

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th April 2016 at 6.45 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors McDonald (Chair), Aldridge, Bennett, Bigwood, Kirkham, Peeks (left after item 15/266), Perrett (left at 9.10pm during item 15/237), Richards (left after item 15/266), Vaughan and White

SCC Cllr Davies (left at 8.45pm, after item 15/262)

WSC Cllr Aldridge

Avon and Somerset Constabulary PC Ware (left at 7.40pm after item 15/248)

Press Steven Salter

Clerk Mrs Michelle Francis

Public None

Other None

Apologies:

Councillors Denton and Parbrook

Before the start of the meeting Cllr Martin Dewdney from West Somerset Council addressed the council on Williton Public Conveniences.

15/244 Apologies as noted above and reasons approved.

15/245 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Richards	15/252.3, 15/263, 15/265, 15/267, 15/247.2, 15/247.3, 15/250, 15/252.2	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr McDonald	15/260	Personal	Informed meeting
Cllr Peeks	15/247.3, 15/252.2, 15/265, 15/267	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Peeks	15/263	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Left Room
Cllr Aldridge	15/263	Member of WSC Planning Committee	Left Room
Cllr Aldridge	15/267	Pecuniary	Informed meeting

15/246 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2016

After a proposal from Cllr Perrett, seconded by Cllr White, with two abstentions due to absence, it was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

15/247 Matters to Report from the Minutes

15/247.1 It was **resolved** to note the actions from the last meeting

15/247.2 (Item 15/219.1) Hinkley C – There had been no further update. Members were reminded that Cllr McDonald would address the spelling of the signs at Washford Roundabout at the next Transport Forum.

15/247.2 (Item 15/219.5) West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 – It was noted that Cllr McDonald had attended the hearing.

15/248 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary / Emergency Liaison Officer

PC Ware apologised for not having the current crime statistics to hand due to attending two different RTC's before the meeting. Cllr White confirmed he had received the data and it was **resolved** to note that overall crime was down.

- 15/249 Report from Somerset County Councillor**
Cllr Davies distributed a document regarding the Devolution bid which recognised Government's preferred model with Mayoral leadership. Cllr Davies spoke about concerns if the devolution bid comes in, what would the Counties responsibilities entail and what pressure may it bring upon Town and Parish Councils? Cllr Davies also distributed a press release from Somerset County Council 'One year on for the Care Act' and reported it had gone well over the last year. It was **resolved** to note the Pedestrian Crossing outside St Peter's School would be included in the programme for 2016/17. It was noted that the SCC early exit from Southwest One contract should have been included in the February minutes when it was reported upon.
- 15/250 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward**
Cllr Aldridge advised he had attended the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 hearing, observing from the public area, and expressed his concern regarding possible transport problems and how one route cut off a potential bypass route. Cllr Aldridge further expressed concern that employment infrastructure was not looked at, only houses. The inspector firmly advised he was not there to talk about highways, as not a part of planning and any concerns should be addressed to Highways; however, Cllr Aldridge stated that Highways were not part of the application, similarly the same as utilities such as Wessex Water were not. Further concern was raised regarding the proposed development at Watchet, part of which is within the Williton Parish, which included a road exiting onto Doniford Road. Concern was also raised for the natural spring.
- 15/251 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**
It was noted the Chairman had attended the launch of the England Coastal Path on 15th March 2016.
- 15/252 Correspondence**
- 15/252.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.
- 15/252.2 It was **resolved** to note this item. Cllr Peeks stated how nice it was to receive the letter of thanks.
- 15/252.3 It was **resolved** to note this item.
- 15/253 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee**
It was **resolved** to note the report.
- 15/254 Report from Finance & Admin Committee**
- 15/254.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 29th February 2016.
- 15/254.2 After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, with abstentions from Cllrs Bennett and Richards, it was **resolved** to add to the following to the provisions list;
- £4,490.00 – Grant money received for Youth Provision
 - £500.00 – Grant money received for Youth Parish Council
 - £891.17 – balance of grant money received for Flood Equipment
 - £800.00 – Christmas Festival - profit and allocation from Christmas 2015
 - £3,250.00 – Pavilion Project Manager, Chris Mitchell Architects
 - £35,000.00 – to cover Land Acquisition and fees
- 15/255 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**
It was **resolved** to note the payments on the attached list.
- 15/256 Highways**
There was nothing to report.
- 15/257 Annual Parish Assembly**
The Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at St Peters School. The Chairman asked for all members to attend if possible, Cllrs Aldridge and Peeks gave their apologies for this meeting.
- 15/257.1 It was **resolved** to note that Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew had agreed to attend the Annual Parish Assembly and talk about the Future of West Somerset Council. The Clerk would advertise the Assembly and display posters.
- 15/258 End of Year Audit 2015/2016**
The Clerk confirmed the Annual Return had been received. The Clerk would advise members of the timeframe of dates.

- 15/259** (Item 15/219.2) **Regional Youth Council**
It was **resolved** to note a meeting had been arranged between Cllrs Denton and McDonald and Naomi Griffiths, Minehead Eye for the 15th April 2016. A further meeting had been arranged between Cllr McDonald and Mr Evans, Danesfield School for the 19th April 2016.
- 15/260** (Item 15/219.3) **Community Bus Service – Doniford to Williton & Employment Hub**
Cllrs Aldridge and Kirkham had produced a draft survey which was distributed to members at the meeting. It was reported the survey would be delivered to approximately 60 households. Alterations were discussed and it was **resolved** Cllr Aldridge would make the suggested amendments and report back to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Aldridge proposed a stamped, addressed envelope is attached to the survey for responses to be returned and requested a budget to cover postal costs. Cllr Peeks offered her services to collect the responses on a nominated date as this should give a better response rate. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, it was unanimously **resolved** to have the option for postage costs to the value of £40.00, should it be needed.
- 15/261** (Item 15/230) **Neighbourhood Plan**
Due to the absence of Cllr Denton, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 15/262** **Report from Events Committee**
It was **resolved** to note the report that had been circulated by email. Cllr McDonald reminded members that the Lighting of the Beacon would take place on 21st April and requested help preparing for the event in the morning and during the event in the evening. Cllr Vaughan requested a music event in the Church around Christmas, it was **resolved** the Clerk would enquire.
Cllrs Aldridge and Peeks left the room before the next item was discussed.
- 15/263** **Planning applications for consideration**
A letter had been received from Mr David Gliddon after the comments made at the last Parish Council meeting regarding application number 3/39/16/002. Cllr Vaughan advised the inner relief road was a route in the Masterplan and could be included in the future. Cllr Bennett expressed his concern that applications were turned down and he felt this hindered progress. Cllr Bennett felt if Lloyds Bank and the roundabout had been addressed, the response would have been better received. It was **resolved** a response would be written to Mr Gliddon.
- 15/264** (Item 15/213) **Report from Williton Twinning**
It was **resolved** to note the AGM would be held on Sunday 24th April at Williton Bowling Club. Cllr Vaughan would endeavour to attend the meeting.
- 15/265** (Item 15/211) **Repercussions of District Council decision to abolish free parking for Blue Badge holders**
Cllr Aldridge expressed his concern regarding the removal of disabled parking bays outside the Egremont and possible traffic problems it may cause by blue badge holders parking on double yellow lines, a problem already highlighted by the police. It was **resolved** the Clerk would forward the traffic order again to all members for information.
- 15/266** **It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting**
Cllr Peeks and Richards left after this item at 9.14pm.
- 15/267** (Item 15/239) **Public Toilets**
A discussion took place regarding the feasibility and costs of securing the Public Toilets, after which the proposal was tabled, that 'In principal it is proposed that Williton Parish Council take on the public toilets and investigate full implications of it'. After a proposal from Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Aldridge it was unanimously **resolved** to adopt the proposal.
- 15/268** **Matters for the Annual Parish meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016**
Election of Officers and Representatives
Report from Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm