

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th January 2013 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Council Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Woods, Peeks, James, Koch, Vaughan, Bennett, Beaver and Troman
SCC	
WSC	May and Davies
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	PCSO Dave Rowe
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Ms J Johnson-Smith
Public	
Other	

Apologies:

Councillors Bigwood, Wood, Gower, Trollope-Bellew

12/160 **Apologies as noted above.**

12/161 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Minute Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	12/163.1	Pecuniary	Participation
Cllr Peeks	12/168.1&2; 12/176; 12/163.3	Pecuniary	Participation
Cllr James	12/176 application 043	Personal	Participation
Cllr Woods	12/168.4	Personal	No vote
Cllr Troman	12/163.1	Pecuniary	Participation

12/162 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2012**

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

12/163 **Matters to Report**

12/163.1 (Item 12/138.1) Hinkley C Consultation It was **resolved** to note the Generic Design Assessment decision about the new nuclear reactor design. Concerns had been raised about the proposed timing of the construction of the roundabout at Washford Cross as it would co-incide with a busy period for the Tropiquaria and animals close to the road may have to be relocated. It was **resolved** to support all businesses in the area who may be affected by the construction.

12/163.2 (Item 12/138.2) Christmas Festivities It was **resolved** to note the results of the competition as follows:
1st prize 26 Doniford Road
2nd prize 2 and 4 St Peter's Close
3rd prize 13 Tower Hill

The trophy for the best shop window was awarded to Williton Flooring. It was **resolved** to award the same prize money as last year (£30, £20 and £10) and to invite the winners to the next meeting.

12/163.3 (Item 12/155) Top 5 Priorities A request had been received for further details regarding location and timescale for the projects and it was **resolved** to pass this to the Environment and Planning Committee for their recommendations.

12/163.4 (Item 12/156) Venue for Meetings Cllr Koch advised that she was still investigating the fire regulations regarding the Parish Office

12/164 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

PCSO Rowe gave the crime figures for the last month which included one sexual assault. The Community Speed Watch training had taken place and 4 Councillors had attended. He apologised for the poor training due to staff sickness but advised further training would be available.

12/165 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

There was no report.

12/166 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

Cllr May commented on the excellent decorations in the village. Repairs were being undertaken in High Street and Fore Street and the broken post at the river in Doniford had been reported. He advised that Magna Housing was talking to their tenants regarding the flooding issues. The times for the Regeneration Meetings had been moved to 4pm on 21st February and 23rd May as requested. He had received complaints regarding light pollution at the trading estate and some fuel had been stolen from this location over the Christmas period. He advised that a referendum was not likely in the current year but possibly in the following year. Members asked him to raise their concerns at the next Full Council meeting regarding the problems setting the precept and the late notice of the grants being passed down. Several complaints regarding faulty street lights had been received and it was suggested publishing the telephone number to report the faults in the next Williton Window.

12/167 Chairman's Notices

The Clerk advised that a new date had been set for the Local Choices Event on 29th January. The Chairman agreed to attend the workshop on the Libraries and Cllr Beaver the workshop on the Community Warden Scheme and it was hoped that Cllr Wood would attend the workshop on the provision of Youth Services. She reminded members of the Parish Plan meeting to be held on 16th January and pointed out the temporary road closure of Swain Street in Watchet on 29th January for 3 days.

The Chairman advised that he had set up a meeting in the Council Chamber on 24th January from 7pm with representatives from the District Council, Environment Agency and County Council to discuss the flooding issues. Fliers and posters would be posted around the village to publicise the event and questions for the representatives would be collated in the office. He also expressed concern regarding the poor state of the bridge on A39 at the entrance to the village and pressure on the authorities was required to get this work done. He urged all members to attend this important meeting. He advised members that the badge of office had been received.

12/168 Correspondence

12/168.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log

12/168.2 It was **resolved** to note the Parish and Town Council biennial survey from the District Council and to pass to both the Committees for their comments.

12/168.3 It was **resolved** to note the details of the public meeting to discuss flooding (discussed at item 12/167 above)

12/168.4 A request for a £200 contribution from Reminiscence Learning for the Archie Project had been received and it was **resolved** to grant the donation but to only give it when it was being spent and when it was known what it would be used for. This motion was passed by a majority of 8 with one abstention.

12/169 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee

There was no report

12/170 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee

There was no report.

12/170.1 It was **resolved** to note the Financial Reserve Estimated Provisions as at 30th November 2012

12/171 To approve accounts for payment

It was **resolved** to approve the following payments

Date	Details	Cheque No	Invoice No	Total £	VAT £
19 Dec 12	D A Electrics	2392	166	673.64	0
7 Jan 13	Minehead Eye	2393	2012/043	3761.16	626.86
7 Jan 13	Lyreco UK Ltd	2394	6610072327	103.25	17.21

It was **resolved** to put the balance of the £10,000 grant received from the County Council towards the costs of the youth service in the provisions to be carried forward to the next financial year.

12/172 Precept 2013-2014

It was **resolved** to note that members were unable to set the precept until the final decision had been made from the District Council regarding the grant that was being passed down as a result of the new legislation. Cllr Vaughan explained the implications of the changes and it was **resolved** that the Finance and Administration Committee would look at the details and the impact on the tax base and make recommendations to Full Council at the February meeting when a final figure would need to be determined.

12/173 Report of Meeting of Williton, Watchet and Quantocks Area Panel held on 4th December 2012

Cllr Koch advised that a presentation had been given from the League of Friends regarding the excellent developments taking place at Williton Hospital. A report from the Highways Department had also been given with a copy of the new route for the diversions of road closures on A39 and A358. There was also a report from the Fire and Rescue Service advising of staffing problems due to change in rules regarding volunteers.

12/174 Report of SALC West Area Meeting held on 6th December 2012

Cllr Woods advised that the meeting mainly dealt with the new legislation regarding setting the precept and advice was offered.

12/175 To consider the following applications

Application No	Location and Details	Comment
3/39/12/053	Erection of 4 bedroomed dwelling, End of Road 16 Catwell, Williton	Members would like to see a turning area for construction traffic within the site and a level hard surface on the approach to the property with drainage
3/39/12/052	Installation of secondary glazing, 12 Bridge Street	No objections

12/176 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

12/177 Devolvement of Services

It was **resolved** to look at the costs for additional cuts and weed spraying of the County Council areas in the village and to look at the staffing implications. It was **resolved** to hold a Personnel Committee meeting on 23rd January at 10.30am to look at the options.

12/178 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 4th February 2013

Precept 2013-2014

Meeting closed at 9.12pm