

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd August 2021 at 7.00 pm
At St Peters Church, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Payne (Chairman), Aldridge, Hooper, Howes, Johnson, Naylor, Nye and White
SCC	None
SWT District	Cllrs Aldridge
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Cook, Denton, Peeks, SWT Cllr Whetlor, SCC Cllr Davies
Other	PCSO Thompson

21/111 It was advised that the meeting would be recorded.

21/112 **Apologies as noted above**

21/113 **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Payne	21/112.6 and 21/126	Personal	Informed meeting and did not vote
Cllr Howes	21/126	Personal	Did not vote

21/114 **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th July 2021**

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

21/115 **Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 12th July 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr White, one abstention.

21/116 **Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 19th July 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr White, two abstentions.

21/117 **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

21/117.1 (Item 21/44) Welcome Back Fund – Cllr Aldridge gave a verbal update. It was noted the grant money had been received.

21/117.2 (Item 21/97) The Defibrillator had been ordered

21/117.3 (Item 21/82) Avon and Somerset Constabulary would attend Williton Fete to carry out Bike Marking

21/117.4 (Item 21/83) Confirmation had been received from Williton Fire Station that five firefighters could be affected by the closure of Doniford Road.

21/117.5 (Item 21/96) Somerset West and Taunton District Council offices in Killick Way had re-opened for appointment only and a new sign had been erected on the outside of the building.

21/118 **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

It was **resolved** to note the report that had been forwarded. A Police and Crime Plan Priorities 2021-2025 Consultation Survey was currently being undertaken.

21/119 **Report from Somerset County Councillor**

It was **resolved** to note the report and press releases that had been forwarded.

Cllr Aldridge advised he had received a video of problems regarding seagulls at Williton Industrial Estate due to food waste not being covered; a planning application was pending; Cllr Aldridge would ask what conditions would be imposed to alleviate the problem.

21/120 Report from Somerset West and Taunton District Councillors

Cllr Aldridge advised the Secretary of State had made the decision to accept the One Somerset Unitary proposal and queried what effect this would have with extra work put on the Town and Parish Councils. A shadow authority would be set up in due course.

21/121 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

Cllr Johnson would write the next article for Williton Window.

The Chairman advised the Clerk would be taking leave during August and would be available on Monday's and Thursday morning.

Notification had been received from Somerset Waste Partnership that garden waste collections would be suspended for six weeks from Monday 2nd August 2021.

21/122 Correspondence

21/122.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log

21/122.2 A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Stanford.

21/122.3 A letter had been received from WWMRG Charity requesting the Parish Council consider the purchase of BOSCH wireless and wired speakers for use during meetings. A discussion took place where it was suggested SWT Council be approached to ask if it would be possible to have their old system. Cllr Hooper proposed if this was not possible, to proceed with the purchase of the battery speakers, seconded by Cllr Howes, 2 votes in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions. Motion failed. Cllr Aldridge proposed SWT Council were approached to obtain their system, seconded Cllr Naylor, unanimously **resolved**. **Action - Clerk**

21/122.4 The Secretary of State for Local Government had announced that the proposal for a single unitary authority, One Somerset, had been chosen as the future structure for local government in Somerset. The clerk would attend the local community networks and report back to members. A note would be made of the hours spent on the unitary proposal.

21/122.5 Somerset Bus Back Better – members felt the current service was inadequate and did not serve the community well. The Clerk would submit the comments via the stakeholder feedback form.

21/122.6 A letter of thanks had been received from Williton Allotments for the grant and confirming the money had been put towards replacement equipment

21/122.7 Notification had been received from WWMRG advising their EOI for S106 funding had been unsuccessful and advising it would be resubmitted – noted.

21/122.8 A request for marshals had been received from Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance – Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge – Sunday 5th September. Cllr Howes would advertise the request on social media.

21/123 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 19th July 2021

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

21/124 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 12th July 2021

It was **resolved** to note the report

21/124.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 30th June 2021.

21/125 Report from the Events Committee held on 14th July 2021

It was **resolved** to note the report. Cllr Howes asked members to visit businesses and request donations for the raffle – a list would be forwarded on who to approach. Volunteers still required.

21/126 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

It was **resolved** to pay the following invoices. Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Aldridge, two abstentions.

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	Cash £	VAT £
02 August 2021	Lyreco UK Ltd 4505 Printing and Stationery	3797	6240254079	76.16		12.69
02 August 2021	SLCC 6105 Affiliation Fees	3798	MEM235774	208.00		0.00
02 August 2021	Somerset CC Pension Deficit 4220 Pension	3799	61015197	83.00		0.00
02 August 2021	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3800	9712	12.00		2.00

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02 August 2021	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3800	9868	12.00		2.00
02 August 2021	Cllr Payne 4105 Equipment	3801	80	45.00		7.50
02 August 2021	Nadine Ridge 4510 Office Cleaning	3802	55	84.00		0.00
02 August 2021	Cllr Howes	3803	Tape	64.72		0.00

21/127 Planning Applications for consideration
Cllr Aldridge left the meeting at 19.56 before the start of this item

Application No	Location	Details	Comment
3/39/21/022	5 Catwell, Williton, TA4 4PF	Replacement of detached garage	No objection
3/39/20/003	Land to the west of Williton, off Priest Street, Williton	Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of up to 350 dwellings (comprising a mix of dwelling sizes and types and affordable housing), approximately 1,000 sqm of flexible uses within Use class E (limited offices, R&D and light industrial), vehicle access, public open space, sports and recreational facilities, footpaths, cycle ways, enhancements to the Barrows scheduled monument including information boards, landscaping and associated works	Williton Parish Council OBJECTS to the above application for reasons listed in their previous response submitted on 10 th March 2020. (A Copy would be attached) 1)The objection Williton Parish Council submitted last year remains valid In addition:- 1) whilst it is pleasing to see more cycle lanes, it is concerning that they do not directly go to the centre of the village. This also appears to be a problem with footpaths having no direct link to the centre of the village. No link to the Giddon's supermarket application. 2) The Parish Council are extremely concerned that there appears to be insufficient / inadequate traffic plan with consideration of all of the current proposed developments within the area. 3) It would appear that the roundabout cannot be relied upon as is within the plans of another development – no guarantee their mitigation would be fulfilled. 4) Concern regarding the viability of the High Street, with more business being taken away from the centre of the village. 5) Request for a vehicular link to Five Bells to ease congestion on the A39. 6) The proposed bus stop could cause the road to become blocked if busses arrive at the same time, either side of the road – this would cause extreme congestion.

Cllr Aldridge returned to the meeting at 20:11

21/128 Health and Safety

The reported a limb which had broken on a tree in the Memorial Ground, had been removed. Further work was required, which was being undertaken by WWMRG, the area was currently fenced off - Cllr Howes reported the fencing poles had been bent.

21/129 Report from JAC Meeting held on 20th July 2021

It was **resolved** note the report forwarded from Cllr Payne

21/130 Report from public consultation on the draft Districtwide Design Guide and the draft Taunton Garden Town Public Realm Design Guide

Cllr Naylor had forwarded notes from the meeting, a physical copy for the office would be requested. Cllr Naylor reported the aim was for the document to be passed at SWT District, before the new authority came into place.

21/131 Report from Transport Forum held on 22nd July 2021

Cllr Naylor had been unable to attend due to previous appointment. Cllr Naylor had received a report which would be forwarded to members.

- 21/132 Somerset West and Taunton Council – Proposed Lease for Letting of Former Public Conveniences and Store at Killick Way, Williton.**
- 21/132.1 Confirmation had been received from Maitland Walker that the signed lease had been forwarded to Somerset West and Taunton Council solicitors. Confirmation had been requested that the electricity supply had been separated from the car park supply, a reply was awaited. Notification had been received from SWT council that the keys could be collected from West Somerset House. Members agreed the keys could be collected before confirmation regarding the electricity supply had been received.
- 21/133 Emergency Town Centre Recovery Fund**
- 21/133.1 It was **resolved** to note the report. Cllr Aldridge had delivered the letters. A meeting had been scheduled for the 9th August 2021 and businesses had been invited to attend.
- 21/134 Climate Fund Grant Award – Wildflower Project**
- 21/134.1 It was noted that the grant funding monies had been received. Cllr Johnson was currently requesting refreshed quotations. Cllr Howes volunteered to assist, after the Fete.
- 21/135 Youth Council**
- No update due to absence of Cllr Denton
- 21/136 Proposed Constituency Boundary Changes**
- A discussion took place and comments made, which the Clerk would submit after the meeting to meet the deadline of 12pm that evening.
- 21/137 Speed Watch and Speed Indicator Device**
- 21/137.1 A recommendation had been received from EPC to accept the quotation from Elan City for the SID device, with the provision of training and for a decision upon the use of poles. After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr White, it was **resolved** with 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions, to proceed with the purchase of the SID device. A training course would need further discussion, as to whether it should be a contractor. This would be referred back to EPC to make a further recommendation.
- 21/137.2 Cllr Johnson reported the minimum requirement for Speed Watch volunteers had now been received, all had been contacted and requested to register with the Police. PCSO Thompson would now be able to provide group training.
- 21/138 To receive a proposal on the Future Use of Parish Offices**
- After a Personnel Meeting, Cllr White had produced a document with three options, for the use of the offices which had been forwarded to members before the meeting. A discussion took place. After a proposal from Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Aldridge, it was **resolved** with one abstention to accept Option 2,
- 21/139 Update on recruitment of new personnel**
- The Clerk had earlier that day received agreement from the Personnel Committee to continue with the advertisements focusing on Customer Care Skills rather than Hospitality for the Memorial Ground position.
- 21/140 Williton Coronavirus Help Line**
- A recommendation had been received from the Help Group to close the helpline and re-start if the need arose, this was based upon the infrequent calls and that the website had closed after 12 months. Mr Morgan had written a report which would be submitted to the next edition of the Williton Window. It was **resolved** the remaining funds would be held in the provisions and ring-fenced. The Chairman thanked all members of the Help Group and volunteers who had supported the community throughout the pandemic.
- 21/141 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 4th October 2021**
- Flagpole

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Payne Dated 4th October 2021