

# WATCHET, WILLITON AND QUANTOCK VALE AREA PANEL

## Minutes of meeting held on 5/12/17

### Attendees

Cllr Dave Westcott	- WSC
David Peake	- SCC
Cllr Sue Goss	- WSC
Cllr R Woods	- WSC
Sally de Renzy Martin	-
Loretta Whetlor	- Watchet Town Council
Marcus Kravis	-
Tony Perrett	- Williton Parish Council
P M Gill	- Kolve Parish Council
Andrew Goodchild	- TD and WS

Apologies: John Richards (WACET) and Cllr Peter Pilkington, WSC

		Action
1.	<p><b><u>Roadworks – update from previous meeting</u></b></p> <p>David Peake introduced list of roadworks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dragons Cross, Bilbrook</li> <li>• Flooding issues 2012</li> <li>• Money in place from flood funds 2012/2014</li> <li>• Variety of works 2013 and 2014</li> <li>• Renew drainage on road back to Washford</li> <li>• Was to be done in November but objections from bus companies</li> <li>• Somerset Rivers Authority funding – defer to new financial year</li> <li>• Alternative routes via Raleigh’s Cross.</li> <li>• Evening/night job 3 weeks 8<sup>th</sup> May until 25<sup>th</sup> May 7pm to 7 am, Monday evening to Saturday morning, Traffic lights rest of the time.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b><u>Police update</u></b></p> <p>Not too much to report.            Crime: no emerging trends.            ➤ Hunts on Quantocks</p>	

	<p>Illegal reported parking/traffic offences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Armed robbery in Co-op, Williton.</li> </ul> <p>Q Questions about Holford Hunt?  A. Report/information requested from Parish Council report.</p> <p>Q. Legal Hunts/illegal Hunts  Trail Hunting is permitted.  Evidence from league against cruel sports video/  photographic.</p> <p>Two males. Covered  Knife - empty money from till.</p> <p>Arrested two people (not local).</p> <p>Co-op are supporting those involved.  Police have worked with Co-op on changes in procedures with  the shop.</p> <p>Drink driving campaign.</p> <p>Q. Rumours about drug raids on area in Watchet.  A. A raid has taken place, still processing evidence and case.</p> <p>Q. Crime rates up from last year.  A. Up 20%. Less beat managers and PSCO's plus different  ways to report crime.</p> <p>Q. More into West Somerset House?  A. Happen at some point in the New Year.</p> <p>All response officers for Williton and Minehead are from Williton.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p>Resurfacing works 3 sections A39  Washford Cross roundabout.  Swain Street, Watchet  Samford Brett A39  Farringdon Hill long Stogursey.</p> <p>After Xmas Resurfacing North St plus North Road, Williton 3<sup>rd</sup>  Feb. Stogumber, Rexton Lane - 5 days.  Leeland  A3188 Yarde.</p> <p>Report to WS Flood Board.</p>	

	Lots of other works in other Panel Areas in West Somerset.	
4.	<p><b><u>Devon and Somerset and Fire and Rescue Service</u></b></p> <p>No update/report.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>HPC Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gov go ahead in Sept 2016 - although activity on the main site since 2012 and earthworks since 2014.</li> <li>➤ Currently 2500+ workers on the main site each day. First nuclear concrete poured in March and significant progress on the infrastructure on site has been made including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jetty</li> <li>- Batching plants</li> <li>- Haul Roads</li> <li>- Canteen/welfare facilities</li> <li>- Offices</li> <li>- Sea wall, rock armour</li> <li>- Significantly 50% of all earthworks have been completed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ J24 P&amp;R open since Nov 2016. J23 P&amp;R Open Sept 2017 fully open Feb Cannington P&amp;R open June 2018. Williton start March 2018 open Sept 2018.</li> <li>➤ Campus - Main site June 2018 . Bridgwater Phase 1 July 2018 to June 2019.</li> <li>➤ Non-home based workers - 50% workers are moving to Cannington, Bridgwater and Taunton (90%). All those in private rented sector Stogursey</li> <li>➤ Working our way through use of caravan sites - balance, site by site approach expecting some planning applications.</li> <li>➤ Continue to deliver housing initiatives to create new bed spaces - adverts in Free Press. Landlord Forum, Drop in sessions and Stogursey, on target for 570 new bed spaces in West Somerset area.</li> <li>➤ CIM Fund 23 of 36 projects funded are in West Somerset. £2.7m of £4.2m.</li> </ul> <p>Holford, Kilve, Williton, Watchet, Stogursey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community facilities</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Play, sports and leisure</li> <li>- Employment Hubs in Watchet, Williton, Stogursey.</li>   <li>❖ Launch of HPC Community Fund. All Parishes and teams and councillors have received information.</li>   <li>➤ Tourism Marketing and Promotion  210 Industry individuals supported.  17% growth in presence of visit Somerset and visit Exmoor.  19 initiatives to aid visitors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secret Somerset</li> <li>- Wild West</li> <li>- Secret Somerset Coast</li> <li>- The outdoors guide</li> <li>- Improved content and functionality websites.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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