

Williton, Watchet & Quantocks Area Panel

Notes of Meeting held on 18 September 2018

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

Present

Cllr D. Westcott (Chairman)	West Somerset Council
Cllr S. Goss	West Somerset Council
Cllr I. Aldridge	West Somerset Council
Cllr G. Tizzard	West Quantoxhead Parish Council
Cllr S. De Renzy-Martin	Watchet Town Council
B. Cleere	West Somerset Council (Head of Localities)
John Richards	WACET
David Peake	SCC Highways
PCSO Sue Thompson	Avon & Som Constabulary
Terence Bishop	Member of the public

1. Have Your Say – Community Issues/Concerns

Terence Bishop (member of the public) raised concerns about potential road safety issues at two locations: the junction of A39 with the Roughmoor trading estate (outside Williton) and the junction at Five Bells with the Watchet to Washford Cross road. These issues were discussed fully at the meeting with David Peake (SCC)

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Loretta Whetlor – Watchet Town Council.
Cllr Peter Gill – Kilve PC
Cllr R. Woods - WSC

3. Notes of the Meeting held on 19 June 2018

The notes were accepted.

4. Police Report

Details were submitted relating to crime and community safety matters over the previous 3 months. Overall crime was up for the period, which was normal for the summer. It was anticipated that crime levels would drop as we enter the winter months. Local priorities for the police were hunting related anti-social behaviour and traffic crime. The police would also be focusing on rural crime, including work to ensure that farms were signed up to the farm watch scheme.

5. **Highways Report**

David Peake (SCC Highways) circulated details of planned works in the area

6. **Devon & Somerset Fire Service Report**

A representative from the Fire Service was unable to attend on this occasion.

9. **West Somerset Council**

Brendan Cleere updated the Panel on recent developments with the proposal – now approved by Government - to create one new council covering Taunton Deane and West Somerset. He also updated on the proposed new ward boundaries and the emerging localities function of the new authority, which would enable the Council to engage more with local communities and flex its approach according to local priority and need.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

4 December, 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

(The meeting ended at 8.15)