

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2017 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Richards (Chairman) Aldridge, Bennett, Birkett, Denton (left during item 17/85 at 8.50pm), Hooper, Perrett and Vaughan
SCC	Davies
WSC	Aldridge
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Peeks

Before the start of the meeting there was a presentation from Mr Steve Mewes on Somerset's Brilliant Coast Project. This was followed by a presentation from Paul Matcham reporting on Williton Youth Club.

17/65 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

17/66 Apologies as noted above

17/67 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Richards	17/73, 17/85	Pecuniary, TDBC & WSC Employee	Informed meeting

17/68 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2017

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

17/69 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 19th June 2017

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

17/70 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

17/70.1 (Item 17/44.1) Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station There had been no further update.

17/70.2 (Item 17/44.2) It was **resolved** to note the response regarding Homefinder Somerset Training, stating there was no training within the West Somerset Area.

17/71 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

It was **resolved** to the report that had been circulated, noting an increase in both theft from motor vehicles and non-dwelling burglaries. The Clerk encouraged members to view the link for Crime Statistics <https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/AW052/crime/> which gave a list of crime within Williton and the entire beat area. Concern was noted regarding the 17 incidents during April, in particular 8 of which were violence and sexual offences. It was **resolved** to monitor the situation.

17/72 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies stated he felt privileged to be attending again as a County Councillor and informed members of the new posts that he held at SCC. He expressed his dismay noting the proposed crossing at Doniford Road had been stopped, but was hopeful that another scheme, similar to the one by Danesfield School, might be put into place. Cllr Davies briefed members regarding Foster homes and advised County Councillors were classed as corporate parents and therefore responsible for children. Cllrs Vaughan and Richards, as Transport and Community Forum representatives, were recommended to attend the early sessions at the meetings and were asked to contact Cllr Davies regarding possible car sharing. Cllr Davies distributed a communication from SCC regarding Top Tips for Staying Cool in the continuing hot weather.

17/73 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward

Cllr Aldridge spoke of his continued concern regarding the proposed new council and the future, making the following points:

- West Somerset Council were continuing to form policies
- No parish councils covered the centre of Taunton
- Offices of the Mayor of Taunton were being refurbished
- Free toilets in Taunton, stating that in West Somerset if Parish's do not undertake the running, they close.

Cllr Aldridge felt policies needed to be in line with each other.

Cllr Aldridge advised he would make further enquiries to the scrutiny committee regarding the impact upon stroke patients and how many patients from West Somerset and Taunton were being treated at South Petherton.

Cllr Vaughan asked regarding the parks and open spaces budget, noting the amount of plants and flowers in the centre of Taunton, when surrounding areas have verges left uncut; when the councils are combined would West Somerset be funding the floral displays in Taunton, as well as the toilets and the Mayor. Cllr Aldridge understood the comments and replied he would like West Somerset to be seen as special economic identity.

Cllr Davies advised he had received communication from the Lifeboat institution who wanted to enlarge the building to enable a 24/7 service and advised the service wanted to purchase a small piece of land from West Somerset Council and had received the reply the Council may want to do something with the land. Cllr Davies urged Councillors to support the Lifeboat, reiterating how important it was. Cllr Perrett asked if Minehead Town Council were supportive, Cllr Davies replied that he would look into this.

17/74 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk reminded members of the following upcoming meetings

- EDF Transport Forum – 6th July (Cllrs Richards and Vaughan)
- West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum – 11th July (Cllrs Birkett and Richards)
- Community Forum – 20th July (Cllrs Richards and Vaughan)
- West Somerset Flood Group – 26th July (Cllr Richards)

17/75 Correspondence

17/75.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

17/75.2 It was **resolved** to note Somerset Community Foundation request for volunteers to join the EDF Energy Community Fund.

17/75.3 It was **resolved** to note this item.

17/75.4 (Item 17/39.2) The Clerk reported St Johns Ambulance price for delivering a talk and demonstration session on the use of a Defibrillator would cost £90.00 for up to 2 hours and up to 50 people. After a proposal from Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to book a training session and advertise in the local press, Williton Window and advise Watchet Town Council.

17/76 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 12th June 2017

It was **resolved** to note the report. The Chairman invited Cllr Davies to attend the meeting with Jo Sharp, Traffic and Transport Development, SCC, on Wednesday 5th July 2017.

17/77 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 19th June 2017

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

17/77.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st May 2017.

17/78 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

It was **resolved** to pay the following invoices.

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	Cash £	VAT £	V £
03 July 2017	Lyreco UK Ltd 4505 Printing, Stationery & Postage	3043	10122155	63.29		10.55	
03 July 2017	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4560 SCC Grounds Maintenance	3044	682752	139.50		23.30	
03 July 2017	Steve Partington 4510 Office Cleaning	3045	2290617	60.00		0.00	
03 July 2017	Exe Valley Electrical 4525 Health & Safety	3046	416	85.00		0.00	
03 July 2017	Complete Weed Control 4561 Weed Spraying	3047	SD-5479	420.00		70.00	
03 July 2017	Mrs Francis 4525 Health & Safety	3048		32.01			

17/79 Report from Events Committee held on 21st June 2017

The date had been set for Wednesday 13th December 2017. Cllr Bennett had spoken preliminarily to Williton Children's Centre regarding using the venue for the Grotto and stalls as concern had been raised regarding available space at West Somerset House due to the library and Police moving into the building. The committee had requested a site visit to the Children's Centre and would report back to Parish Council.

17/80 Regional Youth Council

The Clerk had sent a request, on behalf of Cllr Denton, to Mr Evans, Danesfield School, to request an update and meeting, as a follow on from the Assembly Presentation. It was noted Cllrs Denton and Birkett had been invited to Danesfield Achievement Evening on 18th July 2017.

17/81 (Item 17/53) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

17/81.1 It was **resolved** to note the further response from Martyn Evans retracting the recommendation to abandon the crossing, instead requesting the Parish Councils thoughts on a proposed 20mph "when lights show" scheme. After a proposal from Cllr Denton, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was unanimously **resolved** to send a letter of support for the 20mph "when lights show" scheme.

17/81.2 Cllrs Richards and Denton advised they had scheduled to meet on Wednesday 5th July 2017 to discuss the application. Cllr Vaughan asked how much money was being requested and whether the scheme been costed. Cllr Denton responded that David Peake's had advised the cost would be in the region of £100,000.00. It was **resolved** Cllrs Denton and Richards would consider comments made at this meeting and report back to the next meeting.

17/82 Health and Safety

Cllr Bennett reported on the recent meeting with Safety Synergy Ltd. It was noted the current contract was coming to an end and Cllrs Bennett and Perrett would meet on Wednesday 5th July to consider recommendations for future provision, which would be presented to Parish Council at the next meeting.

17/83 (Item 17/39.3) Community Bus Service

Cllr Aldridge apologised that no further progress had been made and expressed his frustration. Members were advised a survey needed to be completed around of Normandy Avenue and adjoining roads.

17/84 It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

17/85 (Item 17/57) Public Toilets

Further details regarding a 3 year deal had been received, it was noted there was a conflict of causes regarding the percentage volume that the Parish Council would be responsible for, further clarification would be sought. No response had been received from The Spar, Williton Filing Station or the Doctors, it was unanimously **resolved** that Cllr Richards would approach all three for a response.

(Cllr Denton left during this item at 8.50pm)

17/86 Doniford Car Park

It was **resolved** to note the latest letter that had been received from Bailache Solicitors stating 'We understand that the Parish Council may feel that, on the basis of the advice that they have received, they should close the car park but that is a matter for them. At this stage our clients are not willing to agree to the surrender of the lease'. Members stated the lease agreement was with Mr and Mrs Clothier, not the land. It was **resolved** to contact Risdon Hosegood to clarify if this letter gives authorisation to close the car park.

If this was the case and the car park could be closed Cllr Bennett proposed that the car park is closed for cars and that the Parish Council look for alternatives; this was seconded by Cllr Perrett and unanimously **resolved**. It was **resolved** to purchase a sign stating closed to vehicles on Health and Safety grounds and obtain a price for a boulder to be placed at the entrance to the car park. Highways would be contacted to ask for a temporary sign to be erected stated closed, no turning.

Further discussions took place regarding alternative land for a car park. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to write to Mr E Down regarding a possible purchase of land by the footpath leading to Doniford Halt, stating due to detrioratoin of the current car park, a new area was being sought.

17/87 Lease of Office and Car Park Space

(Item 17/59) A reply had been received from West Somerset Talking Newspaper requesting the continuation to reduce the annual payment by £300 in connection with Small Business Rate Relief. On this basis they would be happy to sign a lease renewal to include:

- (a) Annual Lease of £2,266 per annum – an increase of 3% on existing payment with quarterly payments of £566.50.
- (b) Lease to include all heating and electricity charges as at present.
- (c) The name of the late June Craig on the lease being replaced by Mr Alan Coomber.

Cllr Richards made an observation regarding the parking, that more than one car was being parked at a time and to the side of the Parish Office, not in the designated parking space. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to renew the lease, on the above basis, but to make clear only one car can be parked at any one time, and only within the designated area.

17/88 (Item 16/341) Land Acquisition

It was noted that Porter Dobson had included within the wording that the Parish Council would be responsible for maintaining the fence that would be erected and that the hedge would be maintained to 3ft. This was incorrect and Risdon Hosegood had been advised.

17/89 Report from Personnel Committee held on 11th April 2017

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

17/90 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 7th August 2017, Parish Office

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated