

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6th February 2017 at 6.45 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors

Richards (Chairman), Aldridge, Birkett, Denton (left at 9.35pm after item 16/273),
Hooper, McDonald, Perrett and Vaughan (arrived at 7.55pm)

SCC

Cllr Davies

WSC

Cllr Aldridge

Avon and Somerset

PCSO Sue Thompson

Constabulary

Press

None

Clerk

Mrs Michelle Francis

Public

None

Other

None

Apologies:

Councillors

Bennett and Peeks

Before the start of the meeting a presentation was made from Maureen Smith, West Somerset Community Land Trust regarding a Housing Need Survey. This was followed by a presentation from Izzy Sylvester, on the role of a Village Agent.

16/251 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

16/252 **Apologies as noted above.**

16/253 **Co-option of Councillor**

An application had been received by Mr Ian Birkett for the casual vacancy on the Council. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Hooper is was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt Mr Birkett to the Council. As Cllr Birkett was in attendance he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, after which he was able to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

16/254 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Richards	16/256.2, 16/271, 16/273	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting

16/255 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2017**

After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was **resolved** to approve the minutes, with one abstention.

16/256 **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

16/256.1 (Item 16/229.1) Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station There had been no further update.

16/256.2 (Item 16/197.3) It was **resolved** to note that a meeting had been held with Peter Hughes, Project Manager, regarding the Public Spaces Protection Order and the new area that it was proposed to cover. A public consultation would be undertaken until the 1st March 2017 via the West Somerset Council website.

16/257 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

It was **resolved** to note the latest crime statistics could be viewed on the Avon & Somerset Police website. Concern was raised that the elderly were being targeted by fraudsters. Members were asked to be mindful of possible vulnerable people and to encourage communication. Members were advised the new Beat Manager was PC Jamie Munro and the new Sergeant was Sg Stuart Williams. It was hoped they would attend a Parish Council meeting in the near future.

16/258 Report from Somerset County Councillor

- Cllr Davies advised members that Dr Broughton had attended the Somerset County Council scrutiny committee and had confirmed only 6 stroke beds were being funded and that it was the CCG that had cut the funding.
- In school league tables, Somerset was the highest in the South West for Progress 8 including English and Maths.
- Cllr Davies expressed his concern that Mr Nigel Johnson from St Peter's School had contacted Highways to seek the installation of Wig-Wags and whether it would put the SIS scheme in jeopardy. He had received confirmation from Jo Sharp, SCC, advising the average speed past the school, over a 24 hour period was 25.4mph and that it would be unlikely SCC would offer funding.
- Information was given regarding new Sports England Initiative fund.
- Members were advised County had to find savings of £16m. Cllr Davies raised concern of possible funding cuts for children in care and if this was the case he would challenge the motion at the next meeting to be held on the 15th February.
- Hinkley Point transport forum – currently there are 1240 workers which should double by the end of the year. Currently two power stations were being built in China on the same design.
- A new free bus route had started today from Minehead to Bridgwater via Doniford. The service would be run three times a day, five days a week for the next twelve months.

16/259 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward

Cllr Aldridge advised members he had attended the planning meeting regarding the small units and pedestrian link, which had been granted. Cllr Aldridge expressed his ongoing concern regarding the amalgamation of the two councils.

16/260 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

- The Chairman read a letter of resignation that had been received from Cllr White.
- The Clerk advised that as two vacancies were available on the Parish Council the Co-option process would start again.
- A careers and jobs fair would be held on Friday 24th February at the Beach Hotel, Minehead.
- The Clerk reminded members that, when sending emails, to be mindful of the content and adhere to the Code of Practise.

16/261 Correspondence

16/261.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

16/261.2 It was **resolved** to note the Defibrillator was currently serviced by the Garry Austin-Thompson. The Clerk would contact Paramedics to request a training session.

16/261.3 The Wildlife Trust – it was **resolved** to note this item.

16/261.4 A letter and photographs had been received from Barry Tyson regarding parking problems by St Peters Church. Cllr McDonald advised he had addressed the concerns with Richard Wedgwood, Wyndham Estate, about the Copse being eroded due to this problem. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to Highways to make them aware of the problem, expressing concern that emergency vehicles could experience access problems. It was further **resolved** to send a copy of the letter to Richard Wedgwood.

16/262 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 16th January 2017

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

16/263 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 23rd January 2017

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

16/263.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st December 2016.

16/263.2 (Item 16/95.2A) After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was unanimously **resolved** to award a grant of £150.00 to the Young Equestrian's Youth Club.

16/263.3 (Item 16/95.5A) After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Perrett, it was unanimously **resolved** to award a grant of £150.00 to CLOWNS.

16/263.4 (Item 16/97A) It was unanimously **resolved** to adopt the new Hiring rates for the Meeting Room, Foyer and Kitchen after a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Aldridge.

16/263.5 (Item 16/98A) After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Hooper is was unanimously **resolved** to adopt the Grant Application Policy.

16/264 Report from Events Meeting

Cllr McDonald advised members the meeting was very poorly attended. It had been proposed to hold an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Monday 2pm – 4pm. Jenny Gibson had agreed to write quiz type questions for display in business windows. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Aldridge it was unanimously **resolved** to write to the Trustees to request the use of the Memorial Ground for the event. Cllr Aldridge gave his apologies as he would be aware and therefore unable to attend; he commented that the group was very worthwhile. Details and posters would follow.

16/265 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 £
06 February 2017	Safety Synergy Ltd 4525 Health & Safety	2984	3016	£120.00		£0.00
06 February 2017	West Somerset Free Press Ltd 4555 WPC Ground Maintenance	2985	327995	£134.40		£22.40
06 February 2017	Lyreco UK Ltd 4505 Printing, Stationery & Postage	2986	26020487	£37.49		£6.25

16/266 Health and Safety

16/266.1 The Clerk advised prices were being obtained for the fire shutter and fire doors. Advice had also been sought from the Fire Service.

Due to the resignation of Cllr White, it was unanimously **resolved** that Cllr Birkett would become the second first aider for the Parish Council and would undertake the St Johns Training course.

16/267 Regional Youth Council

Cllr McDonald advised he had met with Mr Evans, Head teacher at Danesfield School and arrangements had been made to address the school during an assembly. This would be to inform the school of the role of the Parish Council and ask that they form a Youth Council. It was hoped the Youth Council would address the members with proposals for Parish Council to consider.

16/268 Youth Provision

It was **resolved** to note the funding application had been submitted. The Clerk advised that Williton Youth Club were looking for a temporary new venue. Cllr Denton would approach Mr Johnson for a possible temporary venue.

16/269 (Item 16/243) Community Bus Service – Doniford to Williton & Employment Hub

Cllr Aldridge acknowledged the new free bus was very good; however, the results of the survey stated that Doniford residents wanted to access Williton. Cllr Aldridge asked Cllr Davies to consider the change of route from Doniford into Williton then to progress on the A39 to St Audries. Cllr Richards raised concern regarding encroaching on First Bus routes. Cllr Davies advised residents could catch the free bus into Watchet then join the Number 28 to access Williton. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was **resolved**, with two abstentions, to write to the organisers of the bus route, Somerset County Council and request that the re-routing was considered.

16/270 (Item 16/244) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing

16/270.1 It was **resolved** to note the letter from Mr Johnson, St Peter’s Church of England First School. Cllr Denton expressed his concern regarding facts within the letter. Cllr Denton had advised Mr Johnson that Cllr Davies’s SIS crossing scheme was in place; he was further concerned that the Parish Council was not the first contact. Cllr Perret proposed the Parish Council should seek clarification on what the school actually wanted and proposed; and express concern it could put current county council granted funding for new crossing for November in jeopardy.

16/271 Proposed New Council – Public Consultation

It was **resolved** to note this item. It was **resolved** no comments would be made from the Parish Council as members stated it was a public consultation document.

16/272 It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

16/273 (Item 16/247) **Public Toilets**

A discussion took place on the pros and cons of accepting the toilets. After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Denton it was **resolved** with 4 in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions to agree to the freehold in principal, subject to the agreement of amended Heads of Terms, which would include ensuring the building was not land locked. It was **resolved** to amend the Heads of Terms which would be circulated to all members for agreement before returning to West Somerset Council.

16/274 (Item 16/248) **Land Acquisition** - update

The Clerk advised clarification had been requested from Risdon Hosegood Solicitors on the exact area of land to be purchased from the Doctors Surgery. The plan was viewed by members and agreed. It was **resolved** the Clerk would reply stating the marked area was correct.

16/275 **Doniford Car Park**

It was **resolved** to note there had been no reply from Mr Clothier's solicitors. It was **resolved** that Cllr Vaughan would collect the signs from Active Signs.

16/276 **Lease of Office and Car Park Space**

Due to time restraints, it was unanimously **resolved** to postpone this item to the next meeting.

16/277 **Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 6th March 2017, Parish Office**

Consideration of Press Officer

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm