

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00 pm  
at the Parish Council Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	McDonald (Chair), Bennett, Bigwood (left during item 14/237 at 7.40pm), Denton (arrived during item 14/236.2), James, Koch, Stiven, Vaughan and Woods
<b>SCC</b>	None
<b>WSC</b>	Cllr May (left after item 14/240 at 8.05pm)
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	Mrs Cilla Webb
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Michelle Francis
<b>Public</b>	None
<b>Other</b>	None

## Apologies:

**Councillors** Peeks and Davies. PC Ware

14/232 **Apologies as noted above.**

14/233 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

14/234 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015**

After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes after amendments were made to item 14/208.1.

14/235 **Approval of the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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

14/236 **Matters to Report from the Minutes**

14/236.1 (Item 14/208.1) Hinkley A Consultation It was **resolved** to note the information that the Clerk had forwarded on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 regarding the storage of old nuclear waste.

14/236.2 (Item 14/208.2) Flood Plan Cllr McDonald reported the continued discussions with relevant flood issues in Somerset as a whole, with all agencies including the Environment Agency. Cllr McDonald further reported that Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee have accelerated the Williton Flood Defence scheme by 2 years. Cllr McDonald advised he had also applied for a grant through the Environment Agency for flood defence equipment such as spades, handsaws, hoppers, high visibility jackets and was pleased to announce the grant had been successful to the value of £2,443.79, which would be presented shortly. He encouraged those present to visit Doniford Road to see the clearing and re-enforcement of the banks that had recently been undertaken. Cllr Woods congratulated him on all his work, which he thanked but said it was all on behalf of the village and he thanked all that had been involved including the farmers, highways, Wyndham Estate, Paddocks construction and all volunteers for their hard work.

14/236.3 (Item 14/208.3) Weekend Car Park Charges It was reported that four replies had been received from local traders regarding the suggested free parking, (3 in favour, 1 against) however; no evidence had been forthcoming which was needed to proceed further. Cllr Vaughan reported that the District Council were not prepared to consider free parking in the area behind the Council offices and proposed that this area could be considered for the mobile skate ramps. It was **resolved** to pursue the use of this area for amenity use.

14/236.4 (Item 14/208.4) Regional Youth Council Cllr Denton reported a meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It was **resolved** he would contact Naomi the following Monday for a report. Cllr Vaughan queried when the grant would be paid, it was **resolved** Cllr Denton would find out for the next meeting.

14/236.5 (Item 14/208.5) Meeting to look at public Toilets The Clerk reported Cllr Mills had phoned the parish office today to advise that the cost of installing a Healthmatic automated lock would be £1600.00 and that Cllr Mills had asked if the Parish Council would be able to fund part of the cost. After a proposal from Cllr James it was unanimously **resolved** the Clerk would ask Cllr Mills what the labour saving cost would be due to not having to pay someone to open and close the toilets.

- 14/236.6 (Item 14/208.6) Mobile Youth Projects It was reported the skate ramps would be used once a month at the Youth Club at Danesfield School. The Youth Club programme had been previously forwarded.
- 14/236.7 (Item 14/208.7) Defibrillator The Clerk reported training had been requested from the Fire Brigade, but a date was still to be confirmed. The Clerk further reported 6 names were on the list wanting training. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact all traders again after a date had been set. It was recommended refresher training would be held every 6 months.
- 14/237 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**
- PS Ware had given apologies for not attending the meeting due to shortage of staff, but had submitted a written report. It was **resolved** to note the latest crime statistics. A formal complaint had been received regarding fly-tipping which had been a recent problem, it was **resolved** to note there had been one successful prosecution. It was unanimously **resolved** fly-tipping was a serious matter at that the Parish Council would support prosecutions.
- 14/238 Report from Somerset County Councillor**
- No report
- 14/239 Report from West Somerset District Councillors**
- Cllr May reported the Fly-tipping had been cleared quickly from Doniford, but unfortunately it would not be cleared from Aller Farm as it was on private land. The height of the mirror at High Street had been raised so it was no longer an obstruction. Long Street had on-going problems that were being checked by highways. Cllr May reported on the recent Pupil Parliament.
- The meetings were now winding down and Cllr May wished the Parish Council well and expressed his thanks for how everyone had worked together and if he could be of any help in the future to just call upon him, especially regarding the flooding. Cllr McDonald extended his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for all of Cllr May's support over the years', wished him well in his semi-retirement and said "Williton had been very lucky to have you as Ward Councillor".
- 14/240 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**
- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the meeting with Andrew Goodchild, SCC and EDF Energy would be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 6pm. Cllr Koch, James, Denton and May confirmed they would attend.
- Engage West Somerset were looking for nominations for 'Volunteer of the Year 2015'
- Notification had been received to advise The Buses of Somerset service 14 (Bridgwater – Watchet). From 13 April 2015 this service would terminate at Cannington rather than travelling on to Watchet. It was **resolved** that Cllr McDonald would draft a letter to register the dis-satisfaction for short notice and the lack of facility.
- 14/241 Correspondence**
- 14/241.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log. A discussion took place regarding parking outside the Parish Office and keeping the access clear. After a proposition from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr James it was unanimously **resolved** to write to West Somerset Council with a copy of the letter received from Kris Hopkins, Minister for Local Government, regarding the withdrawal of local council tax support and request a formal response.
- 14/241.2 A letter had been forwarded from Mrs Marion Bailey. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to express regret for her accident and the injuries received and to inform her highways had been contacted, to forward their response and to suggest contacting highways direct.
- 14/241.3 A letter had been received from Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit requesting details for emergency community contacts. It was **resolved** to defer this item until the next Full Council meeting.
- 14/241.4 A letter had been received from Williton Window requesting the selling of Williton Walks booklet at the Parish Office. It was unanimously **resolved** to reply yes and confirm there would be no fee.
- 14/241.5 An invitation had been received from Croft House to their 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015. It was **resolved** Cllr McDonald would attend.
- 14/242 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee**
- It was **resolved** to note that the last EPC meeting had been postponed due to the number of Councillors unable to attend.
- 14/242.1 A meeting had been arranged on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm with Ian Carter to discuss the possibility of a market.
- 14/243 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee**
- 14/243.1 (Item 14/101.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

14/243.2 A request for funding had been received by St Johns Ambulance. It was unanimously **resolved** to reply stating that the Parish Council were unable to donate but to request details for a training package that would be beneficial to the village. After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Bennett it was unanimously **resolved** to suggest a budget of £500.00 and request what training could be offered for this sum.

**14/244 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	Cash £	VA £
07-April-15	CRS Building Supplies 6220 Doniford Car Park	2760	M05762	101.82		
07-April-15	West Somerset Council 4555 WPC Ground Maintenance	2761	18534	1769.25		2

**14/245 Annual Parish Assembly**

The Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at St Peters School. The Clerk had been informed the power-point might not work; therefore, it was **resolved** to contact Sure Start to request borrowing their projector and screen as back up.

**14/246 Elections**

Councillors were reminded that the closing date for nominations was Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 4pm.

**14/247 Williton Pavilion Project**

14/247.1 A report from the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 was circulated and noted, which included the following recommendation – ‘The working group would like to propose to full council that we utilise the services of both ENGAGE and the Community Council for Somerset. This will broaden our approach, reduce the over lead time by employing another resource and utilise each where their expertise lies for fund raising’. After a proposition from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Koch with 5 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention, is was **resolved** to adopt the recommendation.

**14/248 Report from Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee meeting**

It was **resolved** to note the report that had been circulated. Holford Parish Council had requested confirmation on charges for un-contested elections and that the information be circulated to all Parish Councils. No reply had been received to date.

**14/249 Street Art in the Tractor Shed**

It was **resolved** to note the tractor shed had to be cleared; therefore the boards need to be re-housed. It was **resolved** to include on the next agenda and in the meantime consider where they could be stored.

**14/225 Matters for the next Annual Parish meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015, in the Council Chamber**

Election of Officers and Representatives

Report from Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm