

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th May 2013 at 7 pm
at the Parish Council Office, Williton

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Woods, Koch, Beaver, Bruford, Troman, Bigwood, James, Peeks and Vaughan
SCC	Davies
WSC	May
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	PCSO Thompson
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	None
Other	2 members

Apologies:

Councillors	Bennett
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13/01 Election of Chairman

Cllr McDonald was unanimously elected as Chairman after a proposition by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Vaughan and duly signed the Declaration of Office.

13/02 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Vaughan was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman after a proposition by Cllr James seconded by Cllr Woods.

13/03 Resignation of member

The Clerk advised that she had received a resignation from Cllr Wood. A vote of thanks was recorded for her hard work in helping to secure the S106 funding for the play area and for her work with youth projects.

13/04 Appointment of Councillors to Committees

13/04.1 Cllrs Vaughan, Bennett, James, Beaver, McDonald were duly elected to the Finance and Administration Committee with one vacancy remaining.

13/04.2 Cllrs Peeks, Troman, Bigwood, Koch, Bruford, McDonald and Woods were duly elected to the Environment and Planning Committee. The Appeals Panel would be agreed by the Committee members provided Cllr Woods was excluded as she wished to remain on the Personnel Committee.

13/04.3 Cllrs James, Woods and Beaver were duly elected to the Personnel Committee with Cllr McDonald acting ex-officio.

13/05 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was **resolved** to appoint representatives to outside bodies as follows:

Health & Safety Representative	Koch, Bruford
Highway Liaison Contact	District Cllr E May
Rights of Way Representatives	Peeks
SCC Parish Paths Liaison Officer	Peeks
Watchet/Williton/Quantocks Area Panel	Bigwood, Koch, Woods
SALC	Woods, James
Williton Regeneration Forum	Peeks, Woods, McDonald
Wyndham Charity	McDonald
St Decumans Charity	Derek Cridland
Twinning Association	Bigwood
A39 Police Emergency Planning	Bruford, James
Magna Housing Association	McDonald
West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum	Beaver
Pupil Parliament/ Youth Groups	Beaver
EDF/Hinkley Point	McDonald, Woods
Devovement	McDonald, Vaughan, James, Woods, Clerk
Williton Community Hall Programme Management Group/Pavilion	Vaughan, James, Koch, Bennett, Troman and Peeks
Archie Project	Troman
Sustainable Verges	Woods, McDonald and Troman
Parish Plan	McDonald, James and Bruford

13/06 Apologies as noted above.

13/07 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	13/26	Prejudicial	Left Room

13/08 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th April 2013

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

13/09 Matters Arising from the Minutes

13/09.1 (Item 12/229.1) Hinkley C Consultation It was **resolved** to note the report from the EDF Transport Forum meeting held on 19th April and that the roundabout was part of Phase 2 and would only be built if EDF reached agreement of electricity prices with the Government

13/10 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

PCSO Thompson gave the crime figures for the last month. She advised that they were keeping an eye out regarding the badger cull and pointed out that there were now only 2 Beat Managers for the whole area and one PCSO position had been lost.

13/11 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies was congratulated on his recent appointment and welcomed to the meeting in his new role. He advised there was little to report at this stage as he was undergoing a series of training sessions.

13/12 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

Cllr May advised that he had attended the recent funeral of Peter Lacey which had been extremely well attended. He had recently carried out another "walkabout" exercise with the Highways Department and advised that work to the pedestrian crossing would start shortly. He advised that the road outside Danesfield would not be surfaced in the near future and Doniford Rd had been patched and dressed. Work at Mamsey Bridge was in hand and the drains in Robert Street were partly complete. Wyndham Estate had asked the farmer to clear out the river behind the school. The street lights in Long Street continued to cause a problem for the electricity board. He thanked the Chairman for his work on highways and other matters during the past year.

13/13 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk drew members' attention to the deadline for nominations for the 2013 West Somerset Volunteer of the Year Award

13/14 Correspondence

- 13/14.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.
- 13/14.2 It was **resolved** to accept the offer from Somerset Skills and Learning to do a brief presentation on Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities and to invite to a future meeting.
- 13/14.3 It was **resolved** to note details of the A39 Diversionary Signage Scheme from Somerset County Council.

13/15 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 8th April 2013

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

13/16 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 15th April 2013

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

- 13/16.1 (Item 12/98.1A) It was **resolved** to agree recommendations to keep the charges for the Parish Office the same as last year after a proposition by Cllr Woods seconded by Cllr Koch.
- 13/16.2 (Item 12/99.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 1st April 2013.
- 13/16.3 (Item 12/104A) It was **resolved** to purchase a new speed detection device and two clickers provided that a second hand device could not be purchased. Cllr Woods agreed to look into this.
- 13/16.4 (Item 12/1052A) After some discussion and questions asked to the representatives of the Williton Rifle Club who had explained their project plans before the meeting, a proposition was put forward by Cllr Woods and seconded by Cllr Peeks to support their application for \$106 funding to improve their facilities up to a maximum of £5000. An amendment was put forward by Cllr Beaver seconded by Cllr Troman to support the application with no financial limit. This amendment was not carried (2 in favour 6 against) and the first resolution was put forward again and carried with 7 in favour and 2 against. The Clerk was asked to write to the Williton Rifle Club advising them of the decision and suggesting they advertised their club in Williton Window.
- 13/16.5 (Item 12/107A) This matter would be dealt with at the end of the meeting in Committee at item 13/26
- 13/16.6 (Item 12/108A) This matter would be deferred due to the prospective long term sick leave of the Groundsman.
- 13/16.7 Cllr Vaughan had requested a valuation of the area of land owned by the Community Hall charity for insurance purposes only and had not anticipated any costs arising from this.
- 13/16.8 It was **resolved** to pay £180 from the Tourism budget towards the cost of the Play Scheme at the Village Fete. There was a query regarding the interest on the grant set aside for the charity and it was **resolved** to put this forward to the next Finance and Administration Committee.

13/17 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none.

13/18 Report from Williton Regeneration Forum held on 1st May 2013

Cllr Woods had circulated a brief report and added that the meeting had been positive than previously. Suggestions had been made for the Parish Council to look at ways to encourage pride in the village and it was **resolved** to put this item on the Environment and Planning Committee agenda.

13/19 Report of Parish Plan Meeting held on 10th April 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and that it was proposed doing a leaflet drop provided there was enough support. A further meeting was scheduled on 22nd May to discuss the future of the Plan and the funding.

13/20 Report from the West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum held on 17th April 2013

As Cllr Beaver was unable to attend this meeting she suggested waiting for the minutes to be circulated.

13/21 Flooding Matters and Report from Exmoor Society's Spring Conference held on 26th April 2013

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

13/22 Report from Archie Steering Group meeting held on 23rd April 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and that the signage had to be put inside of the fencing due to planning regulations.

13/23 Report of Williton Community Hall Joint Working Group held on 23rd April 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and that 80% of the responses to the survey had demonstrated the need to replace the changing rooms with a new building with unanimous agreement to improving the footpath. A meeting was scheduled to take place on 14th May to look at the results in more detail and specifically at the individual comments that were made. The group would look at the implications at merging the two charities as suggested at the Parish Assembly.

13/24 Matters to Report from Parish Assembly

A proposition had been put forward at the Parish Assembly to consider merging the Williton War Memorial Ground and Williton Community Hall charities. This matter would be placed on both the charities agendas and the Finance and Administration Committee would look at the implications regarding finance and budgets. Care would need to be taken that the objects of both charities were not compromised.

13/25 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

13/26 Devolvement of Services – to appoint contractor for Somerset County Council land

It was **resolved** unanimously to appoint West Somerset Council to cut the County Council grass areas 12 times per year after a proposition by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Woods. They would also be asked to include the area at Casino Road. It was further **resolved** to appoint West Somerset Council to carry out the weed spraying twice a year after a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr Beaver.

13/27 Report of meeting to discuss the future planning of Williton held on 2nd May

It was advised that this meeting was well attended and extremely positive with landowners and key District Council officers taking the opportunity to meet together to discuss potential planning matters. A further meeting would be arranged looking at alternative plans which would include a Relief Road.

13/28 Proposed land acquisition from Doctors' Surgery

It was **resolved** to note the letter from the Practice Manager and to look at the proposal to widen the vehicle access route to include a public footpath. Cllr Vaughan had requested an estimate for the cost of moving the electricity pole. It was **resolved** to ask the Working Group to investigate further ideas with the Doctors.

13/29 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 3rd June 2013

Meeting closed at 9.30pm