

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Howes (Chairman) Aldridge and Payne

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Mrs L Greenway, Mrs L Payne, Mr R Hay, Mrs G Maule, Mr S Coles, Mr R McDonald

Apologies:

Councillors: Whetlor, White

Public: Mrs S Jeromson and Mr G Morgan

23/98C **Apologies** - As noted above.

23/99C **Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 8th November 2023** – approved.

23/100C **Correspondence**

23/100.1C Proposal regarding Village Crier – to be discussed under 23/109.1C

23/101C **Report from Royal British Legion Concert – Saturday 11th November 2023**

The event went well, not as many attendees as last year. RBL made a contribution to the Poppy Appeal. Mr McDonald was thanked for organising the event.

Lone Soldier – noted that more help was required to ensure it was erected next year.

23/102C **Christmas Events**

23/102.1C Report from Christmas Craft Market – 26th November 2023 (WWMRG)

The event went well. Next date set for 24th November 2024

23/102.2C Christmas Trees and Lights (WPC)

- WDBA were thanked for their help with the Christmas trees, the new lights had been well received.
- Suggested that money was put aside each year to build a fund for future replacement of lights.
- Reported some businesses felt £25 for the tree was too much, suggestion that if the business volunteer to help with the tree look at a reduction in charge.
- Bellamys Corner had worked well, with the lights around the wall. Styles Ice-Cream had been thanked for the Christmas tree donation.
- Removal – potentially 6th January 2024 – Mrs Greenway would liaise with the Fire Brigade and would ask Doniford Farm if they would like to take the trees for their animals.

23/102.3C Report from Christmas Festival and Grotto, including Parade and Sleigh (WPC)

- Due to the weather, the sleigh had been cancelled. Cllr Aldridge was investigating a new sleigh for next year to be suitable for all weather.
- Grotto had been busy, noted more teenagers had attended.
- It was noted set up and break down had been undertaken by only one Councillor and three volunteers – Councillors would need to help at future events, rather than always just relying on a few, noted that Cllr Aldridge had given his apologies.
- 2024 – a change of venue was discussed, and it was suggested to hold a Frost Fayre, with the Grotto in the Parish Office. Somerset Council would be contacted to enquire if the car park could be used for stalls, noting a road closure may be required.
- Date set for Saturday 7th December 2024, 5pm – 8pm.
- Mrs Greenway would discuss with WDBA

23/103C **Race Night (WWMRG)**

- Previous date set had to be changed, due to organiser being unavailable. New possible dates of 10th February, 2nd or 9th of March 2024 – Mrs Payne would confirm with organiser

23/104C “What’s on in Williton” – Saturday 24th February 2024 - 10am – 12 noon

- Letters to be sent inviting groups to attend.
- The Railway, Indoor Bowls, Gardening Club, WI, Williton Allotments so far
- Croquet would be set up outside.
- Events committee to have a stall to say what they do, where the money goes and ask for volunteers – Mr Coles agreed to be on this stall.
- Volunteers would be required please for serving refreshments

23/105C Garage Sale (WWMRG)

Agreed to wait until the date for the Open Gardens had been set, before deciding upon a date for this event.

23/106C 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings - 6th June 2024 (WPC) 9.15pm

A list from RBL had been received with ideas of what they would like to hold – agreed these were good ideas, just one query over the suggestion for an evening meal – this would be relayed back Parish Council to organise the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm – in line with National guidelines and organise a celebration cake. Glenmore Bakery would be asked, noting plenty of notice would be given.

23/107C Williton Village Open Gardens

A meeting had been set with garden owners for the 16th January 2024, 6.30pm in the Quantock Room. It would be suggested refreshments were served in the pavilion only and ask the Gardening Club to hold a sale in the main hall. It was hoped to involve the schools, hospital and Croft House.

23/108C Film Club

No update – still waiting for the projector to be mended

23/109C Village Crier

The proposal was discussed – the Parish Council would be asked for permission to take this further, due to being an official civic position.

23/110C Other Ideas for Events

Last Night at the Proms – look at for 14th September 2024

Treasure Hunt on foot

Dinner and Dance – Valentine’s Ball?

Scarecrow and Cream Tea

Arts and Crafts exhibition

Easter Egg Hunt and Crafty Stash – possibly to change to scavenger hunt

Duck Race

23/111C Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 17th January 2024 at the Pavilion

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

Signed Cllr Howes

Dated 17th January 2024