

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Payne

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Ms L Barlow (Chairman), Mr R Hay, Mr R McDonald, Ms L Parker, Mrs L Payne and Mrs T Yaw

Apologies:

Councillors: Aldridge

Public: Mrs L Greenway

24/145C Appointment of Chairman for Meeting

Ms L Barlow was elected chairman for the meeting

24/146C Apologies - As noted above

24/147C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 12th March 2025

Proposed L Payne, seconded R Hay, unanimously approved

24/148C Correspondence

An email from Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset regarding VE Day events

24/149C Film Club (WWMRG) –

The film 'Living' shown on 22nd March 2025 had been well received

Next Film 'Conclave' – 26th April 2025 – Peter would trial the film to ensure sound and display on screen were correct and would help on the night

Refreshments - Lyn and Di volunteered to help on the night – noted more red wine was required

Set up 5.45pm

An advertising board, like the bingo boards, would be sited at the end of Killick Way, adjoining the main road – Liz Payne would prepare the board, Liz Parker would display it

Next film – Bob Dylan – A Complete Unknown – 17th May 2025

24/150C *Easter Egg Hunt - 20th April 2025 (WPC)*

L Payne was having difficulty in sourcing dairy-free eggs but would continue to try.

The office had everything ready, L Payne would collect on the 15th April.

Help required to hide the eggs on the day - please meet at 12 noon.

24/151C Crafty Stash Jumble – 20th April 2025 (WWMRG)

6 tables sold to date – Lyn B would set up on the day, help greatly appreciated please meet at 12 noon.

D Hooper had volunteered to run the refreshments

24/152C *VE Day - 8th May 2025 (WPC)*

A service would be held at 10.45 am at the Memorial with refreshments available after in the Brendon Room.

The fire brigade would be asked to help load the beacon; this had been highlighted from H&S advisor.

The Police would be in attendance

The cake had been ordered

The Cadets would be in attendance

Noted that Martyn's Law was now legislative and would be included with risk assessments

Erect flags on shops, around 1st May. Bellamy's Corner probably 3rd May

From previous meeting:

The Parish Council had agreed to pay for the hire of the hall and kitchen, in case of adverse weather

Sampford Brett Choir would start at 9pm, with the Beacon Lighting at 9.30pm

VJ and Armed Forces Day - (Robert, Peter and Michelle would discuss possible services)

24/153C Open Gardens

Cllr Aldridge had confirmed he would be happy to organise

24/154C Fete 2025 – Saturday 5th July 2025 (WWMRG)

- Donkey rides and petting farm – cost for both would be £500, then takings on day would be for the charity. Agreed to ask Trustee to agree and provisionally book in the interim
- Refreshments for volunteers - Bar – all drinks to be paid for – only tea and coffee supplied to volunteers free of charge – no bacon sandwiches to be supplied. Lyn B offered to make sandwiches for the Morris Dancers
- St John's had been booked to cover the 1st aid
- Brochure – letters had gone to businesses and a good response so far
- Dog Show – Everest had kindly agreed to sponsor
- Stalls – unfortunately the date clashes with Nether Stowey
- Bouncy Castle – only hold if a company was found to run completely – to date none had been found
- Thanks was given to the office for all their hard work to date, special mention was given on how good the poster was

From previous meeting:

- Morris Dancers had been booked – no cost, just supply of tea and cake
- Martial Arts had agreed to do a demonstration in main ring
- Flower & Produce Show – schedules were now available
- The main organising would be taken in house from the Parish Office; tables would be charged at £15 for businesses and £10 for charity/local groups
- Dog Show would be relocated to the side of the pavilion, to be more prominent
- Main Arena – possibly Dog Agility, Alternative Morris Men, Children's races, Sausage race – 5 slots, half an hour per slot
- Any ideas, please pass to the office
- Vintage cars / scooters / car clubs to be invited for static display
- Invite Emergency services
- Advertise date on social media as soon as possible
- Involve schools and uniformed groups
- Look into more card machines for gates, refreshments and bar – noted extra help needed on Robert Street entrance

24/155C Quiz & Ploughman's Supper (WWMRG)

Defer due to Guy's absence

From previous meeting:

- G Morgan would ask the quizmaster if the 18th or 25th October would be available – the price had been confirmed at £50.00
- Tickets £10 each to include with a Ploughman's supper – platters on the table – vegetarian and allergies would be considered.
- A raffle and bar would be held. Only drink purchased on site to be consumed at event

24/156C Christmas Events (WPC)

All were asked to consider what to do for the event, grotto/craft fayre/sleigh

24/157C Other Ideas for Events

- Wimbledon Finals – with Pimm’s, strawberries & cream – Liz Parker, Rob and Lyn would be happy to show both the Female and Male finals. Liz Payne could help on the Sunday. No entry fee, but to fund raise through refreshments
- Race Night – February 2026 potentially – Liz Payne had spoken to organisers; date would be confirmed
- Antiques Fair – Cllr Schmieder volunteered to organise, suggested £20 per table – committee would be happy to help

24/158C Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 7th May 2025, at the Pavilion (a week earlier due to VE day)

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed ... Mr R McDonald.....

Dated 7th May 2025