

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st July 2013 at 7 pm
at the Parish Council Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Woods, Koch, James, Peeks, Bennett, Bigwood, Vaughan, Beaver (from 7.40pm at item 13/59) and Denton
SCC	Davies
WSC	Davies
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	PCSO David Rowe
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Bruford, Troman and May

13/53 Apologies as noted above.

13/54 Co-option of member

After a proposition by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Woods, Guy Bennett was unanimously co-opted to the Council. He agreed to fill the vacancy on the Finance and Administration Committee and duly signed the Declaration of Office and Register of Interests.

13/55 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/57.1 &2	Pecuniary	No comment
Cllr Peeks	13/62.5	Personal	No comment

13/56 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2013

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after the following amendments.
(Item 13/47) In the second sentence add "If" to the beginning delete "would" and "at their next meeting" and replace "and look at the" with "at their next meeting then there is a".
(Item 13/48) In the second sentence replace "£2500" with "£6000" and add a sentence at the end "In addition the Parish Council also agreed to put in £3000".

13/57 Matters to Report from the Minutes

13/57.1 (Item 13/34.1) Hinkley C Consultation There was no further update at the time.

13/57.2 (Item 13/36) Dumping of Nuclear Waste It was **resolved** to note the response from the NDA. The Chairman advised that he had attended the West Somerset Council meeting where this item had been discussed and concerns raised regarding the serious impact on the infrastructure should these proposals go ahead and advised members that the District Council would be objecting.

13/57.3 (Item 13/39) Temporary road closure at Doniford Road It was **resolved** to note that the closure dates of the road had been reduced.

13/58 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

It was **resolved** to note the written report from PCSO Dave Rowe detailing all the crime figures for the last month and that they were chasing up a suspect following the recent damage in the Memorial Ground.

13/59 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies reminded members of the flood grant monies available and reported on the District Council meeting where the nuclear waste issue had been discussed. He advised that he would be visiting Hinkley C shortly to look at the site. He also pointed out applications could be made to the Health and Wellbeing budget that had been set up by the County.

13/60 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

It was resolved to note Cllr May's written report regarding a few highway matters. He pointed out that there would be a Special Full Council meeting on 22nd July to discuss the partnership with Taunton Deane and the proposals to lower the school age at West Somerset Council.

13/61 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk circulated an amended list of Committee meeting dates. She drew members' attention to the deadline of 10th July to enter in the Somerset Field of the Year competition and after discussion it was **resolved** by 9 votes for and 1 against to enter the competition. Some old postcards had been received of Williton and it was **resolved** that Cllr Peeks would keep the photos for use in future exhibitions. The Chairman gave a brief report on the Chairmen's meeting which was an informal meeting of neighbouring Parish Council Chairmen and Clerks. It was requested to raise the concerns regarding the proposed government cuts to the precept at their next meeting.

13/62 Correspondence

13/62.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

13/62.2 It was **resolved** to note the West Somerset and Sedgemoor static diversionary routes.

13/62.3 It was **resolved** to note that WHEELS had withdrawn their request for a donation as it was no longer required

13/62.4 It was **resolved** to note details of the West Somerset Housing Fair to be held on 25th July at the West Somerset Community College.

13/62.5 It was **resolved** to note that an explanation was required to two items regarding planning from the recent West Somerset Council survey and the Clerk was asked to write back stating that the dissatisfaction was due to the West Somerset Masterplan being ignored and comments to applications being discounted.

13/62.6 It was **resolved** to note the notice and plan for a Traffic Regulation Order for a 30mph speed limit at Doniford Road which would be advertised in the local paper on 28th June. Deadline for objections was 2nd July 2013.

13/63 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 10th June 2013

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

13/63.1 (Item 13/23.4B) After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr Koch it was **resolved** to look again at the costs of installing the street light in North Road when the budget was being considered.

13/63.2 Concern was expressed regarding the overgrown weeds at Doniford Road and around the bus stop and it was **resolved** to put this on the next Committee meeting agenda.

13/64 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 17th June 2013

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

13/64.1 (Item 13/21.2A) Naomi Griffiths from Minehead Eye attended the meeting to update the members on the youth service being offered and to answer any queries. Much progress had been made and numbers had been increased. If a bigger venue could be found the opportunity to merge both the boys and girls groups would enable a reduction in sessions and therefore bring savings. In order to carry on from September they are looking at a 3 pronged approach:- contributions from Parish/Town Councils, the young people to carry out fundraising activities and to set up a youth charity to enable applications for grant funding. Cllr Vaughan queried the additional costs on the invoice as the Service Level Agreement had stated payment of youth workers only and the Clerk was asked to look at the details of the previous invoice.

13/64.2 (Item 13/22.1A) It was **resolved** to donate the old computer to charity after removing the hard drive and to sell the old monitor at the fete.

13/64.3 (Item 13/23.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st May 2013.

13/65 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none.

13/66 Parish Plan Update

Cllr James advised that one last attempt to gain interest would be made with information on a stall at the fete. If no further interest came forward the old plan would have to remain with no updates.

13/67 Report from Watchet, Williton and Quantocks Area Panel Meeting held on 11th June 2013

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

13/68 Report from SALC Area meeting held on 28th June 2013

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

13/69 Report of Pavilion Project Working Group Meeting held on 12th June 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and that the next meeting would be held on 15th July. There would also be a further meeting with Sara Morgan-Broome on 10th July at 10am. Members from Minehead Cricket Pavilion had invited members of the working group to look around their pavilion. It was **resolved** to note that the Williton Community Hall Trustee had agreed the transfer of £3000 to the Pavilion Project from their donation being held by the Parish Council.

13/70 Report of meeting with Somerset County Council to discuss education provision in West Somerset held on 1st July 2013

Cllr Beaver reported on the meeting which she had attended earlier in the evening. The main problem was the vastly underfunded budget at Dulverton Middle School which would compromise the future education of their students. As Exford School was so low in numbers it could possibly take on Years 5 and 6 as could Dulverton First School. Alternatives were being investigated for Years 7 and 8 including the offer of places at West Somerset College. The educational professionals were bringing as much information together and consulting with those concerned in order to make a decision in October on the future of the school from September 2014. Concern was expressed by members of the impact on other schools if the age group was lowered at the College and the damage that may be caused to the present structure of schools which worked successfully in West Somerset.

13/71 Merging of Williton Community Hall and Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground Charities

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would act as administration agent for the merging of the two charities.

13/72 Purchase of Defibrillator and First Aid Training

The Chairman asked the Parish Council to consider purchasing a defibrillator to be kept in a central place in order for it to be accessible in an emergency. Some suggestions were leaving it in the garage or one of the shops that stayed open late. It was proposed to write to both the Doctors and the Fire Station to ask their advice on how to proceed with this proposal.

The Clerk gave details of first aid courses that were available as Cllr Bennett had agreed to be trained but she was asked to seek their advice on the most appropriate course to cover for events.

13/73 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

13/74 Groundsman's Cover

Cllr James advised that she and the Chairman had met the Groundsman who was still in a very poor state of health and professional advice was being sought.

13/75 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 5th August 2013

Meeting closed at 9.40pm