

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees:

Councillors	McDonald (Chairman), Woods, Koch, James, Beaver, Bennett, Vaughan, Bruford (from Item 13/99.5), Bigwood (from Item 13/102) and Denton
SCC	Davies
WSC	May and Davies
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	Mrs C Webb
Clerk	Mrs J Johnson-Smith
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Troman, Peeks and PCSO Rowe
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13/96 Apologies as noted above.

13/97 Declarations of Interest

There were none

13/98 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th August 2013

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

13/99 Matters to Report from the Minutes

13/99.1 (Item 13/79.1) Hinkley C Consultation There was no further update

13/99.2 (Item 13/79.2) Dumping of Nuclear Waste There was no further update

13/99.3 (Item 13/79.4) Parish Plan It was advised that this had been put on hold

13/99.4 (Item 13/79.5) Provision of Education in West Somerset There was no further update other than the press report

13/99.5 (Item 13/79.6) Purchase of Defibrillator Cllr Bruford advised that he was still waiting to hear back from the Fire Service and the Clerk agreed to help chase up these figures. It was noted that a grant might be available from the Health and Wellbeing Fund. It was **resolved** that a decision would be made at the next meeting.

13/100 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

The Chairman advised that he had met earlier in the day with Inspector Carey, Sgt Manu and Peter Hughes from the District Council in order to discuss various issues including anti-social behaviour, the flood plan and the ongoing problems on the ground including dog litter. A meeting would be arranged with the Police and local parents who had voiced concerns of bringing their younger children to the play area due to the anti-social behaviour of older children in an effort to resolve some of the problems. The Chairman agreed to contact the Chief Commissioner in view of asking for grants towards the cost of a CCTV camera and to check on the staffing levels.

13/101 Report from Somerset County Councillor

Cllr Davies advised that the petition that had been circulated from Ian Liddell Grainger, MP regarding fairer services for local communities, was being debated the following Thursday. He advised that the road at Staplegrave in Taunton would be closed for 4 weeks which would cause general disruption in Taunton. He advised that two householders in Williton had received large sums of money from the Flood Mitigation Fund. He agreed to look at the Health and Wellbeing fund for help towards the cost of the defibrillator when prices were known. Funds to Children's Centres and school transport were being cut.

13/102 Report from West Somerset District Councillors

Cllr May advised that the road at Bilbrook would be closed for 3 weeks from 9am to 3.30pm from 4th November and the Clerk confirmed that no notification had been received and was asked to chase up the details. The work with Taunton Deane was progressing and the new CEO was due to start on 24th October. He advised that he had notified the Police of the Christmas event on 5th December. The work to tidy up the area around the new pedestrian crossing at Long Street was due to start the following Tuesday. He pointed out the District Council also had a small fund for Health and Wellbeing and the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Turner.

13/103 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

The Clerk asked if any members wished to attend the Councillor Training events from SALC. Cllrs Bennett and Denton agreed to attend the Being a Good Councillor session and the Chairman agreed to attend Being a Successful Chairman. She advised that the Chairman was attending a Community Buildings Networking Event organised by the Community Council for Somerset on 17th October and asked if any member of the Pavilion working group might also like to attend. It was noted that Cllr Bennett had completed and passed the Essential First Aid training for which he was thanked. An application to use the grassed area outside the public entrance to Council Chamber for free dog microchipping in partnership with The Dogs Trust had been received and it was **resolved** not to object to this application. An invitation to attend the Chairman's Award for Service to the Community on 24th October and a request for a citation had been received.

The Chairman advised that most landowners had carried out their riparian duties but the Highways Department were still to carry out theirs. The Parish Council as Trustee to the War Memorial Ground held responsibility for their duties on the ground and this was being dealt with. Congratulations were given to the Chairman for his work in getting landowners to carry out their duties.

13/104 Correspondence

13/104.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log.

13/104.2 It was **resolved** to note the Local Choices Event being held at the District Council Chamber from 6pm on 4th November and Cllr Woods agreed to attend before attending the Full Council meeting which was on the same night.

13/104.3 It was **resolved** to note the letter from Somerset County Council regarding their intention to provide safety improvements at Walnut Tree Corner in Washford.

13/105 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 2nd September 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report. Cllr Vaughan suggested the Committee investigated the possibility of relocating the litter bin outside the dentist to Brook Road as it was no longer required at this location. He asked the Clerk to check when the second weedspraying would take place and to make sure that Five Bells was included. The Clerk was also asked to check with Summerfield Homes regarding the future maintenance of the two new pieces of land that had been grassed.

13/106 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 9th September 2013

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

13/106.1 (Item 13/51.1A) It was hoped to move the youth club to Danesfield School fairly School but Minehead Eye had agreed to bear the cost of two nights until it was possible to combine both the boys and girls groups. Cllr Beaver advised that she was still waiting for a promotion leaflet to be circulated with the Williton Window despite chasing this from the Youth Leader several times. After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr James it was **resolved** unanimously to sign the revised Service Level Agreement and pay the invoice provided that the requested promotion of the Youth Clubs was forthcoming. It was agreed to monitor the numbers.

13/106.2 (Item 13/53.2A) It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st August 2013. Cllr Vaughan advised that the draft budget would need to be discussed at the next meeting and both Committees would need to agree their own budget figures at their next meetings.

13/106.3 (Item 13/56.1A) After a proposition by Cllr Vaughan seconded by Cllr Bruford it was unanimously **resolved** to purchase the items requested by Williton Cubs in the form of sponsorship so that the VAT could be reclaimed rather than give a donation to the Club. These purchases would come from the Youth Services budget. The Clerk would write to confirm this and suggest that they applied for funding from the Leslie Sell Charitable Trust.

13/107 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

There were none.

13/108 Report from meetings to look at Christmas Festivities held on 11th September and 2nd October 2013

Cllr James advised the date for the event had been set on 5th December and there would be a Santa Procession starting from Danesield at 5.30pm and a Santa's Grotto in the Social club and a request would be submitted to use the outside area of the District Council offices to install gazebos. Love Williton were going to organise the trees and a band would be booked. Cllr May had approached the Police regarding the procession and blocking the road temporarily. It was **resolved** to give a maximum budget of £500 to the Christmas festivities including the competition and decorations. The date of the next meeting would be 16th October at 6pm. It was requested that the Christmas tree at Bellamy's Corner was put up on 28th November and arrangements would be made for volunteers to help put up the tree on this date. The Clerk agreed to contact Chris Warren for permission to use one of his trees and make arrangements for it to be felled and brought to the village and for the lights to be put on it. The lady members of the Council would be judging the house decorations this year and they would make their own arrangements regarding a date to do the judging.

13/109 Report from Watchet, Williton and Quantocks Area Panel held on 17th September 2013

As there was no representative able to attend the meeting it was **resolved** to wait until the minutes had been circulated.

13/110 Report from Williton Regeneration Forum meeting held on 17th September 2013

It was **resolved** to note the minutes that had been circulated.

13/111 Report from SALC AGM and All Area Meeting held on 28th September 2013

Cllr Woods advised that the meeting included a presentation from John Osman, leader of the County Council regarding the government grant cuts and that the new County Plan was available on the website for comment. Advice was given regarding new rules which would be covered in some of the training sessions.

13/112 Memorial Event to mark World War I

It was **resolved** to write to the District Council and the British Legion to ask what their plans were to commemorate this event before making any plans.

13/113 It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

13/114 Appointment of CDM Co-ordinator 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 J P Gainsford Associates to act as CDM Co-ordinator for Phase 1 of the Pavilion Project.

13/115 Report of Personnel Committee held on 25th September 2013

It was **resolved** to note the report and to agree in principle to discuss the recommended options with the Groundsman.

13/116 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 7th October 2013

Budget 2014-2015

Meeting closed at 9.10pm