

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023 at 7.00 pm
In the Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton.

Attendees:

Councillors	Payne (Chairman), White, Naylor, Peeks (left 8.55pm), Aldridge, Hooper, Howes
SCC	Woods (arrived at 8.10pm from another meeting and left 8.55pm)
SWT	None
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	None
Press	None
Clerk	Mrs Julie Coe
Public	None
Other	None

Apologies:

Councillors	Nye, Whetlor, Angel, De Burgh, Denton
SWT Councillors	Davies and Whetlor
SCC Councillors	Davies
Other	None

- 22/219** The Chairman advised the meeting would be recorded
- 22/220** Apologies as noted above and reasons for absence approved
- 22/221** **Declarations of Interest**
There were none
- 22/222** **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2022**
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting, Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr White
- 22/223** **Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**
There were none
- 22/224** **Report from Avon and Somerset Constabulary**
No report
- 22/225** **Report from Somerset County Councillor / Unitary County Councillors**
- 22/225.1 Cllr Payne read a statement from Cllr Davies.
Cllr Woods addressed members upon arrival
- 22/226** **Report from Somerset West and Taunton District Councillors – Watchet, Williton & Sampford Brett**
No comments were made due to being a quiet period over Christmas
- 22/227** **Clerk's/Chairman's Notices**
None
- 22/228** **Correspondence**
- 22/228.1 It was **resolved** to note the contents of the correspondence log
- 22/229** **Report from the Environment and Planning and any recommendations for approval**
There was no report this month
- 22/230** **Report from Finance & Admin Committee and any recommendations for approval**
There was no report this month
- 22/231** **Report from Events Committee**
- 22/231.1 Cllr Howes requested budget for the Coronation in May. Cllr Howes suggested coronation mugs or similar gift to be given to the children under 15. Cllr Aldridge and Peeks raised concerns that children from Williton only should receive gifts. Cllr Howes suggested to bring the summer fete forward and hold a coronation event in its place. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Hooper, all in favour. Go to events committee. Cllr Payne confirmed the Parish had an allocated amount of £5k for the coronation.
- 22/231.2 Cllr Howes requested a budget for outside electrical sockets there is £1k allocated for this.

- 22/232 To receive any accounts for payment - None**
- 22/233 Final Budget and Precept 2022-2023**
- 22/233.1 Cllr Payne read through his statement of options due to the tax base being increased to 945.64 from 923.66 the previous year.
- Cllr Hooper proposed to request a precept of £112,000.00 from £99,200.00 in 2022/23, which would see an increase of 10.28%, equating to £118.44, based on a Band D property. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Naylor and resolved with 6 in favour and 1 against.
- The precept form would be duly submitted.
- 22/233.2 Cllr Hooper read through her statement and costings to hire out the back office in the Parish Council and the store next to the public toilets. Refer to Finance and Administration Committee meeting to consider response for recommendation to Full Council.
- 22/234 Health and Safety – no report**
- 22/235 Amenity Area**
- 22/235.1 It had been agreed to purchase 6 new benches however due to the recent increase in price it was proposed to purchase 4. Proposed Cllr Howes, seconded Cllr Aldridge, all in favour.
- 22/236 Community Speed Watch – no report**
- 22/237 Speed Indicator Device**
- 22/237.1 Awaiting on further instruction from highways. Clerk to make further contact. Defer February.
- 22/238 Youth Council**
- 22/238.1 Cllr Naylor and Angell to work together request an update for Februarys meeting
- 22/239 Unitary Authority**
- 22/239.1 Meeting held by Somerset County Council to be held on Thursday 12th January at SWAT district council offices.
- 22/240 CCTV Coverage – No Update**
- 22/241 PSPO (Public Space Protection Order)**
- 22/241.1 Cllr Whetlor to update – defer to February
- 22/242 Report from meeting with PCSO Thompson and HM Justice Service.**
- 22/242.1 Cllr Payne had a successful walk around with HM justice services and the local Police. The community service attendees could help tidy up the village and HM justice services agreed. Cllr Payne and Clerk to go through the HM justice form and arrange a presentation. Cllr Hooper proposed to use community services to help clean up village, seconded Cllr Peeks all in favour.
- 22/243 (Item 22/197.5) Lloyds Pharmacy**
- 22/243.1 Review regularly the service still remains very hit and miss with the pharmacy often being shut making it impossible at times to retrieve a prescription.
- 22/244 Matter for the next meeting – Monday 6th February 2022 - None**
- 22/245 To pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting due to personnel reasons.**
- Closed session – motion passed. Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Aldridge
- 22/246 To arrange a Personnel Meeting**
- Arranged for 17th January 2023 at 10.00 in the Parish Council office. Cllr White and Aldridge to attend with Clerk Michelle Francis
- Meeting Closed 9.12pm**

Signed as a true and correct record Cllr Payne Dated 6th February 2023