

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2018 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Perrett (Chairman), Aldridge, Bennett, Hooper (arrived at 8.40pm during 17/351), Peeks and Vaughan
SCC	Cllr Davies (left at 8.50pm after item 17/351)
WSC	Cllr Aldridge
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Doherty, McDonald, Pearson and Hooper (who would arrive late)
Other	PC Munro

17/329 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

17/330 Apologies as noted above

17/331 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	17/351	Pecuniary, WSC Employee	Informed meeting
Cllr Vaughan	17/354, 17/355,	Personal	Did not vote
Cllr Vaughan	17/340	Personal	Informed meeting

17/332 Co-option of Councillor

The Clerk advised no applications had been received; therefore the notification would be re-advertised.

17/333 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March 2018

After an alternation, it was **resolved** to approve the minutes after a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Aldridge.

17/334 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

17/334.1 (Item 17/306.1) Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station There was no update.

17/334.2 (Item 17/307) Auto Number Plate Recognition – the Clerk advised there had been no response to date from West Somerset Council.

17/334.3 (Item 17/310) It was **resolved** to note that Cllrs McDonald and Pearson had attended the Councillor training.

17/335 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

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

17/336 Report from Somerset County Councillor

At the previous meeting a question had been raised regarding the ownership of buildings when schools became Academies. Cllr Davies had received a response advising yes, the building could go to the academy, but they were still educating our children. Cllr Davies and Aldridge were not pleased with the response; therefore, Cllr Davies would submit the question in writing Cllr Nicholson to receive a written response.

It was **resolved** to note the verbal report, which outlined

- The library consultation period had been extended.
- Press release – ‘Ambitious bid for Government cash to improve local infrastructure had been successful’. Cllr Davies advised the first bid had been successful; the money would be for new highways, schools, cycle routes and flood prevention in Taunton Deane, Sedgemoor and Somerset.
- Companies had received a £3,000.00 fine regarding roadworks offences; this was the second time a fine had been issued.
- Cllr Christine Lawrence had taken the role of Deputy Leader until May.
- Members were advised of temporary evening roadworks taking place. Cllr Aldridge commented on the extent of the diversions and requested this was mentioned at the Panel Meeting.

17/337 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward

Cllr Aldridge advised:

- Exmoor Young Voices – he attends to hear their views as Williton is the service area.
- On 19th March two simultaneous meetings of Taunton Deane Council and West Somerset Council regarding a final decision on the proposed amalgamation took place at Oake Manor in separate rooms. It was advised Cllr Woods had voted against the amalgamation. Cllr Aldridge advised he was still concerned wrong information had been advised regarding finance.
- Cllr Aldridge is now on the Parking Task and Finish Group as he is trying to obtain information on how money collected from car parks is used in the District.
- Toilets – there are none in Williton, but there are toilets in Taunton – Cllr Aldridge will question the new authority regarding re-instating them in this area.
- Planning applications for equestrian use - applications have to be submitted for a change of use from agricultural land to equestrian as the horses cannot be kept on agricultural land.

Cllr Vaughan asked if Taunton Deane as part of the new authority were aware part of their responsibility will be the coastal erosion and harbour. Cllr Aldridge was unsure.

Cllr Perrett raised the question who was responsible for coastal erosion regarding the current problems at Blue Anchor. Cllr Peeks advised West Somerset could give advice as a coastal authority, but do not do the work. This erosion concern extended to Doniford Car Park.

Cllr Peeks asked why the meetings were held at Oake Manor and asked if all Councillors were fed and why were the respective chambers not used; Cllr Aldridge replied yes everyone was fed. Cllr Aldridge requested it put on record he does not understand why so much money was wasted; his concern was that Councillors would probably start claiming for travel expenses. Cllr Davies said the paper had reported the Taunton Deane decision was unanimous – however this was incorrect, Taunton voted 26 for, 22 against and 3 abstained. In West Somerset 2 abstained. There was no consultation in West Somerset. Cllr Vaughan asked where the new authority would be based; it was suspected Taunton Deane due to the amount of money that had been spent on recent refurbishment.

17/338 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

- Williton Window – It was **resolved** to ask Cllr Doherty to write the next article.
- Cllr Aldridge had advised the Clerk he was unable to attend the Flood Warden Meeting, it was **resolved** to forward the email to all Councillors to request a volunteer to attend in his absence.
- The next Community Forum meeting would be held on 17th May 2018.
- Nominations were requested for the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards, members were asked to advise the Clerk with suggestions.
- Temporary road closures were advised, highlighted during Cllr Davies report, at Washford, Bilbrook and Watchet.

17/339 Correspondence

17/339.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log. Cllr Peeks advised any correspondence regarding Planning in West Somerset would originate from West Somerset Council and not from Taunton Deane Borough Council as indicated by the email address.

17/389.2 It was **resolved** to note the correspondence from Ian Liddell-Grainger MP. The Clerk advised she had as requested invited Mr Liddell-Grainger MP to attend the Parish Assembly, but had not received a reply to date.

17/389.3 It was **resolved** to note the notification that had been received regarding the proposed new Council Warding Pattern.

17/389.4 It was unanimously **resolved** to reply with the reasons why West Somerset Council had closed the public toilets and the cost implications that would have been incurred if the Parish Council had agreed to take them on.

17/340 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 12th March 2018

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

17/340.1 (Item 17/146.3B) A proposed revised plan for Doniford Crossing had been received by SCC which had been discussed at the meeting. Further information had come to light that the residents had not been re-surveyed, therefore, after a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Bennett, it was unanimously **resolved** to submit a proposed letter to SCC Highways and upon their agreement to circulate the letter to residents for comments.

Cllr Vaughan queried the extent of the yellow lines proposed for outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court. Cllr Peeks confirmed the committee had asked for the lines to be extended.

17/341 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 19th March 2018

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

17/341.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 28th February 2018.

17/342 Report from Events Sub Committee held on 12th March 2018

It was **resolved** to note the report. Costings, including the film night, would need consideration.

17/343 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 £
31 March 2018	Amazon 4525 H&S	3162	Carbon Monoxide	19.29		0.00
31 March 2018	Lyreco UK Ltd 4505 Printing & Stationery	3163	131068	51.79		8.63
31 March 2018	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3164	3815	12.00		2.00
31 March 2018	Jamie Williams 4540 Maintenance of building	3165	190	210.00		0.00
03 April 2018	Safety Synergy 4815 Consultants/H&S	3166	10718	80.00		0.00

17/344 Health and Safety

17/344.1 The Clerk confirmed the Carbon Monoxide detector had been ordered.

17/345 (Item 17/317) Community Bus Service – Doniford to Williton & Employment Hub

Cllr Aldridge advised he was experiencing difficulty in obtaining firm prices, but would report back at the June meeting.

17/346 Regional Youth Council – there had been no update. It was **resolved** Cllr Vaughan would contact Cllr Burnett regarding the presentation to the school.

17/347 Doniford Car Park

17/347.1 After a proposal from Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, it was **resolved** to write to the occupier of Queen Been Bungalow to advise of the closure, then to install a metal gate after consultation. It was further **resolved** the owner of the land could request a key to gain access when required.

17/348 Annual Parish Assembly

The date for the assembly would be Wednesday 25th April, 7pm at Danesfield School.

17/349 Report from Wyndham Charity Meeting

It was **resolved** to note the report that had been previously forwarded. Cllr Perrett would suggest an article was placed in the Williton Window giving details of the charity and contact details. It was **resolved** to offer a link to the Parish Council website.

17/350 Report from West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum held on 6th March 2018

Due to the absence of Cllr Burnett, it was **resolved** to defer this item.

17/351 Purchase of Toilet Block

(Cllr Hooper arrived during this item)

It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to West Somerset Council to enquire if they would be interested in re-negotiations of the asset.

17/352 E Car Club

It was **resolved** to investigate the costs of installing charging points on three car parking spaces outside the Parish Office. Cllr Perrett would advise contact details; Cllr Pilkington would also be approached for contacts.

17/353 After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, it was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting

17/354 Report from Personnel Meeting held on 20th March 2018

Please refer to the Confidential minutes attached.

17/355 Report from Appeals Panel

Cllr Aldridge advised a meeting had been held and agreement had been received from the Deputy Clerk to move forward using ACAS procedure.

A verbal report was given. It was noted a further meeting would be held on the 9th April 2018.

17/356 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th May 2018, Parish Office

Election of Officers and Representatives

Report from Annual Parish Assembly

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Dated