

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Ian Aldridge and Deborah Schmieder

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Mr R McDonald (Chairman), Mr G Morgan and Mr D Shattock

Apologies:

Councillors: Peter Payne

Public: Ms L Barlow, Mr R Hay, Ms L Parker, Mrs L Payne and Mrs A Welford

25/49C **Apologies** - As noted above

25/50C **Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 13th August 2025**

It was resolved to approve the minutes

25/51C **Correspondence**

Advice had been received from Avon and Somerset Police, regarding Event Planning and associated road closures for when or if required

25/52C **Film Club – The Salt Path – 20th September 2025**

- Push again on social media
- Ian and Guy would check the DVD player, if needed Ian had a spare player
- Rob had advised he would be there for 5.45pm and was happy to be on the door taking tickets
- Liz Parker had given a list of alcohol requirements, which would be taken to the hall

25/53C **Quiz & Ploughman's Supper (WWMRG) 18th October 2025**

- 20 tickets had been sold to date
- No stilton had been requested, due to allergy, and a gluten free option
- Set up at 3pm
- Doors and bar open at 6.15pm
- Liz Greenway would be able to help with food prep during the day, but would be unable to attend the event
- Quizmaster confirmed 7pm start
- Raffle prizes would be required – Juliet would run the raffle on the night

From previous meeting:

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

25/54C ***Remembrance Day Service – 11th November 2025 (WPC)***

There will be a service on Tuesday 11th November, on the Memorial Ground commencing at 10.45am, for the 11am silence.

It was noted that youth groups would not be able to attend, being a school day, so Robert agreed to speak to the Vicar regarding a service on Sunday 9th November to enquire what the church will be doing

25/55C *Christmas Events (WPC) – Saturday 13th December 4pm – 6pm*
Liz Parker had investigated the running times of the films; Elf and Arthur Christmas were both 1 ½ hours in length.

A shorter, maybe cartoon style film would be investigated

Hot chocolate and popcorn to be given to children, with tea and coffee available for parents

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 vouchers already in the office, would be used as a prize.

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

25/56C *Christmas Trees and Business Window Competition (WPC)*
Dave would arrange for a tree for the pavilion hall
Village trees – possibly ask for public to sponsor a tree, so ensure all brackets display one, to give a good village display
Bellamy's Corner – a tree would need to be sourced

Trees to be erected - Saturday 29th November – 8am –
Removed Saturday 3rd January
(The Fire Brigade would be asked to assist)

25/57C **Antiques Fair**
Debbie would investigate this further, to see if enough stalls to make it viable.
Possible date of 22nd November

25/58C **Other Ideas for Events**
Jams and Preserves festival in autumn 2026 (Ian Aldridge)
Ukulele Band from Minehead – sing song evening – Ian advised they do not charge, just the need to print song sheets
Scooter rally
Halloween event for 2026
Pantomime – Guy would speak to Roadwater Players
Fashion Show night

It was requested if money could be raised to improve décor for events, such as drapes, which would encourage more parties / weddings

From previous meeting:

- 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

25/58C **Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 8th October 2025**
January meeting – to arrange a date for Williton Open Gardens

Meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Signed

Dated