

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st August 2022 at 7.00 pm
In the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.**

Attendees:

Councillors	White (Chairman), Hooper, Howes, Nye and Peekes
SCC	Davies and Woods
SWT	Davies and Whetlor
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Michelle Francis
Public	Seven (left after item 22/110)
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Aldridge, Naylor and Payne
SWT Councillors	Aldridge
SCC Councillors	-
Other	PCSO Thompson

Before the start of the meeting a representation was made from Williton Window supporting their Grant Application. Two members of the public spoke regarding planning application number 3/39/21/028

22/106 The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded

22/107 Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved

22/108 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared

22/109 Co-option of Councillors

Awaiting confirmation from Electoral Services as to whether the co-option process can begin.

22/110 The following planning applications were considered

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/39/22/017	4 Priest Street, Williton	Change of use of former police station into 2 No dwellings with alterations to curtilage to provide garden areas and car parking (resubmission of 3/39/19/008)	Subject to a S106 agreement for recreational contributions being confirmed and current conditions already in place are followed, then no objection
3/39/22/018	4 Priest Street, Williton	Change of use of former police station into 2 No dwellings with alterations to curtilage to provide garden areas and car parking (resubmission of 3/39/19/009) (Listed Building)	The blue lamp needs 'POLICE' on it as it was before it was removed, as this is part of the local heritage. Subject to a S106 agreement for recreational contributions being confirmed and current conditions already in place are followed, then no objection
3/39/22/019	Methodist Church, Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4NT	Installation of enlarged aluminium doors (as previously approved under 3/39/21/017)	Site meeting to be requested, if possible a public site meeting to enable an immediate response to be decided
<i>Cllr Whetlor was present during the public participation session and discussion on the following application, but did not take part in any discussion</i>			
3/39/21/028	Land north of the Transmitti ng Station, Washford, Williton	Installation of a ground mounted solar farm with battery storage and associated development – amendments received	Objection as per previous comments. In addition, we refer to policy NH8; what sequential tests have been undertaken? Do the reports need to be re-done as discrepancies appear to the original, also the soil grade? With current climate and Ukraine war, food security is extremely important and good agricultural land should not be taken away.

22/111 Grant Application

As a revised, completed form and explanation had been received on how the publication benefits the parishioners and community, it was unanimously **resolved** to agree to the extra £500.00 funding.
Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Howes

22/112 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2022

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

22/113 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

22/113.1 (Item 22/86.3) Parish Chairman, Cllr Payne, had attended the licensing of the Reverence Mark Phillips as Vicar on the 21st July 2022 - noted

22/113.2 (Item 22/86.4) Lighthouse Development Consulting – noted that a reply was awaited from the Monitoring Officer.

22/114 Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

It was **resolved** to note the report from PCSO Thompson, that had been forwarded.

22/114.1 West Somerset Neighbourhood Policing Team had forwarded details on ways to contact the team and various media streams - noted

22/83 Report from Somerset County Councillor / Unitary County Councillors

Cllr Woods had forwarded a report, which included a report The Scrutiny Adults and Health had received from NHS and the idea of using Pharmacies more. A new Chief Executive had been appointed. Concern regarding the Taunton Park and Ride charge recommencing and overcrowding on the 28 bus. Still no decision from County regarding the Local Community Networks.

Cllr Davies had forwarded a report and SCC press releases, which included:

- Highways Comms - update of scheduled road works
- SCC calls for action to address the cost-of-living emergency.
- At the full council meeting held at Westlands, Yeovil the Councillors voted for the Chief Executive to write to Government and ask them to: a) Immediately reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20% to 17.5% for one year, saving the average household in Somerset a further £600 this year; b) Immediately re-introduce the pensions triple lock to support Somerset's pensioners; c) Immediately restore the Universal Credit supplement of £20,
- SCC pledge to protect natural habitats as council declares ecological emergency.
- Somerset Waste Partnership is moving to County Hall in Taunton. The move from Broughton House near junction 25 is part of the property and assets review which is underway as we move to a single authority. The move will secure over £100k per annum in rental income and cost reduction.
- Cleeve Hill Cliffs - confirmed that contractors will be installing the new gates and advanced signage w/c 5th September 2022, expected to last for 5 days. During the works the road at Cleeve Hill will be closed to all through vehicular traffic during the working day, but reopened overnight

22/116 Report from Somerset West and Taunton District Councillors – Watchet & Stogursey Ward

Cllr Whetlor advised on recent meetings which included:

- Ms Millar, Chief Planning Officer, was leaving.
- Somerset Waste Partnership gave a presentation, available to view on-line, where they admitted they were failing and were trying to do better.
- Sport & Leisure everyone active presentation – concern raised not easily accessible to this area.
- Litter Enforcement Team – able to fine and had done so in Watchet. Suggested the PC request a presentation on their roles and remit
- Local Community Network's (LCN's) – a year on and still no further. Suggested they look at the old LSB structure, which they had agreed to do. Still a lot of work to be done. Confirmed that Planning would not go to LCN's.

22/117 Clerk's/Chairman's Notices

Cllr Payne would be asked to write the next article for Williton Window.

22/118 Correspondence

22/118.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log

22/118.2 Welcome to Atwest letter and brochure had been received and forwarded to members - noted

- 22/118.3 Three letters of apology had been received regarding recent graffiti around the village. Cllr Peeks requested copies of the letters; the Clerk would seek permission from the Police.
- 22/118.4 Avon and Somerset Police Fraud and Cybercrime Prevention had offered a free talk from the Fraud and Cyber Protect Team. After a proposal from Cllr Howes, seconded by Cllr Nye, it was unanimously **resolved** to hire the pavilion for up to 4 hours and book the above talk and in addition, ask the Litter Enforcement Team to make a presentation on the same day. Other parishes would be invited to attend.
- 22/118.5 NALC Short Term Holiday Lets Policy Consultation Briefing had been forwarded a response was considered. It was **resolved** to respond that all lets, including AirBnB should be regulated in the same way. Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr Howes and resolved with 4 in favour, 1 against.

22/119 Report from the Environment and Planning Committee held on 11th July 2022

It was noted that the meeting did not take place due to being inquorate

22/120 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee held on 18th July 2022

It was resolved to note the report

- 22/120.1 It was **resolved** to note the provisions as at 30th June 2022.

22/121 Report from the Events Committee held on 13th July 2022

The Santa's Carriage had been provisionally booked for Saturday 17th December 2022. Various fundraising would be held but members were asked to consider covering any short fall. After a proposal from Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Nye it was unanimously **resolved** to fund any shortfall, up to £800.00, to enable the event to take place.

22/122 Report from West Somerset Together meeting held on 14th July 2022 – due to absence of Cllr Aldridge, it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

22/123 Report from Affordable Housing Discussion Group held on 27th July 2022

It was resolved to note the report submitted from Cllr Aldridge

22/124 To receive accounts for payment not covered by Finance and Admin Committee

It was unanimously **resolved** to pay the following invoices. Proposed Cllr Hooper, seconded Cllr Peeks.

Date	Details	Cheque No.	Invoice No.	Total Bank £	Cash £	VAT £
01 August 2022	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4560 SCC Ground Maintenance	4024	246650	189.00		31.50
01 August 2022	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance 4555 WPC Ground Maintenance	4025	246651	860.40		143.40
01 August 2022	Eljet Exterior Cleaning 4510 Office Cleaning	4026	532	14.00		0.00
01 August 2022	Enhanced Technology Solutions Ltd 4505 Printing	4027	496	41.73		6.95
01 August 2022	Function 28 Ltd 4605 Website	4028	11824	12.00		2.00
01 August 2022	Greenbarnes Ltd 4105 Purchase of goods	4029	16818	2,166.25		361.05
01 August 2022	Idverde Ltd 6655 Public Toilets	4030	10850777	1,395.00		232.50
01 August 2022	Minehead Eye CIC 6635 Youth Club	4031	1169	4,000.00		666.67
01 August 2022	N Ridge 4510 Office Cleaning	4032	2	112.00		0.00
01 August 2022	Cllr P Payne 4105 Purchase of goods	4022	Sprayer	39.98		6.66

22/125 Health and Safety

The spring riders had been replaced, but there was outstanding wet pour finish to the surface.

- 22/126 Amenity Area**
- 22/126.1 The next working group meeting would be held on Monday 8th August, 2pm in the Parish Office.
- 22/126.2 A date for the open day would be set at the above meeting, possibly a Saturday in September, suggested time 10am – 3pm. The decision would be included in the Williton Window report.
- 22/127 Community Speed Watch**
- One new volunteer had been received, details had been forwarded to PCSO Thompson and Cllr Denton. It was agreed to include the details in PCSO Thompson's report that all the equipment, sites etc were in place, in the Williton Window report.
- 22/128 Speed Indicator Device**
- Awaiting response from Highways regarding the installation of the posts - noted
- 22/129 Wildflower Project**
- Signs had been ordered which would give information on the project. These would be erected each year.
- 22/130 Youth Council**
- No update
- 22/131 Unitary Authority**
- LCN – Local Community Networks - It was noted this had been covered earlier under SCC and District Councillor reports
- 22/132 CCTV Coverage**
- No further update
- 22/133 Appointment of Councillors to Committees**
- 22/133.1 Grievance Committee – Cllr Hooper would join the committee, leaving two vacancies
- 22/133.2 Appeals Committee – Cllr Peeks would join the committee, leaving one vacancy
- 22/134 Concern raised regarding Lloyds Pharmacy opening hours**
- Concern was raised on how often the Pharmacy was closed at short notice due to staffing issues. After a discussion it was unanimously resolved to write to Lloyds Pharmacy detailing the problems and impact on community, including the Government initiative asking public to use Pharmacies to ease pressure from the doctors. Proposed Cllr Nye, seconded Cllr Hooper.
- 22/135 Matters for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 3rd October 2022**
- Review of Council Policies and Procedures and terms of reference
 Volunteer Register – October 2022
 Free Parking on Sunday's (like Taunton)

Meeting closed at 8.58 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Payne Dated ... 3rd October 2022