

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Thursday 9th April 2026 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Mr Tony Prince

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Mrs L Payne (Chairman), Mr R Hay, Mrs Glynis Maule, Mr G Morgan, Mrs H Sully, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr T Wilson and Mrs A Welford

Apologies:

Councillors: Ian Aldridge, Peter Payne and Dave Shattock

Public: Ms L Barlow, Ms D-L Howes, Mr R McDonald and Ms L Parker

25/132C Health & Safety and Housekeeping – It was noted this was the opportunity to raise any concerns or issues - none were reported.

25/133C Apologies - As noted above

25/134C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 12th March 2026
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes. Proposed T Wilson, seconded L Payne

25/135C Correspondence - none

25/136C Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 5th April 2026 (WPC and WWMRG)
The Easter Egg Hunt (WPC) and Duck Race (WWMRG) on Easter Sunday

Very lucky with weather – nice afternoon, very successful, over 700 eggs handed out. One bag in store for next year – unopened.

The Golden Egg was not found until 10 minutes before duck race, which was good. A discussion took place to the most suitable day to hold the event, it was agreed Easter Sunday was the right day for – especially for the eggs.

Duck race parallel – prizes as percentage of takings, took £113 - £15, £10 £5

Not able to get non-dairy, but no one asked for them.

Confirmation of monies raised will be advised at the next meeting

Everyone thanked for all their help

25/137C Fashion Show (WWMRG) 9th May 2026

- Posters had been completed and distributed throughout shops in Williton, with further distribution in Watchet to follow.
- Tickets had been printed and are already on sale, advertised via social media.
- The venue will accommodate 100 seated attendees.
- A presenter has been confirmed. A microphone will be required, and Guy will liaise with Hayley prior to the event to confirm sound system arrangements.
- Tug was available to help
- Glasses will be required for serving drinks; the number needed is to be confirmed.
- WWMRG will provide the fizz. The bar will operate during two scheduled breaks to encourage sales.
- Cheerleaders will also be attending as part of the programme.

25/138C Village Gardens – 14th June 2026, 1pm – 5pm (WWMRG)

- Ian and Glynis had a meeting – Ian will print map with garden description on the reverse.
- The maps will be sold at a cost of £2 per person – the Post Office and Parish Office would sell tickets. Liz Payne agreed to sell tickets on the day, in the Parish Office.
- Ian will write a letter to all gardens asking for brief description.
- 10 gardens at the moment - gardens can raise for their own charity.
- Danesborough View Community Garden will be asked to take part

25/139C Fete – 4th July 2026 (WWMRG)

- Dog Show – it was felt shade would be needed – it was agreed to speak to all involved to confirm where they would like to be sited.
- Danesfield Bowman would like to attend with archery – a suitable site would be discussed
- Suggested to have a map or finger posts at each entrance showing where everything is
- Peter has sent schedule for printing
- Food venders and bar/refreshments – bitter sold out quickly last year – Tony to advise which brand It was hoped to use Booker on a sale or return basis, as last year

25/140C Celebrating Craft Exhibition (WWMRG) – 18th July 2026

- Currently 19 tables had been booked

25/141C Jams and Preserves festival autumn 2026 (WWMRG) – 17th October 2026 – 10.30am – 2.30pm
Next meeting next Wednesday, still after a name – Preserving Heritage / Preserving the Future was suggested.

25/142C Pantomime / Play

No update, but unlikely that Roadwater Players would be able to help – Guy would speak to them

25/143C Yard Sale / Jumble Trail – Sunday 19th July 2026 - (WWMRG)

Dawn-Lesley had produced posters and advertised on social media, so far 6 had signed up.

The event would run from 10am – 4pm, with refreshments (venue to be confirmed) from 10am – 3pm

25/144C Christmas (WPC)

Agreed to keep to same principle and age range as last year.

From previous meeting:

Due to the success of last years' Grotto in the Parish Office, it was agreed to hold again 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

25/145C Any other ideas for events

Fun run – including relay/fancy dress

Murder mystery at Bicknoller – Guy is going and will ask if any chance of getting here

Parish Assembly – 5pm onwards – help with refreshments – 16 stalls – posters around village
Classic Car / Motorcycle – Tony will consider further

Interactive Quiz – questions on screen – Tug could write a programme – could be designed so mobiles could be used on each table

Sensory dome / light drone show – Tony to come up with further details – consider for November

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th May 2026

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed Mrs E Payne

Dated 14th May 2026