

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2013 at 7 pm
at the Parish Council Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Woods, Koch, Bruford (left at 8pm at Item 13/39), James, Peeks, Bennett and Vaughan
SCC	Davies
WSC	May
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors Beaver, Troman, Bigwood,

13/30 Apologies as noted above.

13/31 Co-option of member

The Clerk advised that the notice period had elapsed and that members were in a position to co-opt a new member. A late application had been received but as members had not had time to look at the application it was **resolved** to defer until the next meeting.

13/32 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/39.2	Personal	None
Cllr Peeks	13/44	Prejudicial	Left room
Cllr Woods	13/38	Personal	Participation

13/33 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2013

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after the following amendments.
(Item 13/23) replace "improving the" to "include a new" in first sentence.
(Item 13/29) Add "subject to required period elapsing" after "Venues of meeting"

13/34 Matters to Report from the Minutes

13/34.1 (Item 13/09.1) Hinkley C Consultation It was **resolved** to note that the next Transport Forum was due to be held on 25th June but the Chairman pointed out the format of the meetings had changed and that the next meeting would not be relevant to Williton.

13/35 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.

13/36 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies advised that he was a member of the Somerset Nuclear Energy Group and spoke of his concerns regarding the intermediate level waste from other power stations which may be dumped at the Hinkley site. The District Council had been consulted and their responses would be given at their next Cabinet meeting on 5th June, the consultation deadline of which was 9th June. The Parish Council had not been consulted and it was **resolved** to write to Andrew Goodchild asking him to pass on the members concern with the lack of consultation. Cilla Webb, representing the local press, pointed out that this was not a consultation but just a list of options and that a full consultation would take place if these options became proposals.

He advised that the pedestrian crossing at Long Street was now in progress but there had been some problems regarding the temporary path being used which was private property.
He drew attention to the flood mitigation fund which was available to help those who had been affected by the winter floods.

He also agreed to support any Parish Council action to stop the illegal parking.

13/37 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

Cllr May advised that he had reported the blocked manhole cover at Brook Road which was causing problems after the recent rain. He pointed out that the bus timetables were changing due to lack of support for the Bridgwater service.

13/38 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk drew members' attention to the road closure at Doniford Road from 24th June for 4 weeks in order to install a culvert for the new housing development site. There was some concern at the length of closure and it was **resolved** to write to the Highways Authority requesting that the road be kept open between 8am and 9am, 3pm and 4pm and evenings or suggest a single track with traffic lights. There was also concern that the culvert could increase the risk of flooding in the area.

She also drew attention to the planned disruption by Wessex Water at Lower Stream Farm when replacing a water main later in the summer.

The Chairman advised members that the Armed Forces Day would take place on 24th June at 11am at the District Council and encouraged members to attend.

13/39 Correspondence

13/39.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log. Cllr Bennett raised the email correspondence between Mr Gliddon and the Clerk requesting supporting evidence to Williton being in the Top 10 Villages and felt that if members made a statement regarding an application it should be substantiated. It was explained the reasons for the reluctance of Mr Haggerty to share this information with Mr Gliddon but the Clerk was asked to have sight of the evidence to check on the validity of the statement.

13/39.2 It was **resolved** to note the consultation form regarding the proposed change of age range at West Somerset Community College and return the form stating that the Parish Council were not in support of the change because of the implications on the wider area and felt that far more consultation was required.

13/39.3 It was **resolved** to donate £10 towards a memorial for Peter Lacey of SALC.

13/39.4 It was resolved to note details of the exhibition regarding static signs for diversionary routes from Somerset County Council and Cllr James agreed to attend on 19th June at Wheddon Cross.

13/39.5 It was **resolved** to note the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017.

13/40 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 13th May 2013

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

13/40.1 (Item 13/06.8B) It was **resolved** to wait for the responses from Nettlecombe and Old Cleeve Parish Councils before making a decision.

13/40.2 (Item 13/08.2B) It was **resolved** to pay £190 towards the cost of the repairs to the barrier outside the fish and chip shop.

13/40.3 (Item 13/13B) It was **resolved** to set the date of 27th June to take photos of illegal parking to gain evidence of the problems this caused with congestion. It was suggested 2 people per 2 hour shift throughout the day. Volunteers would be asked to help.

13/40.4 (Item 13/15B) It was **resolved** to hold a "community clean up" day to tidy up Union Lane on 20th July at 10am and invite volunteers including the "Love Williton" group. Posters would be placed around the village.

13/41 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 20th May 2013

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

13/41.1 (Item 13/07.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 30th April 2013.

13/41.2 (Item 13/10.3A) It was **resolved** to donate £50 to WHEELS subject to a statement of accounts being provided and that a donation from Watchet was also given. They would also be asked to promote themselves more as some members were not aware of the group.

13/41.3 (Item 13/10.4A) It was **resolved** to join the Community Council and pay their subscription of £35.

13/41.4 (Item 13/11A) After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr James it was **resolved** to agree the recommendations of the Committee and not grant interest to the WCH charity for the sum of money being held by the Parish Council. This was carried by 6 votes for and 1 against.

13/41.5 (Item 13/12A) This matter would be dealt with at Item 13/47.

13/42 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none.

13/43 To approve and sign Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2012-2013

It was **resolved** unanimously to sign the Statement of Accounts 2012-2013 after some minor amendments and the Annual Governance Statement 2012-2013 and return to the External Auditor.

- 13/44 Planning Application 3/39/13/013 – Proposed Demolition of existing building and erection of 12 semi-detached, 2 storey dwellings – Croft House, North Croft, Williton**
- There were no objections to the application however it was felt that this was a missed opportunity to do something for the elderly by means of providing retirement flats.
- 13/45 Report of Parish Plan Meeting held on 22nd May 2013**
- It was **resolved** to note the report and that “Love Williton” would be asked to get involved with the Design Statement. If an Open Day went ahead the costs would be paid from the Parish Plan fund. The meeting was poorly attended and Cllr James agreed to arrange one more meeting at a more social venue and if the support was still poor then she would convene no further meetings.
- 13/46 Report from Pupil Parliament held on 20th May 2013**
- There was no report as Cllr Beaver was not present at the meeting.
- 13/47 Report from Williton Parish Council, Williton Community Hall and Pavilion Joint Working Group meeting held on 14th May 2013**
- It was **resolved** to note the report and that the next meeting would be held on 12th June in order to look at the building design. If the Williton Community Hall charity agrees the criteria recommended by the Trustee of WWMRG at their next meeting then there is a potential to merge the two charities.
- 13/48 Pavilion Project**
- After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Peeks it was **resolved** to appoint the Parish Council to act as agent to administer the finance of the project acting on behalf of the charities. The £6000 funds set aside from the Memorial Ground charity towards the consultation and planning would be transferred to the Parish Council budget to administer. The Williton Community Hall charity would be asked to agree to take £3000 from the funds being held for them by the Parish Council towards these costs. In addition the Parish Council also agreed to put in £3000.
- 13/49 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting**
- 13/50 Report from Personnel Committee held on 8th May 2013 and meeting with HR Consultant held on 22nd May**
- It was **resolved** to note the report and that a meeting was being arranged with the Groundsman to discuss his long term sickness.
- 13/51 Proposed land acquisition from Doctors’ Surgery**
- Cllr Vaughan briefed the members on the negotiations that were taking place with the doctors.
- 13/52 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 1st July 2013**
Co-option of Councillor

Meeting closed at 9.35pm