

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2013 at 7pm
at the Parish Council Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Bigwood, Beaver, Bennett, Vaughan, Troman (left at Item 13/145), Woods (left at Item 13/148) and Denton
SCC	Cllr Davies
WSC	Cllr May
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	PC David Masters
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors James, Peeks and Koch

13/135 Apologies as noted above.

13/136 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

13/137 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th November 2013

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

13/138 Matters to Report from the Minutes

13/138.1 (Item 13/120.1) Hinkley C Consultation It was **resolved** to note the report of the meeting of the Transport Forum and Cllr Woods added that she had requested that the roundabout at Washford Cross was discussed in more detail at their following meeting.

13/138.2 (Item 13/120.2) Dumping of Nuclear Waste The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority had invited comments to their consultation on the preliminary preferred options and members were asked to bring their comments back to the next meeting in order to meet the deadline of the Full Council meeting of the District Council on 22nd January 2014.

13/138.3 (Item 13/120.4) Purchase of Defibrillator It was **resolved** to note the response from the Doctors' Surgery and that they were unable to contribute towards the costs or locate this at their surgery. It was therefore **resolved** to purchase one of the models that would not require an outside cabinet and ask Spar to keep it in their shop. It was noted that training would need to be arranged. Cllr Davies agreed to contribute £200 towards the costs rather than opening his shop for the Christmas late night shopping.

13/138.4 (Item 13/120.6) Memorial Event to mark World War I It was **resolved** to note that the British Legion would be organising a photographic exhibition of old soldiers and it was agreed to use the Parish Office for the display if required. It was **resolved** to note the advice given by the District Council for those putting on an event. The Chairman put forward a proposition which was seconded by Cllr Vaughan that the Parish Council should organise something to mark the occasion and he agreed to report back to the next meeting with ideas.

13/138.5 (Item 13/129) Christmas Festivities The organisers of the festival had agreed to meet at the Parish Office at 4pm on 5th December to put up the gazebos. The Clerk advised that the new first aid kit had been delivered and Cllr Bennett agreed to act as first aider for the parade. It was agreed the ladies would judge the decorations on 16th December meeting at 7pm at the Parish Office.

13/139 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

PC David Masters gave details of the crime figures for the last month which had been reduced and only one had been youth related. It was **resolved** to note that no members of the public had attended the meeting arranged with the Police at 6pm that evening but details of how to report incidents of anti-social behaviour and other advice had been given. PC Masters added that Williton had relatively few incidents and was considered to be a very low rated crime area.

13/140 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies advised that if the lorry park was not going to be used for a park and ride, the roundabout would not be built. He advised that he was running a petition regarding the reduction in the bus services. He advised that Hestercombe House and Somerset Heritage had been transferred into trusts thereby making huge savings. He was waiting to receive further information regarding residential parking. He asked members to consider applications to the Health and Wellbeing grant by the next meeting in order to meet the deadline.

13/141 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

Cllr May advised the members of the recent death of ex Councillor Paddy Gower's wife, and it was **resolved** to write a letter of condolence on behalf of the Council. He pointed out that the dustbin outside the bowling club had been dumped with the tree cuttings and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

13/142 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

There were none.

13/143 Correspondence

13/143.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

13/143.2 It was **resolved** to note the consultation on the Review of Subsidised Bus Services and to reply requesting that the Doniford service was not cut, especially in the summer, as this was well used by holiday makers to get into the towns. It was suggested that if the service was going to be cut advertisements should be placed on the bus shelter advising passengers of alternatives eg Wheels or Atwest.

13/143.3 It was **resolved** to note the appeal from TGC Renewables to their application for solar panels and to note that the comments were unchanged.

13/143.4 It was **resolved** to note the update on Somerset County Council's Library Service.

13/143.5 It was **resolved** to note the Draft Corporate Plan 2014-2023 from West Somerset Railway.

13/144 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 11th November 2013

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

13/144.1 (Item 13/82.6B) It was **resolved** to agree to the recommendations regarding the suggested routes on the Coastal Access Report from Natural England.

13/144.2 (Item 13/84.1B) Some concern was expressed regarding the alternative arrangements that were made during the recent road closure of A39 and it was **resolved** to write to the Highways to suggest a one way system and to put more pressure on investigating a bypass.

13/144.3 (Item 13/85B) It was **resolved** to use the money set aside in the budget for Safe Routes to Schools, to fund three signs at Doniford.

13/145 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 18th November 2013

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

13/145.1 (Item 13/81.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st October 2013.

13/145.2 (Item 13/86A) After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr Beaver it was **resolved** unanimously to lower the mileage rate for travel expenses to 45p per mile.

13/146 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

It was **resolved** to make the payments on the list at the end of the minutes.

13/147 Draft Budget 2013-2014 and Precept considerations

It was **resolved** to agree amendments to budget figures which included a slight increase to employer's pension contributions, a reduction in the subsidy to the Memorial Ground and a reduction in grants. As no figures were available regarding precept and grant it was **resolved** to agree this at the next meeting.

13/148 Report of Magna Stakeholder Conference held on 15th November 2013

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

13/149 Report from Pavilion Working Group

Cllr Vaughan gave a verbal update of progress. The floor plan had been agreed and was on display in the Parish Office window. The initial plans would be examined at the next meeting of the Working Group on 9th December. A meeting had been held with Colin Johnson regarding sports funding and it was suggested employing the help of a bid manager. The feedback from the bid for S106 funds had been positive and the next stage would go ahead. The ground survey had been carried out and he was waiting for the architect to give a date for the consultation and questionnaire for feedback. A baseline business plan had been issued which was a working document.

13/150 Report from Pupil Parliament held on 18th November 2013

Cllr Beaver advised that the meeting had been very good and pupils from West Somerset College had attended as well as pupils from the Quantock Federation which made a good representation of ages from 7 to 16 years.

13/151 Report from public meeting to look at draft Flood Plan held on 26th November 2013

The Chairman advised there had been a good response from the public and he was still receiving feedback. Nearly all volunteers to act as wardens had come forward. He would now liaise with the Civil Contingency to get the huts and sand bags in place. It was hoped the final plan would be ready for approval at the next Full Council meeting. He expressed his thanks to the Environment Agency and the landowners and residents for all their hard work and advised the sluice gate should be fixed shortly.

13/152 Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was **resolved** unanimously to adopt the amended Standing Orders and Code of Conduct in line with the recommendations from NALC.

13/153 It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

13/154 Appointment of contractors for weedspraying and rolling and lining the football pitch

After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Denton, it was **resolved** unanimously to appoint Complete Weed Control to carry out the weedspraying of County Council land for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 at a cost of £620 per year as their quotation was considerably cheaper than others received. It was **resolved** to appoint West Somerset Council to roll the football pitch at £30 per time every 4 weeks during the football season and Paul Weldon to mark the pitch at £10 per hour every 4 weeks.

13/155 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 6th January 2014

Precept 2014-2015

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date	Details	Cheque No	Invoice No	Total Bank £	Cash £	VAT £
04-Nov-13	Co-op 4570 Building/Office Consumables	130			0.57	0.00
19-Nov-13	Co-op 4570 Building/Office Consumables	130			4.89	0.00
20-Nov-13	J Gliddon and Sons 4570 Building/Office Consumables	131			8.15	0.00
25-Nov-13	Spar 4570 Building/Office Consumables	132			0.60	0.00
31-Dec-13	HM Revenue and Customs 4210 Staff PAYE and NIC	2560		967.56		0.00
02-Dec-13	John Fulford Williams 6720 Xmas lighting, festival and competition	2562		75.00		0.00
19-Dec-13	***** 4205 Staff wages and salaries paid (net)	2559		1115.70		0.00
02-Dec-13	Martin James Consultancy Ltd 4815 Consultants/H&S audit	2556	198	450.00		75.00
02-Dec-13	Robert McDonald 4735 Fuel costs	2554		14.40		0.00
02-Dec-13	Rosemary Woods 4735 Fuel costs	2553		19.35		0.00
19-Dec-13	***** 4205 Staff wages and salaries paid (net)	2558		491.82		0
31-Dec-13	SCC Pensions Account 4220 Pensions	2561		329.19		0
02-Dec-13	West of England Fire Protection Ltd 4520 Training/Meetings	2555	67306	114.00		19.00
02-Dec-13	Barnardo's 6630 Tourism and Leisure	2563		180.00		0.00
04-Dec-13	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd 6035 Playground maintenance	2557	316611	510.65		85.11