

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Mr Ian Aldridge, Mr Dave Shattock

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Mrs L Payne (Chairman), Mr R Hay, Mrs H Sully, Ms A Mathias, Mr T Wilson and Mrs A Welford, Ms L Parker, Ms L Barlow

Apologies:

Councillors: Peter Payne

Public: Mr R McDonald, Mr Ian Taylor, Mrs L Greenway, Mr G Morgan

26/01C Election of Chairman

Mrs L Payne was elected as Chairman, proposed I Aldridge, seconded L Barlow

26/02C Election of Vice Chairman

Mr T Wilson was elected as Vice Chairman, proposed A Welford, seconded L Parker

26/03C Health & Safety and Housekeeping – It was noted this was the opportunity to raise any concerns or issues - none were reported.

26/04C Apologies - As noted above

26/05C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 9th April 2026

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes. Proposed T Wilson, seconded A Welford

26/06C Correspondence - none

26/07C Fashion Show (WWMRG) 9th May 2026

The Chairman thanked all that were involved for the successful event

Excellent feedback had been received, and it was felt it had been a nice community event, overall, a huge success. The atmosphere had been very good, it was noted there were some things that would need to be thought of next time, such as the requirement to know numbers attending from the shop staff and volunteers, and house lights on for the raffle.

Potentially offer tea and coffee – but this would be dependent on volunteers.

Parking – ensure spaces reserved where necessary and close the gates, as visitors to the ground to walk their dogs had caused problems.

It was noted, £756.89 had been made for the Charity, from tickets sales and the bar

26/08C Village Gardens – 14th June 2026, 1pm – 5pm (WWMRG)

I Aldridge had produced draft map/ticket

There were currently 9 gardens taking part

The Post Office would be asked to sell tickets – a thank you would be printed on the tickets

Every adult must have a map/ticket to enter gardens

'Open Gardens' had been searched regarding possible copyright – it was noted according to AI that it was not copyrighted, so this would be followed

26/09C Fete – 4th July 2026 (WWMRG)

- Volunteers were desperately needed – set up from 8am, finish at 5pm – any help during the day or for the full day would be greatly appreciated.
- Guy Morgan had given apologies and would not be able to run the PA system – Tug volunteered to take this over
- A meeting had been held with the Dog Show judges, the area would be moved to have more shade. Timings and classes agreed
- L Parker and L Barlow volunteered to run the tombola

- It was suggested to ask St Margarets if they would like to book a stall
- Hayley will help set up and break down, and will ask for more volunteers, in addition would request raffle prizes
- If enough volunteers, hold a Pimm's bar – if not, to sell at the main bar – felt would be easier by the Pavilion
- TENS licence to be obtained
- The idea of Raffling a Wheelbarrow with drink in was agreed. This would involve going around the village, with the wheelbarrow, before the event, asking for donations – then on the day walking around the fete selling raffle tickets. CRS could be asked to donate the wheelbarrow. T Wilson, D Shattock and R Hay agreed to walk around on the 27th June and ask for donations.

26/10C Celebrating Craft Exhibition (WWMRG) – 18th July 2026

- Currently 20 tables had been booked

26/11C Jams and Preserves festival autumn 2026 (WWMRG) – 17th October 2026 – 10.30am – 2.30pm

- The name of the event had been decided as 'Preserving Heritage'
- A poster appealing for people to take part had been produced. It was suggested to give Izzy Silvester, Village Agent, copies – this will be advertised on social media, around village and in Williton Window.
- A discussion took place regarding an entry charge for public? It was agreed £1 entry, with children free would be acceptable – noting to have the card machine available
- Access from 9am for setting up.
- Any stands that would be selling their wares, would be charged. All stands to follow the correct regulations, public liability, allergy, contact details etc - Environmental Health had been contacted for advice

26/12C Pantomime / Play

- It was noted that logistically, it would be hard to do as set up as done in Roadwater village hall, due to props etc moving around in background. Potentially consider approaching hiring Danesfield School who have a suitable stage – Anna will ask Roadwater players and whether they might also consider a murder mystery.
- Anna will look at the current facilities and advise

26/13C Jumble Trail – Sunday 19th July 2026 - (WWMRG)

- 13 properties had signed up for the trail so far - The event would run from 10am – 4pm, with refreshments (venue to be confirmed) from 10am – 3pm

26/14C Christmas (WPC) Wednesday 16th December

No further update, From previous meeting:

Agreed to keep to same principle and age range as last year, on Wednesday 16th December 2026, from 5pm - 7pm

It had been suggested to contact Watchet Rotary to ask if they would arrange Father Christmas to go around the village - Peter would delegate this idea and update at the next meeting

26/15C Interactive Quiz

Tug has a demo which will be shown at the next meeting. It is based on a board game. Currently writing code, which could be downloaded on personal phones, with questions to answer by selecting A, B, C, or D

26/16C Sensory Dome / Light Drone Show - deferred

26/17C Any other ideas for events

- Remembrance Events
- 80's night potentially at the end of January. Tug would investigate the price of more lights for the Trustee to consider
- Fun run – including relay/fancy dress

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 11th June 2026

Meeting closed at 8.22 pm

Signed Mrs L Payne

Dated 11th June 2026