/33.1) Hinkley A It was **resolved** to note there was no further report.
- 15/50.2 (Item 15/33.2) Flood Plan It was **resolved** to note the report that had been distributed. It was **resolved** that Cllr Bennett would include the report in the next Williton Window article. Information had been received from Cllr Davies regarding the Flood Mitigation Fund and Cllr McDonald agreed to consult with the Flood Wardens to discuss if there were any suitable projects and report back to the next meeting.
- 15/50.3 (Item 15/33.3) Weekend Car Park Charges It was **resolved** to note there was no further report.
- 15/50.4 (Item 15/33.4) Regional Youth Council Due to the absence of Cllr Denton it was **resolved** to defer this item until the next meeting.
- 15/50.5 (Item 15/33.5) Public Toilets The Clerk reported a reply had been received from Cllr Mills advising the price for materials and labour for removing the Radar lock to enable both toilets to be available for use by all, at a total cost of £138.78 with the suggestion of dividing the cost equally between West Somerset Council and Williton Parish Council, which would give a cost of £69.39 each. After a proposal from Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Aldridge it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the proposal and to pay £69.39. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Cllr Mills to advise the Parish Councils acceptance.
- 15/50.6 (Item 15/33.6) Mobile Youth Projects Due to the absence of Cllr Denton it was **resolved** to defer this item until the next meeting.
- 15/50.7 (Item 15/33.7) Defibrillator It was **resolved** to note training had been carried out on 6th June and that it had been successful. Further training would be organised for later in the year and it was hoped local shop owners would take the opportunity to have their staff trained. Cllr Bennett enquired how many staff members in the Spar were trained and it was **resolved** the Clerk would enquire.

- 15/50.8 (Item 15/33.8) Street Art in the Tractor Shed It was **resolved** to note no reply had been received from David Gliddon. Cllr Bennett had contacted Angie Wood to discuss holding another Street Art later in the year. In the meantime, the boards would be used at the Williton Fete on 11th July 2015.
- 15/50.9 (Item 15/33.9) Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit Further to the presentation earlier in the evening, Cllr McDonald volunteered to become the emergency contact. Cllr Peeks would be happy to act as a back-up.
- 15/50.10 (Item 15/33.10) Letter to West Somerset Council – Local Council Tax Support It was **resolved** to note a reply had been received from Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellow, Leader of West Somerset Council. In his letter it stated the money had not been ring-fenced so therefore it was not passed onto Parish and Town Councils and that “since 2014/15 it is not transparent as to how much funding is included for CTR (Council Tax Reduction) – as the baseline has drastically reduced it is logical to assume that the CTR funding coming to WSC has also reduced”. Cllr Vaughan expressed disappointment and stated that whilst he was not unsympathetic to West Somerset Councils position, there had been no consultation and the Parish had had to increase their precept to cover the lack of grant money. It was further noted that Taunton Deane and Sedgemoor were able to identify the funding and had passed it on. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Ian Liddell-Grainger MP with a copy of the response from Cllr Trollope-Bellow and request a copy be sent to Kris Hopkins MP and request in future that money is clearly ring-fenced so there is no excuse not to hand down Local Council Tax Support. It was **resolved** to note a letter of support to the Parish Council had been received from Watchet Town Council.
- 15/50.11 (Item 15/42) High Speed Broadband It was reported that the boxes were in place and would be due to be switched on during October 2015.
- 15/50.12 (Item 15/43) Closure of Natwest Bank It was **resolved** a meeting had taken place on 2nd July with Mr Steve Aldridge from Natwest. Mr Aldridge advised a mobile bank would be available in Williton on a Tuesday, but only for 45 minutes. It was confirmed meetings had taken place with the Post Office and concern was raised regarding the possible length of queues. Corporate businesses would be offered a courier service; Mr Aldridge would confirm how many businesses would be able to use this service. The question was asked if Lloyds Bank were to close, would Natwest return to Williton, the response was that this would be unlikely. No answer was offered to the question regarding lack of consultation.
- 15/51 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**
- It was **resolved** to note no report had been received.
- 15/51.1 It was **resolved** to note the reply from Sue Mountstevens, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner and that she had requested further information about Councillors concerns. Concern was raised how the numbers of Police Officers in the area had fallen and year-on-year there was an increase on the Council Tax bill but a decrease in Police Officers on the ground. It was **resolved** the Clerk would respond.
- 15/52 Report from Somerset County Councillor**
- Cllr Davies reported the B3190 between the new roundabout and Watchet would re-open from the 13th July until the 6th September.
- Cllr Davies had received an email dated 6th July stating that connecting Devon & Somerset failed to agree a Phase 2 Rural Superfast Broadband contract with BT before the EU State Aid deadline of June 30, 2015. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to the leader of West Somerset Council and Ian Liddell-Grainger MP to request further information.
- Cllr Vaughan requested Cllr Davies look into funding support for Youth projects, as after March 2016 the Parish Council would have no funds to take forward. Cllr Davies confirmed he had donated £500.00 to Williton Youth Club through the Health and Well Being project but was unsure if there would be any allocation this year. It was **resolved** he would look into possible funding.
- 15/53 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward**
- Cllr Aldridge apologised for being absent during the last month and was keen to know of any issues as they arose. The A39 between Wibble Farm and West Quantoxhead was discussed and it was **resolved** to note the reply from Cllr Davies in the June minutes under item 15/35.
- Cllr Vaughan expressed his concern regarding the lack of visibility at the junction of Station Road and A39 at the entrance to Roughmoor Trading Estate and asked Cllrs Davies and Aldridge to look into the situation.
- Cllr Davies confirmed that he had been asked to be the main contact for the Parish Council concerning highway matters under item 15/36.
- Cllr Davies expressed concern regarding the recent Full Cabinet meeting and felt he had been mis-reported. Cllr Davies felt the facts that had been submitted were incorrect which is why he had voted against the funding.

15/54 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

It was **resolved** to note the report that had been distributed by Cllr McDonald on Wyndham Charity.

The Clerk reported on a temporary road closure between Bowhayes Cross to Porch Elm and Stream Road to Porch Elm.

A request had been received for nominations for Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community to be held on Thursday 22nd October 2015. It was **resolved** to include this item onto the August meeting for a decision.

The Clerk reported an email had been received from Bruce Lang regarding a vacancy for a Parish/Town Council representative on the West Somerset Standards Advisory Committee.

15/55 Correspondence

15/55.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

15/55.2 It was **resolved** Cllr Bennett would include the information from the University of the Third Age in the following edition of the Williton Window.

15/55.3 After a proposal from Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, it was unanimously **resolved** to renew the annual subscription to Engage.

15/56 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 8th June 2015

It was **resolved** to note the report. Cllr Koch advised that David Peake, Highway Service Manager would address the next EPC meeting to be held on 13th July 2015 and invited all Councillors to attend. It was reported the gateway signs at Five Bells needed repairing and after a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Vaughan it was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would contact Peter Broader to carry out repairs.

15/57 Report from Finance & Admin Committee held on 15th June 2015

15/57.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st May 2015.

15/57.2 After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Koch, it was unanimously **resolved** to grant Williton Judo Club, Tsunami Dojos £250.00 towards the cost of replacement judo mats.

15/57.3 Cllr Vaughan addressed the council with regards to a Garden of Rest at St Peter's Church, Williton. As the water table was too high it would not be possible to have a cemetery, but Cllr Vaughan felt that due to the size of the Parish it would be nice to have a Garden of Rest. However, research would need to be undertaken to see if there was a need and if the Church would be in agreement. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Peeks it was unanimously **resolved** to refer the item to the EPC; to then report back to Parish Council with recommendations.

15/58 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	Cash £	VA £
06 July 2015	West of England Fire Protection Ltd 4525 Health and Safety	2780	74042	£41.40		
06 July 2015	Exmoor Cleaning Services 4510 Office Cleaning	2781	1840	£12.00		
06 July 2015	Kier MG Recycling CIC 4110 Purchase of Services	2782	CIC022377	£30.60		
06 July 2015	West Somerset Council 4560 SCC Grounds Maintenance	2783	18784	£2,123.10		£

15/59 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2014-2015

It was **resolved** to approve to Annual Governance Statement 2014-2015.

15/60 Highways

It was **resolved** to note the report, which had been previously distributed, on the meeting with David Peake on 11th June 2015. It was reported the double yellow lines outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court would no longer be installed, Cllr Bennett disagreed with this decision and expressed concern that an accident could occur due to the parked cars on the main A39. It was noted that David Peake would address the EPC on 13th July 2015 and would be able to clarify the situation.

15/61 Report from Watchet, Williton and Quantock Area Panel held on 9th June 2015

Due to time restraints, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

15/62 Police and Emergency Services Liaison

The Clerk reported a reply had been received from PSCO Thompson to advise she had spoken to the Sergeant but was awaiting an update. It was **resolved** Cllr McDonald would draft a letter to forward to the Sergeant.

15/63 Community Speed Watch

15/63.1 It was **resolved** to note the Community Speed Watch Newsletter, which had been previously forwarded. Cllr White expressed concern at the speed of lorries travelling along Long Street. Volunteers are still needed.

15/64 Report from Pavilion Working Group

Due to time restraints, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

15/65 Williton Fete Report

Due to time restraints, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

15/66 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 3rd August 2015, Council Chamber

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm