

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th December 2016 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Richards (Chairman), Aldridge, Bennett, Bigwood (left at 8.40pm after item 16/199.4), Denton (left at 7.14pm on a fire call) Hooper, McDonald, Perrett, Peeks (left at 9.25pm after item 16/210) and Vaughan
SCC	Cllr Davies (left at 9.10pm after item 16/206)
WSC	Cllr Aldridge
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	Lisa Simpson, West Somerset LPA Commander
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors White and Cllr Davies (who would arrive late)

16/213 After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, it was unanimously **resolved** to move the following item to the beginning of the meeting, as no members of the public were present.

Lisa Simpson, West Somerset LPA Commander, addressed members and apologised regarding the recent incident in the Play Area and acknowledged details should have been reported back to the Parish Council better. A question and answer session then took place regarding the local policing. It was confirmed the police would be relocated into West Somerset House, making Williton the main hub; however, it was thought this would be a temporary measure. The current station would be sold. Concern regarding speeding was addressed and Ms Simpson confirmed resources would be found to help with speed watch. It was advised Williton had the 7th lowest crime figures in the country. Ms Simpson left after this item.

16/188 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

Cllr Bigwood advised members that he had handed in his resignation, as of the end of the meeting, due to leaving the village. He expressed his concern of being forced to leave due to economics and urged West Somerset Council to look at job prospects in the area. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bigwood for all his help over the years, wished him luck for the future and that he would be sadly missed.

16/189 **Apologies as noted above.**

16/190 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	16/197.2, 16/197.3, 16/211, 16/124	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Richards	16/195, 16/197.2, 16/197.3, 16/211, 16/214, 16/219	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr McDonald	16/199.4	Pecuniary, Director of Atwest	Informed meeting and did not take part
Cllr Aldridge	16/211	Prejudicial, Member of WSC Planning Committee	Left Room

16/191 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2016**

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

16/192 **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

16/192.1 (Item 16/156.1) Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station It was **resolved** to note an application to vary an Environmental Permit had been received.

16/193 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Lisa Simpson had advised local crime figures would be forwarded to the Clerk. Cllr Perrett expressed concern regarding the figures published on the police website. Cllrs McDonald and Bennett would arrange dates for speed watch and would liaise with Ms Simpson for a police presence.

16/194 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies apologised for arriving late due to attending Watchet earlier in the evening. Cllr Davies reported the negotiations for a bus service to Bridgwater were ongoing; information was still awaited from John Perrett. Williton hospital would be an item for the scrutiny agenda on Wednesday 7th December at West Somerset Council. At Somerset County Council meeting on Wednesday 30th November a motion came from the floor regarding ladies pensions. The motion was 'The council calls upon the Government to make fair transition state pension arrangements for all women born on or after the 6th April 1951 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase in the state pension age with the lack of the appropriate notification'; over 36,000 Somerset ladies affected by this, hardship was highlighted – the motion was passed. The thoughts of the Government to bring back the Grammar schools had also been discussed. Cllr Bigwood expressed his dismay at Somerset Waste Partnership and having to have a licence for private vehicles; concern was raised that fly-tipping would increase as a result. Cllr Davies advised members to contact Cllr Dewdney regarding this matter.

16/195 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward

Cllr Aldridge asked Cllr Davies to keep him informed regarding the potential bus services. Cllr Aldridge had been unable to attend the meeting held at District regarding the toilets. The CCG will be in attendance at the scrutiny meeting on the 15th December and would be closely questioned. Cllr Aldridge expressed his concern regarding the feeling of disinterest from Taunton Deane regarding West Somerset. The business rates at Hinkley Point had been tripled; Cllr Aldridge thought this would be enough to enable West Somerset to function on their own. Cllr McDonald noted his observation regarding the two sides not working together which he said had been obvious when dealing with the Christmas Festival and the response that Taunton Deane was 'too busy to come to Williton'. Concern was further raised regarding the planning meeting item that had to be postponed the previous week as the correct notice had not been given. Cllr Davies reported from the meeting West Quantoxhed PC last week, during which Stuart Downing advised re precept on rivers authority and on behalf of Sampford Brett PC re Tower Hill parking. Cllr Davies asked members to consider including this item on the next relevant agenda.

16/196 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Chairman advised members that resignations had been received from Cllr Kirkham and Cllr Bigwood. Cllr Richards had also resigned from the Personnel Committee; after a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was **resolved**, with one abstention, to elect Cllr Peeks onto the Personnel Committee in his place. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was unanimously **resolved** to elect Cllr Hooper to the lengthsman working group, in place of Cllr Kirkham.

16/197 Correspondence

16/197.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

16/197.2 It was **resolved** to note this item.

16/197.3 It was **resolved** to note that a meeting would take place on Monday 12th December with Peter Hughes regarding Public Spaces Protection Orders.

16/198 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 14th November 2016

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

16/199 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 21st November 2016

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

16/199.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st October 2016.

16/199.2 Concern was raised regarding the proposed increase in budget. After a proposal from Cllr Perrett, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to hold an Extra-ordinary meeting on Monday 12th December at 7pm to enable the budget to be discussed in detail.

16/199.3 (Item 16/78.1A) It was **resolved** the Clerk would obtain three quotations regarding the appointment of an IT support contractor.

16/199.4 (Item 16/81.1A) It was unanimously **resolved** to postpone a decision until a Grant policy had been agreed.

16/200 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 £
05 December 2016	D Bendon 6720 Xmas lighting, festival & competition	2963	10	£100.00		£0.00
05 November 2016	SALC 4520 Training	2964	1626	£30.00		£0.00
05 December 2016	HMRC 4210 Staff PAYE & NIC	2965	Month 7-9	£535.45		£0.00
05 December 2016	Somerset County Council Pension Scheme 4220 Pensions	2966	December	£399.87		£0.00
19 December 2016	***** 4205 Staff Wages & Salaries Paid Net	2967		£953.33		£0.00
19 December 2016	***** 4205 Staff Wages & Salaries Paid Net	2968		£767.89		£0.00

16/201 Health and Safety

Cllrs Bennett and Perrett had met with Safety Synergy last week and reported there were a few items to address in particular Doniford car park which would be discussed in further detail under item 16/219.

16/202 Williton Hospital – Closure of Stroke Beds

16/202.1 It was reported to members that six stroke beds had closed the previous week. Members were advised Dr Broughton would attend the January 2017 Parish Council meeting and to forward any questions they would like answered to the Clerk to enable Dr Broughton to be in a position to respond at that meeting.

16/203 (Item 16/101) Regional Youth Council

Due to the absence of Cllr Denton, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting. It was **resolved** the Clerk would request a written report from Cllr Denton for the next meeting.

16/204 Youth Provision

Due to the absence of Cllr Denton, it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting. It was **resolved** the Clerk would request a written report from Cllr Denton for the next meeting.

16/205 (Item 16/138) Community Bus Service – Doniford to Williton & Employment Hub

Due to the resignation of Cllr Kirkham it was **resolved** Cllr Richards would take his place on the working group. Cllr Aldridge advised members a reply had been received from Atwest giving indicative costs; Cllr Vaughan expressed concern regarding the affordability of the service. Watchet Town Council had advised that two Councillors had agreed to meet the working group to discuss options.

16/206 (Item 16/139) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

Due to the absence of Cllr Denton it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting. The Clerk would request a written report for the next meeting.
Cllr Davies left after this item.

16/207 Christmas Festival – all Councillors were asked to steward at this event.**16/208 Review of Risk Assessments**

After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was unanimously **resolved** to agree the Risk Assessments, with no amendments.

16/209 Review of Financial Regulations

After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Aldridge it was unanimously **resolved** to agree the Financial Regulations, with no amendments.

16/210 Review of Asset Register

After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was unanimously **resolved** to agree the Asset Register with a view to look at the cost of replacing item over the course of the year.
Cllr Peeks left after this item.

16/211 Planning applications for consideration

Cllr Aldridge left the room for this item.

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/16/022	Williton Landfill Site	Installation of a generator and gas compressor	No objection

16/212 After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr White, it was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

16/213 Youth Offending Team

This item had been moved and discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

16/214 Public Toilets

A reply had been received from Cllr Trollope-Bellow advising that Cllr Chilcott would arrange a meeting with the working group. Cllrs were concerned that answers were still awaited and felt due to lack of information they were not in a position to make any budget considerations; therefore, after a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously **resolved** to remove this item from the budget.

16/215 (Item 14/228) **Land Acquisition** - update

There had been no further update.

16/216 The quotations for the repainting of the Parish Office were considered. After a proposal from Cllr Perrett, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the quotation from Jamie Williams at a cost of £1,360.00.

16/217 It was **resolved** to note Beckett House was unavailable. It was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would write to West Somerset Council regarding the library.

16/218 After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, it was **resolved** the Clerk would write to the solicitors expressing concern regarding delays to enquires which caused difficulties.

16/219 Doniford Car Park

Cllr Bennett advised members the Health and Safety consultant recommended the closure of the car park due to unmanageable risk to public. It was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would write to the solicitor regarding giving notice to terminate the lease as soon as administratively possible.

16/219.1 Members were asked for suggestions regarding a new car park site.

16/220 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 9th January 2017, Parish Office

Meeting closed at 9.53 pm