

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 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

Attendees:

Councillors	Payne (Chairman), Aldridge, Denton, Hooper, Howes, Johnson, McDonald, Stanford, White and Woods
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	Peaks
District & County Cllrs	SWT Cllr Whetlor
Other	None

20/230 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded

20/231 Apologies as noted above

20/232 Declarations of Interest

There were none

20/233 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021

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

20/234 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only. - There were none.

20/234.1 (Item 20/220) Williton Surgery had declined the use of the pavilion for covid-19 vaccinations at the present time

20/235 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary – No report had been received.

20/236 Report from Somerset County Councillor

- SCC gritting teams covered more than 20,000km and spent over 970 hours on the County's road during the festive period.
- New road another key milestone for Junction 25. Opened Sunday 17th January 2021. A multi-million project to upgrade Taunton's M5 Junction 25 has taken a big step forward with the opening of an important new link serving the town and motorway.
- Update on Venue's for Coronavirus testing facility in Somerset; Chard, Taunton Racecourse, Bridgwater Town Hall, Cheddar, Street, Frome Cricket Club, Yeovil, Yeovilton. If you need help a single phone number is available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support from their Councils. HELPLINE number 0300 790 6275, open seven days a week 8am to 6pm. Offering a range of support - accessing food or medicines, to emotional and financial support, and employment, skills and business advice.
- Please DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD ONCE VACCINATED. It's vitally important that people who have had the jab CONTINUE to remember HANDS FACE SPACE.
- Somerset Waste Partnership. Early collections from this week Monday 1st February 2021. Collections will start at 6a.m. rather than 7a.m. Will reduce contact between team bubbles as crews have staggered starts over a longer time. It will also allow them a head start on work that may take longer if staff are absent.
- HPC Workforce update Zoom briefing Thursday 28th January 2021. The impact of the workforce numbers to 8,000 plus this will bring further pressure in our area. Cllr Davies had written to senior officers at SCC seeking information on possible mitigation; the reply received was people participate in the virtual drop events. EDF are organising and have been requested that the events are advertised as widely as possible, due to commence from Monday 8th February 2021. Also, the joint Councils are working with EDF to gain a full picture of what the proposals entail.

Action : This would be added to the FAC agenda

Cllr Aldridge asked what percentage of workers at HPC will be from Britain and how many from abroad; Cllr Hughes will investigate.

Cllr Aldridge expressed disappointment in not being able to contact officers in Highways and requested assistance from Cllr Davies in order to progress the SID project.

Cllr Woods requested assistance from SCC in cutting back the vegetation at Aller Meade – Cllr Davies advised this would be a District Council matter and that District Cllrs would check planning conditions.

20/237 Report from Somerset West and Taunton Councillors

Cllr Aldridge reported on two recent meetings he had attended. One being planning, with no issue for this ward. The other Full Council where the budget was approved; Cllr Aldridge had abstained in the vote as he did not agree with how money was raised by way of buying commercial property and using the income from this to pay for services. Any queries, please contact him via the website “councillor4wwsb.com”

20/238 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

20/238.1 Williton Window – It was noted Cllr Nye would write the next report.

The training courses had been fully booked; it was noted the Clerk would book the courses when they were next available.

20/239 Correspondence

20/239.1 It was resolved to note the correspondence log

20/239.2 A letter of thanks from Williton Window for their financial support had been received - noted

20/239.3 SWT Street Trading Consultations – notice received that Parish Council will not be consulted on future applications - noted

20/239.4 A letter had been received from Stogursey Parish Council regarding SWT Policy on S106 and Country Planning Act 1990 and their request to make it less restrictive and the same as CIL. After a discussion it was resolved not to support but to reply advising what projects the Parish had been successful in obtaining S106 funding for. **Action: Clerk**

20/239.5 SALC – Data Layers Wish List survey – Cllr Woods advised she had completed the survey.

20/240 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee

It was resolved to note the report.

20/240.1 (Item 20/119B) Recommendation to award WPC and SCC Ground Maintenance 2021/22 contract – this was discussed under item 20/252.

20/240.2 (Item 20/120B) Recommendation to award Weed Spraying 2021/22 contract – this was discussed under item 20/253.

20/241 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee

It was resolved to note the report.

20/241.1 It was resolved to note the provisions as at 31st December 2020

20/241.2 (Item 20/72.3A) After a proposal from Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Hooper, it was **resolved** with one abstention, to remove the Street Lighting allocation from the provisions. **Action: Clerk**

20/242 To receive accounts for payment

It was **resolved** to pay the following invoices. Proposed Cllr Denton, seconded Cllr Howes – carried.

Date	Details	Cheque No	Invoice No	Total Bank £	Cash	VAT £
01/02/2021	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3723	8948	12.00		2.00
01/02/2021	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4555 WPC Ground Maintenance	3724	157573	842.33		140.39
01/02/2021	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4560 SCC Ground Maintenance	3725	157572	184.00		30.67

20/243 Health and Safety

Cllr Payne advised a zoom meeting with the consultant had been held.

- 20/224 Youth Council**
- Cllr McDonald advised there had been no further update due to the school being closed due to National lockdown. It was noted this would be removed from the agenda until April 2020 to allow time for communication with the school. **Action: Cllr McDonald**
- 20/245 Defibrillator**
- Confirmation had been received that Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany would be happy to fund the whole amount, on the understanding a plaque in memory of Bethany is erected; this had previously been agreed. Questions had been asked;
- If CCTV would be installed? This was being investigated, but there had been no decision yet.
 - After the 5 years, who would meet the cost of maintaining the equipment? It was resolved to reply that the Parish Council can only urge future Councillors to follow the current example but that it cannot commit future administration; however, as the Defibrillator would be a gift to the Parish Council, there would be no future responsibility from the Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany Charity.
- The full Charities name Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany would be used in any report or correspondence.
- 20/246 Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 28th April 2021**
- It was agreed this would be held via zoom unless restrictions had been lifted to enable a physical meeting. Members were asked to consider who could be asked to speak at the meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- 20/247 Report from Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee held on 26th January 2021**
- It was resolved to note the report that had been forwarded.
- 20/248 Report from HPC Community Forum held on 21st January 2021**
- It was resolved to note the report that had been forwarded.
- 20/249 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st March 2021, via Zoom**
- Community Fibre Partnership
- 20/250** After a proposal from Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Howes, it was unanimously **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.
- 20/251 Safer Highstreet Allocation Funding to include Public Conveniences**
- A reply had been received from SWT Council late this afternoon regarding the Grant Application. The lease proposal of the Public Conveniences would follow if the grant application was successful. It was noted a sub group would need to be formed with two independent traders and one District Council elected member. It was resolved to hold an extra ordinary meeting, via zoom, on Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7pm, to enable members to consider the document. A letter would be sent to all High Street businesses inviting them to attend with a view to sitting on the sub group.
- 20/252 Leased Office**
- There had been no update
- 20/253 Personnel Committee**
- Clerks hours – After a discussion, it was unanimously **resolved** to continue the Clerk at 31 hours per week on a rolling programme whilst training the new assistant took place. Proposed Cllr Aldridge, seconded Cllr Hooper.
- 20/254 To consider recommendation from EPC on which company should be awarded the WPC and SCC Grounds Maintenance contract 2021-2022**
- After a proposal from Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Stanford, it was unanimously **resolved** to award the Williton Parish Council and Somerset County Council Ground Maintenance contract to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance for the 2021-2022 period. **Action: Clerk**
- To consider recommendation from EPC on which company should be awarded the Weed Spraying contract 2021-2022**
- After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Howes, it was unanimously **resolved** to award the Weed Spraying contract to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance for the 2021-2022 period. **Action: Clerk**

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Payne Dated 1st March 2021