

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Ian Aldridge, Peter Payne and Dave Shattock

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Mrs L Payne (Chairman), Ms L Barlow, Mr G Morgan, Ms L Parker, Mrs H Sully,
Ms J Vincent and Mr T Wilson

Apologies:

Councillors: None

Public: Mrs L Greenway, Mr R Hay and Mrs A Welford

25/100C Health & Safety and Housekeeping – It was noted this will be an opportunity to raise any concerns or issues - none were reported.

25/101C Apologies - As noted above

25/102C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 8th January 2026
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

25/103C Correspondence
The Lamp of Peace for Remembrance Day had been forwarded

25/104C Pantomime / Play (WWMRG)
Guy advised Barnstormers were fully booked, but Williton was 1st reserve on their list.
Guy would speak to Roadwater Players.

It was noted a private booking had been received for an adult pantomime on 21st March 2026

25/105C Antiques Fair
Debbie had no success in securing vendors, so this event would not be going ahead

25/106C Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 5th April 2026 (WPC and WWMRG)
It was agreed to hold the Easter Egg Hunt (WPC) and Duck Race (WWMRG) on Easter Sunday

The Easter Egg Hunt would start at 2pm, followed by a Duck Race at 2.45pm

- Events need to be advertised well in advance through Playgroup, Nursery and St Peter's School
- Banner to be erected on Bellamy's Corner
- Ducks to be sold from 2pm on the day and in advance from the Parish Office
- Liz Payne, Liz Parker, Tug and Lyn were available to help; possibly Dave, Guy and Jean

25/107C Annual Parish Assembly - Tuesday 21st April 2026, 7pm
The format of the Parish Council would change this year, to a more informal evening. There will be a brief overview of the year and update on projects, followed by refreshments. Groups/clubs would be invited to have a stand to promote themselves, for people to peruse whilst enjoying the refreshments

Tables to be reserved, free of charge, through the Parish Office

Help with refreshments would be greatly appreciated

- 25/108C Fashion Show (WWMRG) 9th May 2026**
 Alison, Hayley and Maria had agreed to hold the event during the evening of the 9th of May 2026, supported by Hayleys, Maria's Casual Wear and Little Lighthouse Company
 It would promote ethically sourced clothes and support local
 Tickets would be sold, to include a glass of wine, with music and a bar – the Co-op would be approached to investigate if sale or return would be possible
 The WWMRG Charity number would be on the posters, and a risk assessment would be completed by the office/Peter
- 25/109C Open Gardens – 14th June 2026 (WWMRG)**
- Gardens would be open all at the same time, for 4 hours in the afternoon, £2 per ticket
 - If gardens wished to raise money for their own charity or the WWMRG, this would be for the garden owner's discretion and responsibility
 - Tickets and Maps would be sold from the Parish Office, in advance and on the day – the Post Office would be approached regarding selling in advance
 - Ian would investigate selling tickets from gardens, but would prefer to sell only from the Parish Office - Liz Payne offered to sell tickets on the day
- 25/110C Fete – 4th July 2026 (WWMRG)**
- The Trustee had agreed in principle to underwrite the expenditure for donkeys to attend, subject to confirmation of total amount
 - Cheerleaders would be invited to attend
 - Washford Railway Club would be asked to exhibit – potentially in the Brendon Room
 - An item made from clay would be included in the craft section
 - Hayley's requested a free stand and would then donate proceeds (after expenses) to the WWMRG Charity and would also provide extra helpers for setting up/breaking down on the day, but would require a receipt for any donation
- 25/111C Celebrating Craft Exhibition (WWMRG) – 18th July 2026**
- Lyn had all in hand and had produced a poster
 - Currently 8/9 exhibitors and 1 demonstrator
 - There would be no fee to exhibit, or entry and money would be raised through refreshments
- 25/112C Jams and Preserves festival autumn 2026 (WWMRG) – 17th October 2026 – 10.30am – 2.30pm**
 Several planning meetings had been held, and all was going well
 The Brendon Room would be used for foraging and talks
 Exhibitors would set up from 9am
 The next working group meeting, would be held on 10th March at 10am in the Parish Office
- 25/113C Yard Sale / Jumble Trail (WWMRG)**
 A volunteer had shown interest in running the event, confirmation was awaited.
 Item, therefore, deferred to the next meeting
- 25/114C Murder Mystery**
 Liz Parker would make enquiries with a contact at Combwich, who had held a similar event
 It was noted at the last event; the speakers had not worked well
- 25/115C Quiz Night**
 Unfortunately, the last quiz had not been well supported. It was agreed to leave until 2027
- 25/116C Any other ideas for events**
 Christmas Fayre, Grotto, Parade
 Fun run – including relay/fancy dress

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 12th March 2026

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed Mrs E Payne

Dated 12th March 2026