

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.00 pm.  
Due to Covid-19 and following changes to the government rules during this period,  
the meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing

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## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Payne (Chairman), Aldridge, Hooper, Howes, McDonald, Nye, White and Woods
<b>SCC</b>	Cllr Davies (left after item 20/141)
<b>SWAT</b>	Cllrs Aldridge and Davies
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	None
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Michelle Francis
<b>Public</b>	One Member (left after item 20/134)
<b>Other</b>	None

## Apologies:

<b>Councillors</b>	Peeks
<b>SWAT</b>	Cllrs Whetlor
<b>Other</b>	PCSO Thompson

**20/119 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded**

**20/120 Apologies as noted above**

**20/121 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**20/122 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Woods; seconded Cllr McDonald, with two abstentions due to absence.

**20/123 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hooper; seconded Cllr Nye.

**20/124 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hooper; seconded Cllr McDonald, with two abstentions due to absence.

**20/125 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

There were none

**20/126 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

It was resolved to note the report that had been forwarded by email.

**20/127 Report from Somerset County Councillor**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Davies back and the Parish Council were thanked for their kind words during Cllr Davies recent illness. The recent press releases had been forwarded, which included:

- School Admissions – apply now for 2021 school places
- Minehead Library were the closest library offering digital help for jobseekers
- Electric Scooter Experiment Order 2020/2021 – please forward any comments
- Update on Coronavirus – it was noted there was a new case at West Somerset College and Richard Huish College, all were urged to be extra cautious.
- Unitary – updates were awaited regarding One Somerset and Stronger Somerset

Cllr Woods advised she had contacted SCC to ask how scooters were recognised and if they had number plates; although the document came from SCC she was advised it was in fact a District project and therefore had been referred to SWT. Cllr McDonald advised the scooters on the trial did have number plates and if they did not, they were not legal. Cllr Aldridge queried their insurance; Cllr Payne stated if hired through the authorised company they had 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance and were registered.

**20/128 Report from Somerset West and Taunton Councillors**

- Cllr Woods passed on Cllr Whetlor's apologies and had been asked to pass onto members that Cllr Whetlor was working on the Climate Strategy Committee.

Cllr Aldridge advised he had received a reply from the Crime Commissioner confirming contracts had been exchanged and the police station would be located within West Somerset House, with work commencing in October for opening early 2021.

District Council Flood Forum, although not a confirmed name would be how Cllr Aldridge referred to it, advised the Watchet to Blue Anchor road would be protected at the Blue Anchor end and had been allocated £385,000.00 which would be claimed back from the Environment Agency. A further £4m would be sought from County. Work was due to commence this autumn, however, Watchet end had no funding at present.

Cllr Aldridge advised he had attended the District Council presentation on Stronger Somerset, for which he voted in favour as he felt it gave closer contact, with SWAT being joined with Sedgemoor and South Somerset joined with Mendip.

Councillor Aldridge temporarily left the meeting for the next item

## 20/129 To consider the following planning application

Cllr Peeks had produced a document relating to this application, together with the previous comments and this was considered at the meeting.

Application No	Location	Details
3/37/20/021	Former Wansborough Paper Mill, Brendon Road, Watchet, TA23 0AY	Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 350 no. dwellings (C3 use), up to 80 sheltered and assisted living apartments (C2 use); local centre including aparthotel with associated leisure facilities (up to 2650 square metres), business units within use classes B1 and B2 (up to 5000 square metres), visitor interpretation centre/community building, public car park and all associated road, footpath, drainage and engineering works (including an accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment)   Former Wansborough Paper Mill, Brendon Road, Watchet, TA23 0AY

It was **resolved** to submit the comments made in Cllr Peeks report and to reiterate that all applications need to be considered as a whole, as all developments have an impact on Williton roads. Insist that detailed applications are submitted as outline applications can change. To object to the loss of employment space from 8,000 sqm to 5,000 sqm. Ensure that Danesfield School have land put aside for extra classes. Concern was raised again at the roundabout outside the Co-op and how this must not impact deliveries. Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr McDonald, unanimously **resolved**.

Cllr Aldridge re-joined the meeting

## 20/130 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

20/130.1 Williton Window – Cllr McDonald would write the next report for the clerk to submit.

It was **resolved** Cllrs McDonald and Payne would attend the Climate Emergency Online Event, being presented by SALC, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, via zoom.

## 20/131 Correspondence

20/131.1 It was resolved to note the correspondence log

20/131.2 NALC PC12-20 Transparency and Competition: Data and Land Control – no comment

20/131.3 NALC PC10-20 Changes to the current Planning System – It was **resolved** the Chairman and Clerk would write to object and express views as it was felt this would be detrimental to the local environment and take the control and influence away from a local level. Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr Nye, one abstention.

20/131.4 Community Fibre Partnership – a member of the public addressed the meeting explaining how this would benefit local businesses, especially with many people working from home due to covid-19. It was unanimously **resolved** to investigate this proposal further and as a matter of urgency.

20/131.5 A letter had been received from Somerset Wildlife Trust asking for support for their application to the SCC Climate Fund. It was resolved to respond to confirm support. Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr McDonald, one abstention.

20/131.6 One Somerset consultation and online survey was now live. Noted.

20/131.7 One Somerset had forwarded an invitation to attend a virtual meeting. Any Councillor who wished to attend would advise the Clerk; it was noted Cllr McDonald had already registered his attendance.

20/131.8 Somerset Climate Emergency Fund – to consider possibilities of projects that could be applied for (Cllr Aldridge) This would be discussed under item 20/137.

20/131.9 Life for a Life, Memorial Forests information had been received. Noted.

**20/132 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

It was resolved to note the report.

**20/133 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

It was resolved to note the report.

20/133.1 It was resolved to note the provisions as at 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

**20/134 To receive accounts for payment**

It was unanimously **resolved** to pay the following invoices. Proposed Cllr Howes, seconded Cllr McDonald with one abstention.

Date	Details	Cheque No	Invoice No	Total Bank £	Cash	VAT £
05/10/2020	Ross Cox Plumbing and Heating Ltd 6635 Youth Provision	3658	4394	84.00		14.00
05/10/2020	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 6035 Playground Maintenance	3659	137834	111.91		18.65
05/10/2020	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 6725 Sustainable Verges	3660	137830	360.00		60.00
05/10/2020	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3661	8225	12		2.00
05/10/2020	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4560 SCC Ground Maintenance	3662	138849	184.00		30.67
05/10/2020	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4555 WPC Ground Maintenance	3663	138850	842.33		140.39
05/10/2020	Lyreco UK Ltd 4505 Stationery, 4510 Cleaning, 4105	3664	6410278767	360.36		60.06

**20/135 Events Committee**

After a discussion it was unanimously **resolved** to proceed with the Christmas Trees, using a larger tree as it was felt they were too small last year, Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Hooper. Cllr Howes would investigate a pony and trap to enable Father Christmas to travel around the village, with bags of sweets to pass out to children en-route. It was suggested to have a candlelight procession around the Memorial Ground. All activities would be subject to the latest Covid-19 advise and within the set budget; Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr Hooper and unanimously **resolved**.

**20/136 Health and Safety**

Cllr Payne advised the cradle seats, purchased last year, had damage and had been replaced free of charge from the supplier, Wickstead. After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Howes, it was unanimously **resolved** to have these seats reinstated and to purchase a fourth cradle seat that had not been replaced last year but which now needed to be replaced. A sign would be erected stating 'Under 5's only'

**20/137 Safer Highstreet Allocation Funding**

Cllr Aldridge had been advised funds had been allocated for Williton and hoped this would fund the public conveniences and more free parking spaces, as requested by local businesses. Electric charging points would be considered. It was resolved Cllrs Aldridge, Nye and Woods would form a working party and would investigate the options further for report back to Full Council.

**20/138 Williton Helpline during Covid-19 pandemic**

A verbal report was given by Cllr Payne and Nye. A financial report had been circulated and was noted.

**20/139 Defibrillator**

All members agreed it would be preferable to have the defibrillator installed on the Parish Office.

- 20/140 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, via Zoom**
- 20/141** After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.
- 20/142 To consider Recommendations from Finance and Administration Committee**
- Replacement of Boiler – After a proposal from Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was unanimously **resolved** to purchase a Worcester 2000 boiler at a cost of £1,500.00 with 6-year parts and labour guarantee to replace the office boiler.
- Working from Home Allowance – It was **resolved** to agree with the recommendation, proposed by Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Nye, six in favour, one against.
- Health and Safety Consultant – It was **resolved** to agree with the recommendation to contract CLP Safety and Training Ltd as consultants. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Howes, unanimously **resolved**.
- NALC National Salary Award – It was resolved to agree with the recommendation of award, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Proposed Cllr McDonald, second by Cllr Howes, unanimously **resolved**.
- Leased Office – Cllr Payne gave a verbal report. Talking Newspapers would be advised to apply for a grant. Proposed Cllr Howes, seconded Cllr Nye, unanimously **resolved**.
- 20/143 Public Conveniences**
- This had been discussed under item 20/137.

Meeting closed at 9.01 pm

Signed as a true and correct record ..... Cllr Payne ..... Dated ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 .....