

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.00 pm  
at the Council Chamber, Williton

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	McDonald (Chairman), Koch, Vaughan, Bennett, Peeks, Woods and Stiven
<b>SCC</b>	Davies
<b>WSC</b>	May
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	Mrs C Webb
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
<b>Public</b>	2 members
<b>Other</b>	None

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Bruford, James, Denton, Bigwood and PCSO Thomson

14/64 **Apologies as noted above.**

14/65 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	14/66.4	Pecuniary	No comment

14/66 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

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

14/67 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

14/67.1 (Item 14/46.1) Hinkley C Consultation It was **resolved** to note that a meeting had been arranged on 19<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in the Parish Office with Somerset County Council, West Somerset Council and EDF Energy to give members the opportunity to share their views regarding the forthcoming construction work for the new roundabout at Washford Cross, and raise any concerns. Members of Old Cleeve Parish Council would also be invited to attend.

14/67.2 (Item 14/46.3) Memorial Event to mark World War I The Chairman advised that the school would be doing some projects and two bands were booked for the event on the Memorial Ground which would run from 10 am to 4pm on 20<sup>th</sup> September. A further meeting with the British Legion had been arranged on 8<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the arrangements.

14/67.3 (Item 14/46.4) Flood Plan The Chairman advised that he was waiting to hear back regarding the use of a shed at Robert Street and at Doniford. A meeting would be arranged with the flood wardens to prepare for the winter.

14/67.4 (Item 14/46.5) Weekend Car Park Charges It was **resolved** to note that there had been no further update from the District Council and the Clerk was asked to request a response before the next meeting in October.

14/67.5 (Item 14/46.6) Youth Council As Cllr Bruford was not present at the meeting this item was deferred and a request would be made for a written report if he was unable to attend the next meeting.

14/67.6 (Item 14/59) Future of Williton Police Station It was **resolved** to note the response from the Chief Commissioner regarding the drop in numbers of PCSOs. Concern was raised as to what would happen to the building if it was sold and it was hoped that it could be used for retirement flats or for a community project.

14/68 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

There was no report.

14/69 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Davies advised that bids were invited for projects from the Health and Wellbeing Fund in order to be submitted by the end of October. He drew members' attention to the "Getset" services which were services to help and support children and young people and their families in Somerset. He advised that an offer had been made for the Old Croft House site and it was hoped that a proportion would be set aside for affordable housing. He reminded members of the EDF funding and asked members to consider suitable projects. He further advised that First Buses were reducing their fares by 50% for children and 30% for young people.

**14/70 Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May advised that the hedgerow at Doniford had been cut. A new officer had been appointed to look at the empty buildings and would be chasing up outstanding issues. Cllr Koch raised the problems of access to the public toilets and complaints she had received and the Clerk was asked to chase up the response and to arrange a meeting to look at the problem now that the toilets had been in operation for a few months.

**14/71 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**

The Clerk was advised that the Councillors Training session had been cancelled at short notice and she commented that she had not been advised and agreed to chase up a refund of the fees. As the meeting would be the last Full Council before the Clerk's retirement in September the Chairman thanked the Clerk on behalf of the Council for all the work she had done during her time as Clerk. Interviews for the new appointment would take place during August

**14/72 Correspondence**

14/72.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

14/72.2 It was **resolved** to note the draft Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 from SALC which would come into force from 6<sup>th</sup> August which would give the public new rights to film and report Council meetings. Amendments to Standing Orders would follow later.

**14/73 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

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

14/73.1 It was **resolved** to agree to the recommendations made from the Committee regarding Williton's Top 5 Parish Priorities.

**14/74 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

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

14/74.1 (Item 14/37.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**14/75 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

It was **resolved** to pay the following accounts after a proposition by Cllr Koch seconded by Cllr Vaughan.

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	Cash £	VAT £
04-Aug-14	Cottrell's Garden Care 6220 Doniford Car Park	2669		95		0.00
25-Aug-14	***** 4205 Staff wages and salaries paid (net)	2673		1169.94		0.00
25-Aug-14	***** 4205 Staff wages and salaries paid (net)	2674		491.82		0.00
29-Aug-14	SCC Pensions Account 4220 Pensions	2675		343.39		0.00
04-Aug-14	Watchet Town Council 6620 Watchet Cemetary	2671		1000.00		0.00
04-Aug-14	West Somerset Free Press 4415 Advertising	2670	312730	67.20		11.20
41855	Williton Window (Williton PCC) 4420 Williton Window	2672		550.00		0.00

**14/76 Report from West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

It was **resolved** to note the reports

**14/77 Report from Community Speed Watch Group**

Cllr Woods advised that she had attended a meeting in Taunton with the Speedwatch co-ordinators and reported that the programme was working better than previously with better action being taken towards persistent offenders. Concern was expressed regarding the high number of speeders particularly outside Danesfield School during school hours. More speed watchers were needed and it was suggested advertising for volunteers in the next article of Williton Window.

**14/78 Report from the Pavilion Working Group**

It was **resolved** to note the reports of the two meetings. Cllr Vaughan explained that the Working Group met to look at the possibility of relocating the building behind the Doctors Surgery and arranged a subsequent meeting with the architect at no cost to look at the cost implications. After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr Bennett it was **resolved** unanimously to put in another planning application with the target date of 30<sup>th</sup> September in order to meet the deadline to appeal against the original application should the amended application get refused.

**14/79 Report of visit of Youth and Community Project Officer held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

It was **resolved** to note the report from the officer who had been impressed by the Youth Club and the progress that had been made. It was further **resolved** to note that sources of future funding were being investigated by Minehead Eye and that the Council would be kept informed.

**14/80 Christmas Festivities**

It was **resolved** to note that the Christmas Festival would take place on 10<sup>th</sup> December and would take on a similar format to the previous year. The Social Club would not be used for Santa's grotto as this was considered unsuitable for the children. More permanent lighting was being investigated at Bellamy's Corner and concern was expressed that the source of the christmas trees were getting too high and the planting of a tree specifically for decorating was being considered. It was suggested that the area around Beckett House could be used for some of the activities. The next meeting to discuss arrangements would be held in the Parish Office on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**14/81 Public Meeting with Parishioners**

The Chairman advised members that he had arranged another public informal meeting for parishioners to come forward with any concerns and suggestions on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St Peter's School. He would arrange another meeting nearer Christmas or the New Year in another part of the village.

**14/82 Archived Minutes**

Cllr Peeks expressed concern that old copies of minutes were being held in the Parish Office and proposed that they were stored in the Somerset Records Office. This was agreed in principle and it was **resolved** to put this matter on the next Finance and Administration agenda to look at the logistics of doing this.

**14/83 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting**

**14/84 Report of Meeting with Doctors and negotiations with Architects**

Cllr Vaughan advised that he had received confirmation from the Doctors that they were willing to enter into negotiations and it was **resolved** that a valuation would be carried out at a cost of £250 before proceeding further. It was further **resolved** after a proposition from Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Peeks that a budget of £5000 would be set aside to cover costs to submit a second planning application for the pavilion at the new location behind the Doctors' Surgery.

**14/85 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Meeting closed at 9.07pm