

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th March 2013 at 7.20 pm
at the West Somerset Council Chamber, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Peeks, James, Koch, Vaughan, Bennett, Beaver, Woods, Troman and Wood
SCC	Trollope-Bellew
WSC	
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Ms J Johnson-Smith
Public	Approximately 60 plus
Other	

Apologies:

Councillors Bigwood, Davies and May and PCSO Rowe

12/204 **Apologies as noted above.**

12/205 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Minute Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	12/207.1	Pecuniary	None
Cllr Peeks	12/207.3	Personal	None
Cllr Peeks	12/213.2	Pecuniary	Left room

12/206 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2013**

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

12/207 **Matters to Report**

12/207.1 (Item 12/182.1) Hinkley C Consultation It was **resolved** to note the report from the Transport Forum held on 19th February and that work on the roundabout was still scheduled to start in Winter 2013 although there were still some particular issues that needed to be addressed.

12/207.2 (Item 12/182.3) Venue for Meetings The Clerk had been advised that the health and safety regulations allowed for approximately 18 people in the foyer. After a proposal put forward by Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr James it was **resolved** that the Parish Office was used for regular Full Council and Committee meetings but the Chamber would be booked when there were specific items of public interest. This was carried by 8 for and 1 against.

12/207.3 (Item 12/186) Library Review It was **resolved** to pass this to the Environment and Planning Committee for their response.

12/208 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

There was no report but it was **resolved** to note the email that had been sent requesting feedback on opening hours of the Police Station. It was further **resolved** to note that no reply had been received from Ian Liddell Grainger MP to a request for information on the distribution of police funds. A letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent advising that Inspector Lisa Simpson would be leaving her role. The Clerk was asked to write and thank her and wish her well in her new position. It was **resolved** to note that the Community Speedwatch Programme had started.

12/209 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Trollope-Bellew advised that the work to the pedestrian crossing in Long St should commence before Easter. The SCC budget had been set at 0% increase in Council Tax as a result of efficiency savings but an increase in the budget had been set aside for vulnerable people and children. The Quantock land had been handed over to the Friends of the Quantocks. He advised that the Secretary of State would be making a final decision on the Development Control Order for Hinkley C on 18 March but the development would not go ahead if it wasn't cost effective. He agreed to talk to representatives of Orchard Wyndham before the scheduled meeting on 8th March. The members thanked him for all his support over the years in his role as County Councillor.

12/210 **Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

It was **resolved** to note the updates on various highways issues sent by Cllr May.

12/211 Chairman's Notices

The Clerk drew attention to late correspondence including notice of dates from SALC for Chairman and new Councillors' training. She also advised that Steve Watts from the District Council was keen to meet members to discuss the future of the toilet block. Cllrs James, Woods and the Chairman agreed to attend the site meeting.

The Chairman thanked members involved in projects for all their hard work. He advised that he had met with the Headmaster of the Quantock Federation who was enthusiastic to work with the Parish Council. He would report the details of the meeting to the Environment and Planning Committee.

12/212 Correspondence

12/212.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

12/212.2 It was **resolved** to note the letter from Diane Allen of Somerset Care advising that she would be leaving Croft House for a new position. The Clerk was asked to write and thank her and wish her well.

12/212.3 It was **resolved** to note the invitation to a consultation event to look at the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Cllr Wood expressed an interest in attending.

12/213 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 11th February 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report

12/213.1 (Item 12/96B) It was **resolved** after a proposition by Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Koch to leave the hogging at the Robert Street entrance to the Recreation Ground until the results of the questionnaire on the Pavilion were known. This was carried unanimously.

12/213.2 (Item 12/103B) Planning Application 3/39/11/002 Land at Bank Street. This item had been moved forward before item 12/207 to enable the public present to listen to the members' comments on the application. Members of public had addressed the meeting during the public participation period and further late correspondence was read out. After a proposition by Cllr Woods seconded by Cllr Troman it was **resolved** to submit the comments raised at the working party meeting held on 18th February with 2 amendments as follows. Delete item 10 – minority view. Add the word "potentially" at item 3 (Appendix 1 attached to minutes). This motion was carried by 7 votes for, 1 against.

12/214 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 18th February 2013

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

12/214.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions as at 31st January 2013. It was **resolved** to carry a provision of £1500 from the reserves to the next financial year for the hogging on the Recreation Ground.

12/214.2 (Item 12/68.1A) It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would pay the administrative costs for the production of the questionnaire on the proposed pavilion project.

12/214.3 (Item 12/74A) After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Vaughan and seconded by Cllr Koch to put aside a maximum of £1000 in the budget towards the development of a new user friendly website.

12/214.4 It was **resolved** to note the email from SALC advising the confirmed index linked value relating to Section 137 Cash Limit was £6.98 per elector for the next financial year in comparison with £6.80 for the present year.

12/215 To approve accounts for payment

There were none.

12/216 Report of meeting to discuss Parish Plan held on 13th February 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and to take out the last sentence in the paragraph at the top of page 2 as this was incorrect. A further meeting had been scheduled on 6th March.

12/217 Report of "walkabout" with Environment Agency to discuss flooding issues held on 7th February 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and that a further meeting had been arranged on 8th March with representatives from Orchard Wyndham to discuss flooding and other issues within the village. An invitation had been received to the Somerset Flood Summit on 15th March. The Chairman agreed to attend after the meeting with Ian Liddel Grainger, MP at 9am the same morning to look at this issue.

12/218 Report of Williton Regeneration Forum held on 21st February 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and it was commented that it was a very positive meeting. A draft Action Plan was to be drawn up and a proper structure would be formed at the next meeting.

12/219 Items for Parish Assembly to be held on 22nd April at 7pm in the Council Chamber

It was **resolved** to add the following items to the agenda:-
Improvements to Recreation Ground
Williton Community Hall update
Flooding
Parish Plan

12/220 Parish Boundaries

Cllr Vaughan asked members for their support to request a review of the boundaries with the Boundary Commission in view of the anomalies on the borders with other parishes. It was agreed to put this on the Environment and Planning Committee and ask them to look at the map.

12/221 Proposed cancellation of Village Fete

The Chairman expressed concern at the proposed cancellation due to lack of support from helpers. He advised he had received agreement from the Friends of the Memorial Ground and the Royal British Legion to help on the day. Cllr Wood also suggested running a Play Day concurrently with the event which would replace the Street Art project. The Clerk agreed to write to Diane Hooper advising her of these suggestions.

12/222 It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

12/223 Report from Personnel Committee held on 27th February 2013

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

12/224 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 2nd April 2013

Meeting closed at 9.15pm