

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees:

Councillors	Perrett (Chairman), Aldridge, Bennett, Burnett, Hooper, Pearson, Peeks (left after item 18/94 at 9.07pm) and Vaughan
SCC	Cllr H Davies (left after item 18/85 at 8.35pm)
WSC	Cllr I Aldridge
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	PC Munro
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Cllrs Doherty, Howes and McDonald
Other	None

Before the start of the meeting there was a presentation from Working Wetland Catchment Project Manager on the Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project. The aims were explained on trying to improve flooding issues by introducing projects upstream such as leaky dams, tree planting and restoring wildlife habitat. The Parish Council were asked to spread the word to different areas and villages.

Before the commencement of the meeting, Village Agent, Izzy Silvester, spoke in the public participation session regarding agenda item 18/94, the Talking Café in Williton, and enquired if the Parish Council would consider funding the Talking Café on a weekly basis in the Pavilion, when available.

18/71 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

18/72 Apologies as noted above

18/73 Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Peeks	18/97	Pecuniary	Informed meeting

18/74 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th June 2018

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

18/75 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 14th June 2018

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

18/76 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

18/76.1 (Item 18/44.1) Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station An invitation had been forwarded to attend a Summer Reception on 3rd July 2018.

18/76.2 (Item 18/44.4) Food Bank Donation Point – Cllr Pearson advised she had attended the meeting. The Parish Office is now a collection point, this will be advertised in the Williton Window and a display will be put in the Parish Office window.

18/77 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

It was **resolved** to note the verbal report and the crime statistics that were now specific to Williton. PC Munro advised the Police would not be relocating to the West Somerset District Offices and would stay at Williton Police Station, for the next two years and confirmed that Williton was operationally favoured in West Somerset due to its central location.

18/77.1 Auto Number Plate Recognition – Sites had been identified as to where the ANPR would be best sited. Testing issues had arisen – Somerset County Council had requested the cameras were tested every three months; where as in other force areas the cameras were tested every six to eight years – this had great cost implications; it would increase from approx. £12,000 per 8 years to £12,000 per year, essentially an increase of approx. £80,000. The issue was being escalated internally.

18/78 Report from Somerset County Councillor

- Leaflets were distributed regarding 'Have your say on Improving Lives' and 'Reshaping Operations at South Western Ambulance Service' advising the trust was moving away from a Divisional model to a County based model.
- The Northern Inner Distributor Road had been renamed Trenchard Way in memory of Hugh Trenchard who founded the Royal Air Force.
- The Library services consultation had finished, further details would be received after it had been discussed at the next Scrutiny Committee Meeting.
- Water bottles could be refilled for free at Somerset County Council offices in Taunton.

18/79 Report from West Somerset District Councillors – Williton Ward

Cllr Aldridge was pleased to hear from PC Munro that Williton was viewed as central to the police operations in West Somerset and that they would be staying in Williton. Cllr Aldridge advised he had attended the recent presentation and part of the meeting at Washford Village Hall regarding the proposed Solar Panel Development. Cllr Davies advised national grid were erecting a new sub-station at Shurton; but not in our immediate area. A discussion took place regarding the storage of extra electricity. Cllr Perrett expressed concern regarding possible flooding issues at Solar Panel developments due to water run-off. Cllr Davies reported he had received a letter regarding an increase in the cost to hire the Parish rooms – Cllr Davies was advised this was incorrect and would be discussed under item 18/81.2.

18/80 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

- Williton Window – It was **resolved** Cllr Pearson would write the next article.
- Road closure from the 3rd September at Monksilver. Details had been forwarded.

18/81 Correspondence

18/81.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log

18/81.2 A letter had been received from Williton Community Market Committee advising they would cancel their booking of the Parish Rooms due to an 'increased hire rate'. Cllrs acknowledged this statement was incorrect and that the hire charges per room had not increased, in fact, the cost of the kitchen had decreased and for long standing hirers, a 10% discount had been introduced. It was explained that after a review of the Williton Community Market booking, it had transpired that they were being charged incorrectly, (for only two hours and only one room) and not for the 3-4 hours, both rooms and the kitchen that were being used. It was **resolved** Cllr Perrett would write a reply to the Committee and West Somerset Free Press confirming the charges had not increased.

18/82 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 11th June 2018

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

18/83 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 18th June 2018

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

18/83.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 31st May 2018.

18/84 Report from Events Sub Committee held on 2nd July 2018

It was **resolved** to note the verbal report given by Cllr Aldridge. There had been a low response regarding the parade on Armistice Day; a band was trying to be sought to lead the parade. The committee would request the use of the Pavilion for the Christmas Festival; a budget to include the hire charge would be presented to Full Council. It was **resolved** to note the next meeting would be held on 17th September 2018 at 2pm.

18/84.1 After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Vaughan it was **resolved** to obtain prices for the repair to the Beacon to enable the lighting on the evening on Armistice Day. The costs would be forwarded to the Trustees. Cllr Bennett advised careful consideration would need to be given to the lighting from a health and safety prospective.

18/85 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee - None

18/86 Health and Safety

18/86.1 A volunteer would attend a First Aid training course on Friday 6th July. Extra items required for the first aid kit had been ordered.

18/87 Report from West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum meeting held on 13th June 2018

It was **resolved** to note the verbal report of the meeting from Cllr Burnett.

18/88 Grant Application

18/88.1 A completed Grant Application form had been received from Musgrove MRI Campaign and they had applied for a grant of £1,000.00. Cllr Vaughan proposed a grant of £500.00; this was seconded by Cllr Pearson. An amendment was proposed by Cllr Bennett to grant a sum of £1,000.00; this was seconded by Cllr Aldridge. A further amendment was proposed by Cllr Hooper for the sum of £750.00, with no seconder a vote was taken on the first amendment, to donate £1,000.00, six votes in favour with two abstentions. The vote replaced the previous motion as substantive motion. As no further amendment was proposed a vote was taken on the substantive motion to grant the sum of £1,000.00 to the Musgrove MRI Campaign, which was passed with six votes in favour and two abstentions.

18/89 Regional Youth Council and Williton Youth Club

18/89.1 The charges had been received from WWMRG Charity regarding the cost for hiring the Pavilion and were discussed. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to fund the Williton Youth Club sessions in the Pavilion from 1st December 2018 to 31st March 2019 at a cost of £25.00 per session, as it would be for the benefit parishioners.

18/90 SASP – Active Spaces

18/90.1 The charges had been received from WWMRG Charity regarding the cost for hiring the Memorial Ground and were discussed. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was **resolved** with one abstention, to fund SASP Active Spaces to use the Memorial Ground for a period of 25 weeks to be used by the 31st March 2019 at a cost of £30.00 per week which would cover three one-hour sessions per week, as it would be for the benefit parishioners.

18/91 Get Set

18/91.1 A Grant Application had been received from GetSet, Williton Children's Centre, to fund the cost of hiring the Memorial Ground and Changing Rooms on 30th July 2018, the cost for the session would be £60.00. After a proposal from Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Pearson, it was unanimously **resolved** to award a grant of £60.00 to cover the hiring fee, as it would be for the benefit parishioners.

18/92 E Car Club - There had been no further update.

18/93 After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, it was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

18/94 To consider funding for group to use Pavilion

Members discussed the request from the Village Agent to fund a Talking Café in the Pavilion. To enable a 3 hour session booking, including the use of the kitchen, the cost would be £45.00 per week; times and usage would be confirmed. After a proposal from Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, it was **resolved** with one abstention, to fund the Talking Café from December 2018 until the 31st March 2019 to a maximum of £45.00 per week. *(Cllr Peeks left after this item at 9.07pm)*

18/95 To consider position of Office Cleaner

The Clerk reported there had been interest from one party regarding the position of Office Cleaner on a self-employed basis. A copy of their public liability insurance had been received and they charged £12.00 per hour. After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Pearson, it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the quotation.

18/96 (Item 18/91) Bellamy's Corner

The Clerk advised confirmation had been received advising the ownership of the walls to the west and south boundary belonged to the neighbouring properties. The wall on the highway boundary would be transferred with the property. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to proceed with the purchase for the price of £1.00 and to pay Somerset County Councils legal costs associated with the purchase.

18/97 (Item 18/92) Purchase of Toilet Block

It was **resolved** Cllrs Aldridge and Vaughan would review and report back to the next Full Council meeting. The Clerk would forward a copy of the lease received from West Somerset Council.

18/98 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 6th August 2018, Parish Office

Cllr Aldridge tendered his apologies.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm