

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 6.45 pm  
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	McDonald (Chair), Bigwood, Denton, Parbrook, Perrett, Richards, Vaughan and White
<b>SCC</b>	None
<b>WSC</b>	None
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	Mr Steven Salter
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Michelle Francis
<b>Public</b>	None
<b>Other</b>	None

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Bennett, Kirkham, Peeks and Davies

Before the start of the meeting Kerri Debens from Magna Housing addressed the council, indicating the decrease in housing applicants and spoke about Homefinder Somerset which listed accommodation that was available.

**15/194 Apologies as noted above.**

**15/195 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Richards	15/198.2, 15/198.4, 15/207, 15/208, 15/214, 15/210	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting

**15/196 Co-option of Councillor**

An application had been received by Neil Parbrook for the casual vacancy on the Council. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Bigwood it was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt Mr Neil Parbrook to the Council. As Cllr Parbrook was in attendance he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, after which he was able to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

**15/197 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

**15/198 Matters to Report from the Minutes**

- 15/198.1 (Item 15/179.1) Hinkley C – It was noted the signing of contracts had been due to take place in January, however, this had not happened and had been put back indefinitely. Cllr McDonald confirmed he had raised the issue of the incorrect spelling of Raleghs Cross at the new roundabout at the last Transport Forum and had been informed that EDF and Highways were in discussion and would reply with an answer.
- 15/198.2 (Item 15/179.2) Flood Plan Cllr McDonald advised the Flood Group had met recently and there were no problems to report in the Parish. The flood wardens were again thanked for their help. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, it was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 15/198.3 (Item 15/179.4) Regional Youth Council Cllr Denton advised a meeting would be held with Kirstie Brown, Youth and Community Officer, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 in the Parish Office. The Clerk advised that Williton Youth Club had achieved the Benchmark Safe and Welcoming, valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. The Clerk further advised that £1,500.00 grant money had been received.
- 15/198.4 (Item 15/179.5) Public Toilets After the declarations of interest (15/195), Cllr McDonald advised further information had come to light after a recent meeting, he therefore proposed that this item be moved and discussed in committee. This was seconded by Cllr Vaughan and unanimously **resolved**.
- 15/198.5 (Item 15/179.6) Defibrillator Training It was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.

- 15/198.6 (Item 15/179.7) Street Art in the Tractor Shed There had been no further update. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald it was **resolved** to move this item to the Environment and Planning Committee agenda.
- 15/198.7 (Item 15/179.10) Health and Safety Audit It was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 15/198.8 (Item 15/186.3) Community Bus Service – Doniford to Williton – Due to the absence of Cllr Aldridge, it was **resolved** to defer this item.
- 15/198.9 (Item 15/186.3) Community Bus Service – Employment Hub – Cllr McDonald advised the members he was waiting for a reply from Carl Smedhurst.
- 15/199 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary / Emergency Liaison Officer**  
There was no report. Cllr Denton requested the total amount of calls received by the Police, not just ones that had been responded to, it was **resolved** Cllr White would enquire.
- 15/200 Report from Somerset County Councillor**  
Cllr McDonald read out a written report that had been received from Cllr Davies, in which Cllr Davies reported he still awaited replies regarding the St Peters School Crossing and the Highways investigation on the A39 at St Audries. Information had been received regarding The England Coast Path National Trail which was due to open from Brean to Minehead in March 2016. Cllr Perrett reported there were no footpath signs around Hinkley Point, it was **resolved** the Clerk would advise Cllr Davies. Cllr Vaughan expressed concern regarding the house numbering on Long Street being out of synch, which had caused problems for an ambulance struggling to locate a property when recently attending an emergency. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to Highways and the Ambulance service to ask they make themselves familiar with the area they are responding to.
- 15/201 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward**  
Due to the absence of Cllr Aldridge, there was no report. It was **resolved** the Clerk would send a letter expressing the disappointment of his absence as this was the opportunity for the Parish Council to receive a report from District Council.
- 15/202 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**  
The Clerk advised members that the Parish Office had received a lot of private bookings for the coming months and requested liaison with Clerks if a room was needed for a meeting.  
Information had been received regarding a four week consultation to change Dulverton Middle School to a Junior School.  
A request had been received from Macmillan Cancer Support for help in providing coverage about Macmillan.  
The Chair addressed the letter from WHEELS which had been sent to individual Councillors asking for support in their request that their subsidy from County Council was not cut. After a proposal from Cllr Perrett, seconded by Cllr Richards it was **resolved** that Cllr McDonald would write a letter of support on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 15/203 Correspondence**
- 15/203.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.  
A discussion took place regarding the possible relocation of the Library to within West Somerset House.
- 15/204 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee**  
It was **resolved** to note the report. It was **resolved** that Cllr Vaughan would forward a copy of the Deeds to the Clerk, regarding the parking bays.
- 15/205 Report from Finance & Admin Committee**
- 15/205.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. It was **resolved** the Clerk would include the Youth Grant on the provision list.

## 15/206 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

It was **resolved** to make the following payments.

Date	Details	Chq Nos	Invoice No	Total Bank	Cash	VAT
01/02/2016	J Gliddons & Son 4105 Purchase of goods/assets	2854	26562	£1,376.20		£229.37
01/02/2016	West Somerset Free Press 4415 Advertising	2855	322568	£67.20		£11.20
01/02/2016	Community Council for Somerset 6105 Affiliation Fees	2856		£40.00		£0.00
01/02/2016	West Somerset Council 4555 WPC Grounds Maintenance	2857	19533 & Credit 19614	£1,625.10		£270.85

The Clerk advised that cheque number 002850 to West Somerset Council had been cancelled due to a credit note being received for work that had not been carried out.

## 15/207 Highways

It was reported that the sunken drain cover at the junction of Brook Road and Long Street had been completely covered by asphalt. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact David Peake regarding the poor state of repair of the A39 between the crossing and Fore Street; and the areas of High Street and Tower Hill.

## 15/208 West Somerset Local Plan to 2032

A discussion took place regarding the Local Plan which was due to have an inspectors review. The main points that were raised were;

Cllr Denton expressed concern regarding the lack of employment opportunities and the environmental impact if building was to proceed in Minehead and Dunster. All traffic would have to commute through Williton to access possible job opportunities in Taunton and Bridgwater. To lessen the environmental impact, Cllr Denton would suggest that building is concentrated in the Williton area; there would be no need for villages such as Bilbrook and areas within the AONB or with historical interest to be bypassed. Public transport was unsatisfactory at the present time.

Cllr Vaughan agreed with Cllr Denton and further expressed concern that Summerfield Homes had requested the re-instatement of the proposed development at Catwell.

Concern was raised about a proposed development in Watchet, which included part of Williton Parish, of which no consultation had been received. The access of the proposed site would be onto Doniford Road, an area that suffers from serious surface flooding. The members felt the flood issues should be raised in any planning application.

Cllr Richards spoke about the numerous empty properties in West Somerset and the issue of no jobs in the area. He raised the question how can the Local Plan say we need so many houses when so many are empty?

It was **resolved** that Cllr McDonald would write a response, which would be forwarded for comments to all members before submission. It was **further** resolved that Cllr McDonald would attend the hearing session to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

## 15/209 Pedestrian Crossing and Lighting

Cllr Denton had forwarded comments for the expression of interest. It was **resolved** Cllr McDonald would look into further.

## 15/210 (15/75.1A) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Denton had requested this item was brought to the members attention to ensure that all are aware of the Community Infrastructure Levy and if there was any potential / implication on funding. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to West Somerset Council to ask if they were going to adopt the levy. The Clerk had already requested CCS to attend and address the Parish Council.

**15/211 Events Committee**

Cllr McDonald requested a committee was formed to organise various events, such as the Christmas Festival, with members of the public being involved.

After a discussion it was **resolved** to hold a meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Parish Office at 7pm. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Mrs Delbridge from Somerset Care, Mrs Spencer and the British Royal Legion inviting them to attend.

**15/212 (Item 15/191/) Review of Asset Register**

A discussion took place regarding the Asset Register that had been previously forwarded and was agreed by members. It was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.

**15/213 (Item 15/207) Report from Williton Twinning**

Due to the absence of Cllr Aldridge, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

**15/214 Repercussions of District Council decision to abolish free parking for Blue Badge holders**

Due to the absence of Cllr Aldridge, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

**15/198.4 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting**

(Item 15/170.5) Public Toilets – A discussion took place after a written report was distributed on the meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 between Cllrs McDonald, Perrett and Martin Dewdney from WSC. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Perrett it was **resolved** (with abstentions from Cllrs Denton and Richards) to agree in principal to maintain the toilets in Killick Way, subject to further discussion.

**15/215 Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Public Toilets

Meeting Closed at 9.16pm