

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 at 7.00 pm  
at the Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Woods (Chairman), Koch, Bigwood, James, McDonald, Wood, Peeks, Hall and Beaver
<b>SCC Councillors</b>	Trollope-Bellew
<b>WSC Councillors</b>	May
<b>Avon and Somerset</b>	PCSO David Rowe
<b>Constabulary</b>	
<b>Press</b>	Mrs C Webb
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
<b>Public</b>	1 member
<b>Other</b>	

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Vaughan and Gower

11/161 **Apologies as noted above**

11/162 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Woods	11/178	Personal	Left room

11/163 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

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

11/164 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

11/164.1 (Item 11/144.1) Hinkley C Consultation After some discussion it was **resolved** to put the following representations to the IPC in response to their consultation. "There was some concern expressed on the impact of the increase in the volume of traffic resulting from the proposed Park and Ride at Smithyard near Washford Cross and the effect on the roundabout in Williton at Egremont Corner which is already a bottleneck. To alleviate the congestion it was proposed requesting that a cyclist/pedestrian link should be created from Williton to Washford Cross for those workers who will be living in Williton and the surrounding area and who will be commuting the short distance to the Park and Ride. The noise factors due to the additional traffic going through Williton should also be taken into account and measures put in place to address the impact of this on residents living in Long Street. The promised roundabout at Washford Cross was welcomed but it was emphasised that this should be constructed prior to the operation of the Park and Ride."

11/164.2 (Item 11/149.2) Proposed bed closures at Williton Hospital The Clerk advised that she had written to the NHS Authority to request a public meeting and was expecting a telephone call from Jan Hull to discuss this in more detail. It was suggested that more background information would be required before meeting with the authority and details of the effect of the bed closures and it was suggested seeking views from the surrounding Parish Councils as well as details of individual cases where patients have had to stay in other hospitals or sent home when they could have been cared for in Williton.

11/164.3 (Item 11/150.1) Somerset's Draft Countrywide Parking Strategy This document had been circulated electronically and it was **resolved** that the members of the Environment and Planning Committee would formulate a response at their next meeting. Non-Committee members would pass on their comments to the Committee.

11/164.4 (Item 11/150.2) Somerset Waste Core Strategy It was **resolved** to respond to the consultation by welcoming the re-evaluation and raising specific points as noted by the members who had examined the document.

11/164.5 (Item 11/153.2) Plan to enhance the centre of Williton It was **resolved** to hold the initial meeting of the working group on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm.

11/164.6 (Item 11/159) National Citizen Service Cllr Beaver advised that she had met Laura Johns from the Rural Youth Project who was willing to work with youngsters on this project. She advised they were working with the District Council on a youth project and there may be funds available this year. Cllr Beaver advised that she had registered interest on behalf of the Parish Council.

11/165 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

PCSO David Rowe advised that 6 fixed penalty notices had been issued since the last meeting for on street parking but added this would be decriminalised and dealt with by the local District Councils from April. He notified members of the crime figures for the last month.

11/166 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Trollope-Bellew commented that the proposed cuts to public transport would not affect Williton or the surrounding area. He also felt there should be no concern regarding the sale of land on the Quantocks as these areas would be designated as open spaces and common land and therefore restricted.

**11/167 Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May advised that he had written to Somerset Waste regarding some concerns with the new recycling and in particular regarding lorries who were parking on the wrong side of the roads when collecting rubbish.

**11/168 Clerk/Chairman's Notices**

The Clerk advised details of late correspondence which had been received from Avon and Somerset Police regarding the budget consultation survey and members were asked to return their questionnaires by the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012, and from the NHS regarding the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011. The Chairman advised that she had written to Williton Pharmacy regarding the problems that were being experienced with prescriptions due to staff sickness but reported there had recently been some improvement to the service.

**11/169 Correspondence**

11/169.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

11/169.2 It was **resolved** to respond to the consultation on the reduction in subsidies to local bus services by favouring Option 3 and requesting that consideration be given to enhancing the partnership with the Doctors Surgery for surrounding villages for the services where cuts are proposed and suggest an amalgamation of services in rural areas eg school bus service.

11/169.3 It was **resolved** to note the development of new affordable homes at Churchill Way in Watchet which was due to be taken over by Magna Housing Association.

**11/170 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee**

There was no report this month.

**11/171 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee**

There was no report this month.

11/171.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions and Current Account Expenditure.

**11/172 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

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

Date	Details	Cheque No	Total	VAT
3/1/12	Mr and Mrs Gould – Christmas Competition	2198	£30.00	
3/1/12	A J Chilcott – Christmas Competition	2199	£20.00	
3/1/12	Mr and Mrs Parfrey – Christmas Competition	2200	£10.00	
3/1/12	R Mayes – installation of Christmas tree	2201	£30.00	

**11/173 Approval of Budget for Financial Year 2012-2013**

It was unanimously **resolved** to set the budget at £82,847.27 and request a precept of £82,850 from the District Council.

**11/174 Report from Meeting of the Watchet, Williton and Quantocks Area Panel held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Cllr Koch reported that the main issues discussed were the problems of inappropriate and disabled parking and commented that these concerns were shared by others. Inspector Simpson who attended the meeting also addressed these concerns.

**11/175 Report of West Area Meeting of SALC held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

There was no report.

**11/176 Devolvement of Services**

It was advised that Cllrs James and McDonald together with the Clerk were meeting with Steve Watts and Cllr Kravis the following day to discuss the grounds maintenance issue. It was therefore **resolved** to defer this matter until after the meeting.

**11/177 Williton Community Hall**

It was **resolved** to note that the Solicitors were still awaiting signatures despite these being chased.

**11/178 Williton Free School**

Cllr May expressed concern at the lack of consultation on the proposal by the school to become a Free School but advised that this matter had been shelved until beyond 2013 due to lack of parental support. It was **resolved** to write to the Chairman of Governors expressing this concern and asking to be kept informed of important decisions that would affect the community. The Clerk was also asked if there was a seat on the Governing body for a representative from the Parish Council.

**11/179 Youth Service**

Cllrs Wood and Bigwood agreed to meet with the youth staff to discuss their proposals and report back to the Parish Council. It was suggested inviting representatives from the Youth Service and the Children's Centre to the meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations.

**11/180 Emergency Planning**

As Cllr Vaughan was not present it was **resolved** to defer this item but in the meantime the Clerk was asked to enquire what policies were in place in the event of a national emergency.

**11/181 Christmas Decoration Competition and Feedback from Christmas Festival**

Presentations were made before the meeting to the winners of the Christmas decoration competition. The winners were Mr and Mrs Gould, second place was Mr and Mrs Chilcott and third place was Mr and Mrs Parfrey. Gliddons received the trophy for the best decorated shop window. It was felt the Christmas Festival went well despite the bad weather and was much improved but more volunteers were required. It was suggested involving the children's groups next year and asking the children to get involved with putting up the decorations to encourage pride and interest in their community.

**11/182 Street Art 2012**

Cllr Wood advised that she had met with Ian Bradbury who had advised that Danesfield School were keen to get involved with the Street Art this year. She proposed a date of 11<sup>th</sup> May and would need 10 boards. The Clerk advised that she had received a request from a local artist for the loan of 3 boards for a mural that he was painting at the Railway Station to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the railway station. The members were in agreement provided the boards weren't required for Street Art and that the display would be inside.

**11/183 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 6th February 2012**

Olympic Torch

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm