

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2019 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Perrett (Chairman), Aldridge, Howes, Peeks and White
SCC	Cllr Davies
SWAT	Cllrs Aldridge and Davies
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Hooper and Payne, Cllr Whetlor
Other	PCSO Thompson

19/35 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

19/36 Apologies as noted above

19/37 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

19/38 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2019

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Howes; seconded Cllr White.

19/39 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

There were none.

19/40 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

It was **resolved** to note the written report which highlighted ongoing shed break-ins and scam phone calls alleging to be from the Tax Office.

19/41 Report from Somerset County Councillor

- The latest update from Magnox regarding low level waste was given, with a handout. Two planning applications had been submitted – a case officer had been assigned, the applications will then go on public view with a 21 day consultation. On the 5th June, Stogursey Parish Council have a consultation for the general public to attend (Cllr Howes would put the details on social media).
- There was a report on the Standards and Constitution Committee in last week's West Somerset Free Press; where the committee had decided to put forward a motion to change the constitution to hold records for 2 years, the motion was turned down by County. Cllr Davies reported he had opened the debate, which had not been reported in the paper.
- At the May meeting, under item 19/14 it was noted that Cllr Davies is to be appointed to a Special Development Panel – this should have said he had applied for the position.
- Cllr Davies had been contacted with concerns regarding Bellamy's Corner as the dispersal had been advertised in the paper.
- A request to keep informed regarding the public toilets – the Chairman gave a verbal update.
- The Chief Executive had recently attended a meeting in Minehead – if he comes to Williton, Cllr Davies would like to attend.

19/42 Report from Somerset West and Taunton Councillors – Watchet and Williton Ward

- Cllr Aldridge stated the new council was settling down but explained communication was difficult as it had to be through iPads that had been issued.
- Attended one planning meeting so far which started at 1.30pm, still ongoing at 5.30pm when Cllr Aldridge had to leave with 3 applications remaining.
- A request to Council to consider moving the EPC and FAC meeting night to the 3rd Monday in the month due to clash of meetings – this would enable being able to attend Watchet Town Council meetings.
- Concerned about the email regarding the toilets – Cllr Aldridge would ask further questions on why they would be provided in Taunton, but not West Somerset.

19/43 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

- The Clerk advised Essential Councillor Training would take place at the pavilion on the 4th of June.
- Cllr Howes volunteered to write the report for the next edition of Williton Window.
- Hinkley Point C consultation on cooling water update had been forwarded

19/44 Correspondence

- 19/44.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log
- 19/44.2 West Somerset Voluntary Sector Forum, Wednesday 12th June 2019 – Cllr Peeks would attend if not working on the finger posts.
- 19/44.3 Temporary road closure – Fair Cross to Sticklepath – 1st July 2019 – noted.
- 19/44.4 Quantock Hills Advisory Committee meeting – Tuesday 4th June – no Councillors able to attend. Apologies would be sent.
- 19/44.5 A request for a letter of support for St Peters School, applying for funding from (HPC) EDF towards a new outside classroom for special needs/SENCO children had been received. Further details were requested, this would be included in the EPC meeting for decision due to limited timeframe.

19/45 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 20th May 2019

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

19/46 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 20th May 2019

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

- 19/46.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 30th April 2019.

19/47 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 £
03 June 2019	Safety Synergy Ltd 4815 Consultants/H&S	3394	21019	85.00		0.00
03 June 2019	Martin James Consultancy 4815 Consultants/H&S	3395	464	60.00		10.00
03 June 2019	D Bendon 4550 Lenfthsmen/Christmas lighting	3396	33	170.00		0.00
03 June 2019	SALC 6105 Affiliation Fees	3397	19329	728.23		0.00
03 June 2019	Vision Office Technical Services Ltd 4505 Printing, Stationery & Postage	3398	88397	114.00		19.00
03 June 2019	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3399	5732	12.00		0.00
03 June 2019	Sign and Design 4540 Maintenance Chairman's Board	3400	1246	54.00		9.00
03 June 2019	Nadine Ridge 4510 Office Cleaning	3401	23	96.00		0.00

- 19/48 **Williton Parish Council Account Summary for the Financial Year 2018/19** – it was resolved to defer this item due to information awaited regarding valuation for asset register.

- 19/49 **To consider Annual Governance Statement 2018/19** – it was resolved to defer this item due to information awaited regarding valuation for asset register.

- 19/50 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19** – it was resolved to defer this item due to information awaited regarding valuation for asset register.
- 19/51 To sign the Accounting Statements 2018/19** – it was resolved to defer this item due to information awaited regarding valuation for asset register.
- 19/52 Health and Safety**
A meeting needed to be arranged.
- 19/53 Annual Parish Assembly held on 29th May 2019**
There had been very poor attendance. Consideration would be given to next year regarding speakers or possibly incorporating with another event.
- 19/54 Williton Flood Group**
- 19/54.1 Cllr Aldridge gave a verbal report from the meeting held on 8th May 2019. It was noted volunteers not in flood risk areas were needed. An email from West Somerset Flood Group had been received advising a new strategy from Central Government was expected focusing on how to survive after a flood, rather than prevention.
- 19/54.2 A discussion took place on what was needed – the waterways needed to be checked and riparian duties carried out. Cllr Peeks would take photos which would be forwarded to land owners including Wyndham Estat and Magna. Cllr Howes suggested asking dog walkers to report any problems to the office. The next meeting had been set for Wednesday 10th July, 7pm in the Parish Office.
- 19/55 Street Lighting**
There had been no update
- 19/56 Purchase of Toilet Block**
A response had been received from Somerset West and Taunton Council stating:

“The funding of toilets across the new district area will differ by place. As you know WSC ceased their funding of the facilities and therefore there is no funding assigned to these facilities within the budget. Facilities in the old TDBC area were funded by the council and as such I would expect a budget to support this commitment”.
Due to the moving nature of the finances within the restructuring of the Council it isn’t possible to share the specifics of the budget splits with you however please see the link below to the General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Estimates 2019/20 as published on our website”
- Cllr Peeks queried of SWAT was one council, how can they say it is separate budgets? All areas should have the same services and requested the email was forwarded to other parishes in West Somerset.
 - Cllr Aldridge queried who had made the decision? There had not been a full Council meeting as Cllrs only being in place since the beginning of May 2019 so concerned Councillors had not looked at this yet. It was requested to forward our District Councillors. Backed the proposal to forward email to all parishes in West Somerset.
 - Cllr Davies reminded members there were no parishes in the centre of Taunton and the toilets were operated by District Council.
- 19/57** After a proposal from Cllr Peeks, seconded by Cllr Howes, it was **resolved** to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting due to commercial sensitivity.
- 19/58 Doniford Car Park** – Cllr Aldridge advised members he had an informal conversation with the owner and made it clear he was not representing the Parish Council and would not commit the Parish Council to anything. The owner has concerns regarding rights of way. The Parish Council have not given any rights of way. It was resolved to contact SWAT to ask when they put they built the toilets and for a plan showing their right of access.
- 19/59 Bellamys Corner** – Somerset County Council had advertised the dispersal of the land. One parishioner had contacted the office and it was explained the Parish Council hoped to purchase the land for the sum of £1.00 plus legal costs, estimated at £2,000.00.
- 18/60 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st July 2019, Parish Office**
Cllr Howes tendered her apologies
Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed as a true and correct recordCllr Peeks Dated1st July 2019.....