

# WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00 pm  
in The Brendon Room, Williton Pavilion.**

## Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>	Payne (Chairman), Aldridge, Hooper, Johnson, Naylor, Nye, Peeks, and White
<b>SCC</b>	None
<b>SWT District</b>	Cllrs Aldridge
<b>Avon and Somerset Constabulary</b>	None
<b>Press</b>	None
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs Michelle Francis
<b>Public</b>	8 Members (left after item 21/255)
<b>Other</b>	None

## Apologies:

<b>Councillors</b>	Cook, Denton, Howes, SCC/SWT Davies, SWT Whetlor
<b>Other</b>	None

Before the start of the meeting 4 members of the public spoke regarding planning application 3/39/21/028 and 2 letters were read out by the Chairman. 1 member of the public spoke regarding the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**21/239** It was advised that the meeting would be recorded.

**21/240** **Apologies as noted above**

**21/241** **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
All Councillors present	21/253	Personal	Dispensation Granted
Cllr Aldridge	21/255	Personal	Left Meeting

**21/242** **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting, with one abstention, due to absence.

Proposed Cllr Peeks, seconded Cllr Naylor

**21/243** **Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting, with one abstention, due to absence and one against. Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Johnson

*After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr White, it was unanimously **resolved** to move to item 21/255 on the agenda to allow for members of the public to hear the discussion.*

*Cllr Aldridge left the meeting for the following item at 7.40pm*

**21/255** **Planning applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/21/028	Land north of Transmitting Station, Washford, Watchet, TA23 0JD	Installation of a ground mounted solar farm with battery storage and associated development	Members agreed to hold a site meeting on the 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 and a further public meeting Before the submission deadline of the 26 <sup>th</sup> January
3/39/21/029	Southfield, 11 Half Acre, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4NX	Demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension	Approve subject to effect on amenities on adjoining property regarding sun and light is considered. Proposed Cllr Peeks, seconded Cllr Hooper

*Cllr Aldridge returned to the meeting at 8pm. Members of the public left the meeting.*

**21/244** **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

There was nothing to report

**21/245** **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**

It was resolved to note the newsletter that had been forwarded

## **21/246 Report from Somerset County Councillor**

It was **resolved** to note the report and flyers that had been forwarded, which included the following press releases:

- Reporting of Potholes made simpler
- Make a pledge to cut carbon in 2022
- Urgent work to remove diseased trees from county roadsides – nearest clearance work at Norton Fitzwarren starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, finish no later than 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
- New Year, New Career
- Changes to coronavirus testing guidance
- £3.8m to help support Somerset households with food, bills, energy, water and other essentials
- Phishing Attacks – advice on dealing with suspicious emails

## **21/247 Report from Somerset West and Taunton District Councillors**

- Consultations were taking place regarding the formation of a Taunton Town Council
- Any interest in District Assets should be available for enquiries from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022
- Investment in commercial properties, intended to generate income to spend on services had completed the first year and £3.6m direct income had been received, after costs. Full details are available on the SWT council website.

## **21/248 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**

21/248.1 Cllr Aldridge would write the next report for Williton Window

The February Councillor Surgery would be held at the Open House event on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 10am – 1pm

## **21/249 Correspondence**

21/249.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log

21/249.2 Williton RBL Target Shooting Club had requested support from the Parish Council for their S106 Funding application, a copy of which had been forwarded, query was raised regarding A4 and B3. After a proposal from Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Johnson, it was **resolved** with 2 against, to support the application.

21/249.3 An invitation had been received to attend the Kite Project Launch Event on 13<sup>th</sup> January. No member could attend.

21/249.4 A letter of thanks for financial support had been received from Citizens Advice West Somerset.

## **21/250 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee**

There was no report this month

## **21/251 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee**

There was no report this month

## **21/252 Report from the Events Committee**

There was no report this month

## **21/253 Final Budget and Precept 2022 - 2023**

The final budget for 2022-2023 was set at £142,981.10. Proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr White and unanimously **resolved**

Members were presented with varying options due to the tax base being increased to 923.66 from 899.59 the previous year. Cllr Peeks proposed to request a precept of £99,200.00 from £96,600.00 in 2021/22, which would see an increase of 0.02%, equating to £107.40 based on a Band D property. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Aldridge and **resolved** with 4 in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

The precept form would be duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**21/254 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee**

It was **resolved** to pay the following invoice. Proposed Cllr Peeks, seconded Cllr Aldridge, unanimously **resolved**

Date	Details	Cheque	Invoice	Total Bank	Cash	VAT
10/01/2022	WWMRG Charity 6635 Youth Provision	3876	111/21-22	75.00		0.00
10/01/2022	WWMRG Charity 6625 Talking Café	3877	112/21-22	133.00		0.00
10/01/2022	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Wildflower Project	3878	210012	2997.60		499.60
10/01/2022	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	3879	10645	12.00		2.00
10/01/2022	Mr Peeks – Christmas Lights 6720 Christmas Events	3880		5.99		0.00
10/01/2022	Maitland Walker Legal Costs – Public Convenience Lease	3881	T03115	943.60		150.60
10/01/2022	JHC Surveying Ltd Public Convenience Tender Documents	3882	1185	882.60		0.00
10/01/2022	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4560 SCC Grounds Maintenance	3883	210992	189.00		31.50
10/01/2022	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4555 WPC Grounds Maintenance	3884	210993	820.86		136.81

**21/256 Community Safety Assessment**

Cllrs Naylor and Johnson had worked upon a document regarding the survey from Devon and Somerset Fire Authority, but this had not been finalised. A completed copy would be forwarded to members for comment and a final copy would be submitted via the Parish Office.

**21/257 Health and Safety**

There was nothing to report

**21/258 Welcome Back Fund – to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

- 21/258.1 The Chairman confirmed a letter and spreadsheet had been submitted to SWT Council, a reply had been received confirming SWT were happy for the projects to continue to meet the specified deadlines. Cllr Naylor expressed concern regarding slanderous comments made from a member of the public before the meeting and the response given. Cllr Aldridge agreed, but stated the Chairman was not responsible. A meeting would be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 2 pm in the Parish Office, to proceed with the projects. All members were invited to attend.
- After a proposal from Cllr Aldridge, seconded by Cllr Peeks, it was resolved with one abstention that the Chairman and Clerk would have delegated authority to move the project forward.

**21/259 Emergency High Street Fund – To be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

- 21/259.1 A meeting would be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 2 pm in the Parish Office, to proceed with the projects. All members were invited to attend.

**21/260 Youth Council**

A report from Cllr Cook had been forwarded. Members were asked to consider the questions raised in the report and respond to the Clerk by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**21/261 Volunteer Register**

The original meeting had been cancelled due to covid-19. There was currently no update.

**21/262 Speed Watch and Speed Indicator Device**

- 21/262.1 No response had been received from Highways regarding proposed siting of the SID's. Cllr Aldridge would chase.
- 21/262.2 Speed Watch update – Cllr Johnson had submitted a report, but due to time restraints, it was resolved to defer this item to the following meeting.

**21/263 Fuel Poverty**

It was noted the application for funding from Western Power had been unsuccessful. Approval was given to work in conjunction with Watchet Town Council, Citizens Advice and Village Agents – proposed Cllr Peeks, seconded Cllr Naylor and unanimously resolved. An invitation to attend a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, via zoom, had been received.

**21/264 Talking Café**

Cllr Peeks had suggested that Watchet Town Council were approached and asked for a contribution towards to hire of the room for the Talking Café, as some Watchet residents attended. A discussion took place. After a proposal from Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Naylor, it was **resolved** to continue to fund the room hire for the coming financial year, but to discuss the funding for the following year.

**21/265 Report from Somerset Waste Partnership briefing held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

It was resolved to note the Recycle More briefings and the blue bag trial taking place.

**21/266 Unitary Authority in Somerset**

No update

**21/267 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

To consider Memorandum of Understanding regarding Speed Indicator Devices

Update on Action Lists

Defibrillator – talk to community and training

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed as a true and correct record ..... Cllr Payne ..... Dated ..... 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 .....