

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7 pm  
at the Parish Council Office, Williton

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	McDonald (Chairman), Woods, Koch, James, Peeks, Bennett, Vaughan, Bruford, Troman and Denton
<b>SCC</b>	Davies
<b>WSC</b>	May and Davies
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	PCSO Thompson
<b>Press</b>	Mrs C Webb
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
<b>Public</b>	None
<b>Other</b>	None

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Bigwood, and Beaver

**13/76 Apologies as noted above.**

## **13/77 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/79.1	Pecuniary	None
Cllr Peeks	13/84.2	Pecuniary	None
Cllr Peeks	13/85.1	Prejudicial	Left room
Cllr Peeks	13/93	Prejudicial	Left meeting
Cllr Vaughan	13/93	Personal	Participation
Cllr Woods	13/93	Personal	Participation

## **13/78 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

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

## **13/79 Matters to Report from the Minutes**

13/79.1 (Item 13/57.1) Hinkley C Consultation There was no further update

13/79.2 (Item 13/57.2) Dumping of Nuclear Waste There was no further update

13/79.3 (Item 13/62.5) Parish Survey 2012 It was **resolved** to note the response from the District Council to the comments.

13/79.4 (Item 13/66) Parish Plan Names of 6 people who had shown interest had been taken at the fete and one more meeting would be arranged after the summer break to see if there was enough interest to take this forward.

13/79.5 (Item 13/70) Provision of Education in West Somerset There was no further update as the consultation period had not ended. A further meeting would be held in September.

13/79.6 (Item 13/72) Purchase of Defibrillator Cllr Bruford circulated details of various defibrillators ranging from £900 to £1200. A more expensive one was available at £1950 which included a cabinet that could be attached to an outside wall making it more easily available. He advised that Heart Somerset would arrange free training for up to 12 people. Cllr Bruford agreed to carry out further research and look at funding opportunities and he was thanked for his work in this. A decision would be taken at the next meeting.

## **13/80 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

It was **resolved** to note the report from PCSO Sue Thompson detailing all the crime figures for the last month. She commented that the Speed Watch was going well and a new site at Doniford had been authorised. The youth patrol had been increased during the summer holidays and the skate/cycle ramp had helped. She was asked to increase their watch on the Memorial Ground after recent spates of vandalism. She advised that PCSO Rowe would be leaving soon to train as a PC which would leave the team with only 2 members. Congratulations were offered to PCSO Rowe in his new role.

## **13/81 Report from Somerset County Councillor**

Cllr Davies advised that the OFSTED report for Children's Services had been damning and as a result a new appointment had been made. It was hoped that a contribution from the Health and Wellbeing budget could be made towards the cost of the defibrillator and he agreed to look into this. He thanked the members for their support to the residents who had been affected by flooding in their applications for grants. The diversionary notices had been issued for the new emergency routes and he suggested these were displayed in the Parish Office. Members asked Cllr Davies to contact the Highways Department as the recent work to the pedestrian crossing had resulted in some flooding at the junction of Brook Road and Long Street earlier in the day after a torrential downpour.

**13/82 Report from West Somerset District Councillors**

Cllr May commented on the speeding at Long Street and Tower Hill which was still high but less incidents of those speeding over 50mph. He advised that he had requested that the 30mph sign at the Bridgwater entrance is relocated. He will report the blocked drains at Half Acre, a blocked culvert at Brook Road and some leaking manhole covers to the Highways Department and he had personally cut back nettles around the posts at the Doniford bus shelter and cut back the overgrowth at the village sign near Sampford Brett. The Aller Lane footpath was overgrown and he had spoken to Glen Martin and the damage at Mamsey bridge was being investigated. He advised members to contact the Clerk if any ragwort was seen as the County were obliged to remove this. He pointed out that flytipping was bad again and he agreed to meet the Chairman for his next "walkabout" with the Environment Agency on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**13/83 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**

The Clerk gave details of late correspondence received from Ian Liddell Grainger, MP, requesting support for a petition to support the Rural Fair Share Group which is a group of parliamentarians who are trying for fairer services for rural England and who are working closely with the Rural Services Network. It was **resolved** to support the action and to ask the Post Office to get signatures from residents and keep a copy in the Parish Office and to include this in the article for Williton Window. It was further **resolved** to write a letter of support to the House of Commons and members were encouraged to write individually. The deadline for the return of the forms was 25<sup>th</sup> September. Nominations for the Chairman's Award for Service for the Community were requested and it was **resolved** to nominate David Pitchers for his dedication for cleaning rubbish in the village. The Clerk advised of the temporary road closure of Stream Road from 9<sup>th</sup> September for 4 weeks. The Chairman advised members that damage had been done to the new storytelling area in the playground as well as the spring bike and asked that CCTV cameras were discussed again at the next Trustee meeting. He thanked those who helped to clean up Union Lane and the Clerk was asked to contact Wyndham Estate to request that they cut back the overgrowth now that the rubbish had been cleared away.

**13/84 Correspondence**

13/84.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

13/84.2 It was **resolved** to note the consultation to the Draft West Somerset Local Plan 2032 Revised Preferred Strategy and all members were asked to look at the document and make comments before the Environment and Planning Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September in order for a decision on the collective responses to be made. It was **resolved** to make the decision at the Committee meeting as the next Full Council meeting was after the deadline date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

13/84.3 It was **resolved** to note the letter from West Somerset Labour Party and a Williton resident regarding the reduction in evening services of the Minehead to Taunton bus and it was **resolved** to support their requests and write to First Buses and Somerset County Council to ask that the evening service is resumed in order that local people could get to their places of work.

**13/85 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

It was **resolved** to note the report. Cllr Vaughan asked if the map for grass cutting could be checked in relation to Station Road and Foresters Close as these had not been cut back.

13/85.1 Planning Application 3/28/13/005 – Erection of solar PV development at land at Aller Farm, east of Woodford and north of Monksilver. It was unanimously **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds of the comments raised by the neighbouring parishes as it did not support the Government advice regarding location within an outstanding natural environment and on the grounds of the implication of heavy traffic that would need to access the site at Bridge Farm.

**13/86 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

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

13/86.1 (Item 13/35.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

13/86.2 (Item 13/38.4A) It was **resolved** to purchase a copy of Local Councils Explained at a reduced cost of £49.99 provided that it was recommended by SALC.

**13/87 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

There were none.

**13/88 Report from West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

As Cllr Beaver was not present there was no report.

**13/89 Report from Williton Regeneration Forum meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

It was **resolved** to note the minutes that had been circulated. Cllr Woods added that the Co-op would be asked to refund parking charges for their customers. Ways to brighten the village had been discussed and she agreed to put up the solar lights during the summer months. It was also **resolved** to look at the potential for a village flag at the next Environment and Committee meeting.

**13/90 Report of meeting with West Somerset Council and Williton Traders held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

It was advised that only Cllr May, Gordon Dwyer and the Chairman had been present and no traders came. Another meeting would be organised and all traders would be contacted to see if they were interested in taking part in the scheme.

**13/91 Christmas Festivities**

It was **resolved** to hold a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm and invite Love Williton, the Chamber of Commerce, Rev Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Gould and those who were involved with the Jubilee in order to discuss ideas.

**13/92 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting**

**13/93 Employees' Salaries**

After a proposal by Cllr James seconded by Cllr Woods it was **resolved** unanimously to agree the recommendations put forward by the Finance and Administration Committee regarding the increase in salary of the Assistant Clerk. It was further **resolved** to increase her contractual hours to 14 hours per week but agree overtime at a maximum of a further 2 hours per week in view of the increase work relating to fund raising and the pavilion project. This would be reviewed in March. It was further **resolved** to note the national pay award of 1% for all employees from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**13/94 Appointment of Architect to carry out design work for Pavilion Project**

After an explanation of the figures from Cllr Vaughan it was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Bennett and **resolved** unanimously to appoint Reed Holland Associates subject to splitting Phase 1 into two stages so that a full financial commitment was not taken until after the public consultation on the design had taken place and possible modifications made. The proposal was put forward on the grounds of costs and that the architect had already done a lot of work on the scheme and had a proven reputation. It was **resolved** to transfer £2,500 from the reserves to cover the additional costs.

**13/95 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Memorial event to mark World War I

Meeting closed at 9.45pm