

Williton, Watchet & Quantocks Area Panel

Notes of Meeting held on 9 June 2015

at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton, at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr D. Westcott (Chairman)	West Somerset Council
Cllr S. Dowding	West Somerset Council
J. Swan	Sampford Brett PC
L. Whetlor	Watchet Town Council
S. de Renzy-Martin	Watchet Town Council
J. Koch	Williton Parish Council
G. Tizzard	West Quantoxhead Parish Council
PC Ware	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
B. Cleere	West Somerset Council (Director)
D. Peake	SCC Highways
G. Austin-Thompson	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
J. Richards	WACET
P. Reynolds	WACET
<u>Apologies</u>	
Cllr S. Goss	West Somerset Council
Cllr. HJW Davies	West Somerset Council
Cllr R. Woods	West Somerset Council
Cllr C. Morgan	West Somerset Council
Sgt Daly	Avon & Somerset Constabulary
P. Tipney	Stogursey Parish Council
T. Perett	Williton Parish Council

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Dave Westcott was elected as Chairman of the Panel.

2. Have Your Say – Community Issues/Concerns

No issues were raised.

3. Apologies for Absence

These were noted as above.

4. Notes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2015 and Matters Arising

Safety concerns had been raised at the meeting on 3 March 2015 about vehicles parking near the bottom of Tower Hill (Williton), which had not been captured in the minutes. Brendan Cleere (WSC) apologised for the omission and read out a response that had subsequently been provided to Cllr Dowding. The matter had been looked into by Highway Engineers in consultation with the Police and it was proposed to review parking to enable traffic to 'pull in' between parked cars, rather than remove parking provision altogether.

5. Police Report

PC Ware reported that the West Somerset beat area was now served by one beat manager and 2 PCSOs.

Recorded crime was down 6% for April and May and 437 calls had been logged.

PC Ware also reported that options for the future of Williton and Minehead Police Stations were still being considered, with no outcome or timetable at this stage.

6. Highways Report

David Peake provided a written update on current works, which had been circulated to all attending (and is attached to these minutes).

7. Devon & Somerset Fire Service Report

Mr Austin-Thompson was praised for the excellent work of co-responders in support of the ambulance service.

Work was still in the planning stage for pedestrian crossings at Danesfield and St Peter's schools (Williton).

The service was working with the Minehead EYE on a project to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area.

The service was also looking to establish 'Fire Cadets' in the coming months.

Finally, Mr Austin-Thompson made a plea for the service to be invited to flooding meetings being held by parish and town councils. Invitations should come to the relevant Fire Station rather than via the Taunton HQ.

9. West Somerset Council

Questions were raised on the demolition of the cargo shed on the East Quay, repairs to lighting and rubbish collection on the esplanade and current responsibilities for the management of CCTV (Watchet).

In addition, a request was made for a full update on the current situation with the marina (mud, gate repairs etc). This would be scheduled for a future meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

15 September 2015, 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

(The meeting ended at 8.10 pm).