

# **WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL**

Charity No: 211212

## **Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion**

### **Attendees:**

**Councillors:** Peter Payne

**Clerk:** Mrs M Francis

**Other:** Mr R McDonald (Chairman), Mr G Morgan, Ms L Parker, Mrs L Payne, Mr D Shattock and Mrs A Welford

### **Apologies:**

**Councillors:** Ian Aldridge

**Public:** Ms L Barlow

**25/39C**      **Apologies** - As noted above

**25/40C**      **Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

It was resolved to approve the minutes

**25/41C**      **Correspondence**

There was none

**25/42C**      **Fete 2025 – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (WWMRG)**

**25/42.1C**      Report from the event:

- Overall, an excellent show and very well attended
- Total income was £4,098.13, which was the best ever raised. Final figures were awaited as the dog show cup was still to be engraved.
- Flower & Produce Show – 39 people entered 187 classes. It was noted the fruit & veg entries were lower than usual, which was put down to the hot weather and change of date. There were more flower entries.
- Children's races – all races were popular and whilst it was noted how busy Dave was kept, it was felt it was a good balance, and the timing was correct
- Stallholders – all gave feedback they were very pleased with the event
- Dog Show – suggested to consider increasing entry at £1.50. It was felt the location was better this year and more visible. Lack of shade was noted, although dogs were able to wait for their class in the shade, which worked well. Dog water bowls to be increased next year. All who volunteer for the dog show would be asked to come along when planning next year, to discuss positioning and layout.
- Possibly consider gazebos around for shade, in the main arena, for people waiting to display and for the dog show
- Booking form – to add the following – 'If the show needs to be cancelled, we will contact you. Otherwise, it will go ahead as planned.'
- A volunteer to cover social media would be sought, to cover the lead up and on the day
- All in the office were thanked for their hard work in making the event so successful

**25/42.2C**      It was **resolved** to set the date for next fete on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. This would be advertised to stall holders as a 'save the date'

**25/43C**      **Wimbledon Finals**

It was noted that the event was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. It was agreed not to hold again as it was easily accessible on TV and easier to watch at home.  
All were thanked for trying to organise

**25/44C** *VJ Day - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (WPC)*

*The service would go ahead at 3pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Memorial Shelter. It was noted, that due to the recent fall of bough from the Copper Beech tree, the area would continue to be sectioned off.*

*The flag would be flown on Bellamy's Corner, being erected on the 14<sup>th</sup> August and would remain for one week after the service*

**25/45C** **Quiz & Ploughman's Supper (WWMRG) 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The date had been confirmed with the Quiz Master

- Tickets £10 each to include with a Ploughman's supper – platters on the table – vegetarian and allergies would be considered. Guy would produce the tickets and posters
- There would be 10 tables, with Teams of up to 6
- A raffle would be held. Only drink purchased on site to be consumed at event
- Liz Parker and Ali Welford volunteered to run the bar, which would be in the corner of the hall, to keep the kitchen free for food preparation and clearing

**25/46C** *Christmas Events (WPC) - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4pm - 6pm*

*All were asked to consider a film to show - possibly Polar Express or Elf - Liz Parker agreed to investigate the running times of the films. Hot chocolate and popcorn to be given to children*

*Father Christmas would be asked to attend, to give presents to children after the film.*

*A colouring competition would be run, and the schools would be asked to take part, to help advertise the event*

*The Parish Council would be asked to underwrite the cost of the film licence, to enable a free, but ticketed event*

**25/47C** **Other Ideas for Events**

- Film Club (WWMRG) – Next film – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Salt Path. Peter, Liz and Ali would be available to help with the bar, raffle and door. Doors to open at 6.30pm, film to start at 7pm
- Race Night – Unfortunately this would no longer go ahead, due to organiser being unavailable

From previous meeting:

- Antiques Fair – Deborah Schmieder was gathering information and would consider a date in 2026
- Not for profit Craft Celebration – Lyn Barlow would organise in 2026
- Yard Sale / Jumble Trail – agreed to hold summer 2026
- Open Gardens – date would be set for 2026

**25/48C** **Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

It was agreed to move the meetings back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, which would be more convenient for people to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.06 pm

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

Dated ..... 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 .....