

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WEST LAVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup>  
MAY 2011 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Before the formal proceedings began, the Chairman welcomed all present and introduced a guest speaker from 'Help for Heroes', who gave an illustrated talk on the charity's work. A small range of souvenirs were for sale at the meeting which, with donations, raised £46. Refreshments were served in a short break, before resuming the agenda.

**Present:** Chairman of the Parish Council and of the Meeting: Cllr Liz Evans;  
Plus eight members of West Lavington Parish Council;  
28 members of the public, the attendance list being filed with the file copy of these minutes.

**Apologies:** Cllr R Gamble [WC], Cllr B Green, Maj. R Matters, Mr M Challinor, Wiltshire Police rep.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of May 2010 were circulated, approved and signed by the Chairman of that meeting.

**Matters arising:** There were none.

**Chairman's Report:**

Cllr Evans presented her report on the work of the Parish Council over the past year. A copy of the report will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

**Financial Report for 2010/11:**

A copy of the Parish Council's financial statement was provided to all present, together with a copy of the budget for 2011/12. An explanation of the key features was given. There were no questions or comments.

**Wiltshire Councillor's Report:**

In the absence of Cllr Richard Gamble, his written report was read out. A copy is filed with these minutes.

**Street Lighting Consultation:**

The Chairman explained the opportunity for turning off some of the street lighting from midnight to 5.00am and invited comment from the audience as part of the consultation process. There were no comments.

**Reports from Village Organisations:**

Note: A copy of all the reports given to the meeting will be filed with the file copy of these minutes. The following reports were given:

Dauntsey's School	Dauntsey's Aided Primary School
Neighbourhood Watch	The Youth Club
The Southbank Fund	The WI
Village Care & Link	The Twinning Association
The Friendship Club	Royal British Legion
The Village Hall	News and Views magazine
The PCC & Church	

The Lavington & District Swimming Club – The secretary gave a verbal report, thanking the Bursar for allowing the use of the Dauntsey's School pool, explaining club hours, fees and term periods. An invitation was made to try a taster session with a view to joining.

**Meeting open to the public:**

Mr Wood raised the matter of speeding traffic, particularly that passing the end of Pagnell Lane on the A360, entering the village. He requested the speed limit be moved further toward the railway bridge, and asked what else the Council could do to manage the problem. The Clerk explained the recent speedwatch initiative, and advised that interactive speed indicator devices should be on loan to the parish in late June/early July.

Ms Bord enquired whether the Neighbourhood Watch reports could be placed on the parish website, for wider awareness. A discussion took place on the content and style of the reports as presented from the Area Co-ordinator in Devizes. It was agreed that further discussion would be held to establish what may usefully be published, and the Clerk explained how it may be placed on the 'Your safety' page of the website.

Mr Hiscock expressed his dissatisfaction with the level of maintenance of footpaths, and his difficulty in reporting his comments to relevant authorities. His comments were supported by Mr and Mrs Wood. Some discussion ensued on how footpaths have been locally maintained by voluntary effort. The Clerk explained the statutory duty of Wiltshire Council, as highways authority, and the discretionary powers of the parish council. The duty of landowners to maintain growing vegetation such as hedgerows, and fences/stiles, was also explained. Cllr Ford, leading the Footpaths Working Group, explained how influence is brought to bear locally on property owners/occupiers, and how the recent clearance of FP12 was achieved. Upon questioning, the Clerk also explained how the defect reporting system works, drawing attention to the links on the parish website through to that of Wiltshire Council. It was also noted that a number of footpath signs had recently been removed, which would be reported.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) 2012