

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st June 2015 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chair), Bennett, Bigwood, Denton (arrived during item 15/33.2), Kirkham, Koch, Peeks, Perrett, Richards, Vaughan and White.
SCC	Davies (left after item 15/42)
WSC	Davies
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	Mrs Cilla Webb
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	One member (left after item 15/43)
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Aldridge

15/30 **Apologies as noted above.**

15/31 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	15/33.3, 33.5 & 33.10	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Left Room
Cllr Richards	15/33.3, 33.5 & 33.10	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Left Room
Cllr Peeks	15/43	Personal	
Cllr McDonald	15/43	Banking	
Cllr Perrett	15/37	Love Williton	Abstained from vote
Cllr White	15/43	Personal	

A request for Dispensation for the period of 4 years, relating to the interest of West Somerset Council Issues and Precept had been received from Cllr Peeks. A further request for Dispensation for the period of 4 years, relating to the interest of West Somerset Council Issues/Concerns had also been received from Cllr Richards. After a proposal from Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Vaughan it was unanimously **resolved** to approve both requests.

15/32 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2015**

After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Koch, it was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes, after an amendment to item 15/15.2.

15/33 **Matters to Report from the Minutes**

15/33.1 (Item 15/10.1) Hinkley A No further report.

15/33.2 (Item 15/10.2) Flood Plan It was **resolved** to note an email had been received from Rose Lloyd, Flood Resilience, advising that CRISP had agreed to award the Parish Council a further grant for the purchase of 8 sets of Hi Viz jackets (flood warden on reverse), Trousers and ID pouch, to the sum of £434.08.

It was further **resolved** to note that notification of a new grant for flood defences had been received. It was **resolved** Cllr McDonald would consult with the Flood Wardens to discuss future needs. Cllr Vaughan questioned if the grant could be applied for to lower the levels and widen the entrance to the Memorial Ground in Robert Street, to guide excess water back into the river. Cllr Richards advised drainage would probably be more cost effective. It was further questioned whether the grant money had to be spent within the current financial year. It was **resolved** Cllr McDonald would investigate further.

15/33.3 (Item 15/10.3) Weekend Car Park Charges No further report.

15/33.4 (Item 15/10.4) Regional Youth Council Cllr Denton advised he was still awaiting confirmation from Naomi, it was **resolved** to ask Naomi to attend a future Parish Council meeting to present an up-date. Cllr Denton further reported he had spoken to Danesfield School and had received a favourable response.

- 15/33.5 (Item 15/10.5) Meeting to look at public Toilets A reply had been received from Cllr Mills confirming it would be possible to remove the Radar lock to enable both toilets to be available for use by all and that Veolia would open and close both toilets. After a proposal from Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, it was unanimously **resolved** to ask the Clerk to seek confirmation there would be no cost to the Parish Council and if this was the case, the Clerk could instruct Cllr Mills to proceed with the removal of the Radar Lock.
- 15/33.6 (Item 15/10.6) Mobile Youth Projects The Clerk reported it had come to light the mobile skate ramps were not at Minehead Eye, but in fact were currently back with the Police to be checked. It was **resolved** to request monthly meetings with Naomi to enable the Parish Council to be kept up-to-date with plans and how they are supplying equipment for the Youth Club. It was further **resolved** to request that the ramps are available at Danesfield School before the summer holidays.
- 15/33.7 (Item 15/10.7) Defibrillator The Clerk advised the time had been changed to 9am on Saturday 6th June 2015.
- 15/33.8 (Item 15/10.8) Street Art in the Tractor Shed It was **resolved** to note no reply had been received from David Gliddon. It was suggested to ask Angie Wood if she would be able to organise another Street Art Exhibition on Bellamy's Corner or at the Fete. It was **resolved** Cllr Bennett would contact her to ask.
- 15/33.9 (Item 15/10.9) Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit It was **resolved** to note a reply had been received accepting the invitation to give a short presentation at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 6th July. It was further **resolved** the Clerk would request the use of the Council Chamber for this meeting.
- 15/33.10 (Item 15/15.1) Letter to West Somerset Council – Local Council Tax Support No reply had been received. It was **resolved** to wait until the next Full Parish Council meeting in July and if a reply had still not been received, the Clerk would contact Ian Liddell-Grainger MP.
- 15/34 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**
- No report had been received. Cllr McDonald reported Sue Mountstevens, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner would be visiting the Memorial Ground on Tuesday 2nd June to look at the recent installation of CCTV.
- 15/35 Report from Somerset County Councillor**
- Cllr Davies distributed a letter informing new details on Magnox's proposals to reduce the workforce across its nuclear sites in line with its decommissioning and closure programme. Cllr Davies confirmed he had spoken to Ross Edwards regarding the progress on work and had been advised it had been slow due to a new Government and new Secretary of State, but hopefully in coming months will have a result.
- Highways had confirmed they will inspect the pot holes on the A39 between Wibble Farm and West Quantoxhead every month until the structural survey and work is carried out, on schedule for September. It was **resolved** Cllr Davies would be the Parish Councils main contact for highways.
- 15/36 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward**
- Cllr Davies had been approached from residents at Five Bells requesting the Bus Stop be re-instated by the post box. It was unanimously **resolved** the Parish Council would give their support to this initiative.
- It was reported that West Somerset Council had had to re-emburse business rates after an appeal regarding Hinkley Point which had affected their financial position.
- A Lagoon had been proposed from Minehead to West Quantoxhead, a presentation would be made to the District Council shortly.
- High speed Broadband is due in Williton in October 2015. Cllr Davies distributed a leaflet containing more information.
- Cllr Vaughan expressed he was 'less than satisfied' with the service from Taunton Deane Grounds Maintenance. Many areas of County Council grass had not been cut and Cllr Davies was asked to pass the comments on. It was stressed it was not just the grass cutting, but also weed spraying and the playground. It was felt the village was starting to look scruffy and the Parish Council were trying to maintain high standards. District Council had a map of the areas they cover; Cllr Davies would request a copy. Cllr Kirkham expressed concern regarding the visibility at the junction near Court Farm, Doniford; again the grass verge had not been cut. It was **resolved** the Clerk would send an email to Cllr Richards who would investigate.
- Cllr Denton asked if the County Council had been approached regarding the Rural Fuel Subsidy that came into force today in Devon and other rural districts and if West Somerset is likely to be included in the future? It was **resolved** to note this was based on National allocation.

15/37 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk reminded members of a Training Course to be held on 2nd July at the Phoenix Centre at Watchet. It was **resolved** the Clerk would book places for Cllrs Richards, Aldridge, Perrett, Kirkham, White and Denton.

Love Williton had a bench and had been given permission to install it on the grass area opposite the library in Killick Way. Shaun Walsh had agreed to install the bench free of charge and was also trying to get the materials from his supplier free of charge. Love Williton requested that the Parish Council adopt the bench and any maintenance. After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Koch it was **resolved** to agree to the request, with 1 against and 1 abstention.

The family of Ernie Hill have asked if they can site a memorial bench. It was unanimously **resolved** to reply suggesting a bench / plaque could be installed on the Memorial Ground upon completion of the Pavilion.

Christmas Festival – a request had been made by Sue Perrett asking for a representative from the Parish Council to join the committee, it was **resolved** that Cllr Bennett and Cllr Perrett would be happy to stand as representatives.

The Clerk advised Ross Edwards had contacted her today and confirmed he had informed Mrs Debens the CIM fund is in place for the purpose of the community, not for individual cases. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Koch, with 1 against, it was **resolved** to reply to Mrs Debens stating unfortunately this is an application the council felt they could not support.

15/38 Correspondence

15/38.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

15/39 It was **resolved** to note the provisions were unavailable at the meeting due to the accounts being with the auditor.

15/40 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none.

15/41 To approve and sign statement of accounts and annual governance statement 2014-2015

After a proposal from Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Vaughan it was **resolved** to sign the Annual Statement of Accounts, with 1 abstention. It was further **resolved** to return to the External Auditor and the document was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk

15/42 High Speed Broadband

It was **resolved** to note the information that had been distributed by Cllr Davies during item 15/36. It was **resolved** to keep this item on the agenda.

15/43 Closure of Natwest Bank

After a discussion regarding the importance of maintaining facilities in the village, it was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Natwest and Lloyds banks to request a meeting to discuss the future provision of banking. It was further **resolved** Cllr Bennett would request comments from the public in the next article of the Williton Window.

It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact the Clerk at Dulverton Town Council to discuss the impact on their town and how they are proceeding.

15/44 Police and Emergency Services Liaison

Cllr White suggested a liaison officer between the Parish Council and the emergency services would be beneficial to feedback to the community. It was unanimously felt this would be a good link. After a proposal from Cllr Koch, seconded by Cllr Peeks it was unanimously **resolved** that Cllr White would become with Liaison Officer. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact PSCO Thompson with the proposal, asking if they would be happy to partake and to arrange a meeting.

15/45 Williton Pavilion Project

15/45.1 It was reported the next working group meeting would be held on the 9th June 2015. It was noted at the last trustee meeting it was agreed with a mind to look at closing the Community Hall charity with the possibility of fundraising in the name of Pavilion Project funds. Cllr White congratulated all the work that had gone into the grant application.

15/46 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 6th July 2015, Parish Office

Williton Fete

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm