

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at 6.45 pm  
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

**Attendees:**

<b>Councillors</b>	Richards (Chairman), Aldridge, McDonald, Bigwood, Denton (left at 8.30pm after item 16/132), Kirkham, Perrett, Peeks (left at 8.10pm during item 16/129), Vaughan and White
<b>SCC</b>	Cllr Davies (left at 8.30pm after item 16/132)
<b>WSC</b>	Cllr Aldridge
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	None
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Michelle Francis
<b>Public</b>	Mrs D Hooper
<b>Other</b>	None

**Apologies:**

**Councillors** Bennett

Before the start of the meeting Mitch Chew from the Youth Offending Team addressed members with an overview of the service.

This was followed by Barbara Heywood who spoke about the closure of stroke beds at Williton Hospital.

**16/120** The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

**16/121** **Apologies as noted above.**

**16/122** **Co-option of Councillor**

An application had been received by Mrs Carole Diane Hooper for the casual vacancy on the Council. After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Kirkham it was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt Mrs Hooper to the Council. As Cllr Hooper was in attendance she duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, after which she was able to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

**16/123** **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Aldridge	16/146	Prejudicial, Member of WSC Planning Committee	Left room
Cllr Peeks	16/146, 16/149	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Richards	16/129, 16/146, 16/149	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr McDonald	16/128	Pecuniary, Director Atwest	Informed meeting
Cllr McDonald	16/142	Personal, County Chairman RBL	Informed meeting
Cllr Vaughan	16/146	Personal	Did not vote

**16/124** **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

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

**16/125** **Approval of the Extra-ordinary Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

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

**16/126** **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

**16/126.1** (Item 16/91.1) Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station Members noted the correspondence that had been forwarded. Cllr Vaughan asked if there had been any response regarding the incorrect spelling of Raleghs Cross at Washford roundabout, Cllr McDonald replied to say Highways had advised the spelling would not be corrected.

**16/126.2** (Item 16/96.2) It was unanimously **resolved** to note this item.

**16/126.3** (Item 16/114) The Clerk advised no reply had been received from Chief Constable Andy Marsh, of which members were very disappointed.

**16/127 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

PSCO Sue Thompson had tendered her apologies and had forwarded a report. It was **resolved** to note the current crime statistics. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, it was unanimously **resolved** to monitor the crime statistics for the following three months and if there was an increase to write to Police Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, to ask if it could be a result of the lack of Police within the area.

**16/128 Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Davies highlighted Hinkley Point and that the contract had now been signed by Central Government. Cllr Davies advised the customer shared asset would go ahead and the library, registrar and citizens advice would be moving into West Somerset House but no date was given at the present time. Cllr Davies had visited the hub at Glastonbury and reported how well it worked. It was reported the bus service from Minehead to Bridgwater would cease on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which was of great concern to outlying villages; Cllr Davies asked for support in the form of a letter to be written to County Council portfolio holder. It was noted the school bus would not be affected. Cllr Kirkham advised he had spoken to First Bus and had been advised the service would stop as it was not financially viable and asked Cllr Davies if there was a subsidy for the service as it was a necessity; he was disappointed that no notice had been received. Cllr Davies advised a scheme already running from Atwest, Slinky busses and Wheels, which was sponsored, came to the area twice a week and whilst would not want to damage any of these services, would look at whether something could be added; Cllr Davies would speak further to Cllr Fothergill.

- The roadworks at Bishops Lydeard had commenced and was scheduled to last for 30 weeks.
- The bridge at Station Road, Taunton had been completed.
- Repairs to the main A39 between Williton and West Quantoxhead had commenced.
- The fenced footpath at Doniford had been completed.
- Notification had been received advising the pedestrian crossing at St Peter's School was due to commence during October 2017.

**16/129 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward**

Cllr Aldridge advised members that a new authority with Taunton Deane and West Somerset would be formed as a result of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, of which Cllr Aldridge expressed his concern and advised he had voted against. Cllr Aldridge anticipated the new authority would be based at County Hall and that members of the public would not see any difference between District level and County level. Cllr Aldridge spoke about the deficit budgets from both West Somerset and Taunton Deane. Cllr Davies expressed his concern regarding the amount of Councillors in each area, being 15 or less in West Somerset and 43 in Taunton Deane, which would mean a 3-1 vote. Cllr Davies was pleased to advise members that Eddie May, Tony Knight and Tim Taylor had become Honary Olderman.

**16/130 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**

- Cllr Bennett had agreed to attend the Financial inclusion and Universal Credit on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Cllrs Richards and McDonald had registered to attend the AGM and CIL training session on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- The Community Forum would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- The Transport Forum would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- Notification had been received advising the A39 between Williton and West Quantoxhead would be closed for 9 nights (7pm – 7am) from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for resurfacing works.

**16/131 Correspondence**

16/131.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

16/131.2 It was **resolved** to note the letter. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would write a letter of support to the NHS Foundation Trust and The Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). It was further **resolved** to ask for a Public Meeting and request the presence of the CEO and a tour of Williton Hospital.

16/131.3 It was **resolved** to note this item.

16/131.4 It was **resolved** the Clerk would respond to Mr and Mrs Gibson advising the Parish Council supports Williton Hospital against the closure of stroke beds and advise a public meeting had been requested.

**16/132 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

A discussion took place regarding Doniford Car Park and concern regarding the Lime Kiln and what could happen if the structure collapsed onto a car. Cllr Perrett expressed his opinion that it was a dangerous structure due to the cracks that were progressively becoming worse. Cllr Hooper's opinion was the area should be blocked off. Cllr Aldridge disagreed and stated the car park was one of the greatest used assets within the Parish. Cllr McDonald briefed members on what the EPC had done to date, including writing to Highways to request for signs warning of concealed entrance. It was **resolved** to keep this item on the Parish Council agenda so all Councillors are kept aware of the situation. A site meeting with C Lynch & Sons would be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October regarding a quotation for the reinstatement of rock armour. Cllrs Davies and Denton left after this item at 8.30pm.

**16/133 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

16/133.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

16/133.2 After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was **resolved** that the FAC would respond regarding the capping consultations in order to meet the deadline of the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

16/133.3 It was **resolved** that EPC and FAC committees were considering budgets and would report to the November meeting.

**16/134 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 £	VA £
03 Oct 2016	Reminiscence Learning (Archie) 6810 S137 (Grants/Donations)	002932		500.00		0.00	
03 Oct 2016	Safety Synergy 4815 Consultants/H&S Audit	002933	1616	120.00		0.00	

**16/135 Health and Safety**

16/135.1 After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to approve and sign the consultancy agreement, which was duly signed by the Chair, Cllr Richards.

16/135.2 It was **resolved** to note this item.

16/135.3 It was **resolved** that Cllr Perrett would become the second H&S officer.

16/135.4 It was **resolved** that Cllr White would become the second first aider and would advise the Clerk which training session he could attend.

**16/136 (Item 16/75) Regional Youth Council**

Due to the absence of Cllr Denton, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

**16/137 Youth Provision**

After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to sign the Service Level Agreement, which was duly signed by the Chair, Cllr Richards. It was further **resolved** to pay the invoice.

**16/138 (Item 16/103) Community Bus Service – Doniford to Williton & Employment Hub**

After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Kirkham it was unanimously **resolved** to agree to the wording of the survey which would be distributed by Cllrs Aldridge and Kirkham, around Doniford.

**16/139 (Item 16/104) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing**

Due to the absence of Cllr Denton it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

**16/140 (Item 16/105) Archie Project**

There was nothing to report.

**16/141 Christmas Festival**

The majority of Councillors would be available to help at the event. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Hooper it was **resolved** to carry out a DBS check for Father Christmas.

**16/142 Improvements to War Memorial**

It was **resolved** to note the hard standing and path had been completed. The opening would be coincided with the launch of the Poppy Appeal on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**16/143 Report from Public Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Cllr Richards advised that six members of the public had attended. Cllr Aldridge apologised for not attending.

**16/144 Report from Watchet, Williton & Quantock Vale Area Panel held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

It was **resolved** to note the report that had been previously circulated. Cllr Perrett advised members that Police Commissioner Sue Mountstevens would attend the next meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and would be available to answer any questions.

**16/145 Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

Unfortunately, Mr Newman had passed away. Cllr McDonald had been approached by members of the public asking when it would start again, but volunteers were needed to join the CSW to enable this to happen.

**16/146 Planning applications for consideration**

Cllr Aldridge left the room for this item.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/16/010	Long Street	Display of 1 No. non-illuminated post sign – amended and additional plan	Objection as obscures the line of sight for users of highway and footpath. Distraction of drivers and setting a precedent.

**16/147** It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

**16/148 Youth Offending Team**

A letter of apology had been received regarding the arson attack. It had been earlier reported that no reply had been received from Chief Constable Andy Marsh and after a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was **resolved**, with one abstention, that the Clerk would write again

**16/149 (Item 16/85) Public Toilets**

A meeting had been held between Cllrs Perret, White and Cllr Dewdney and a report was circulated to members. The toilets were offered on a 35 year lease with all responsibility for maintenance. Concern was raised regarding the increase on precept that would be required if the Parish Council agreed to take on the toilets. After a proposal from Cllr Perrett, seconded by Cllr Kirkham, it was **resolved**, with one abstention, to insert a survey in the Williton Window to seek the opinion of parishioners.

**16/150 (Item 14/228) Land Acquisition - update**

The Clerk advised that Risdon Hosegood had recommended purchasing the land on a freehold basis, not leasehold. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact Alison to ask for an update from the Doctors.

**16/151 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Parish Office**

Budget  
Beckett House

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm