

**MINUTES OF THE WEST LAVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023 AT 18:00, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD.**

Present: Mrs J Ford (Chair of the parish council), parish councillors: Mr P Blundell, Mr R Gamble, Mrs L Gough, Mr R Oglesby, Mr P West, Mr R Scott and Mr D Muns (also Wiltshire Unitary Councillor). Also present were Mr J Skillman (clerk), and members of the public. 24 people in total.

Minute 1 - Welcome and apologies

Cllr Ford welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies: Cllr Laister.

Minute 2 - Minutes of the 17 May 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

These were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Minute 3 - Parish Council Chairman's report for 2022/23

Cllr Ford advised of some of the work of the parish council during the past twelve months. We now have 998 Facebook followers. Louise Dandy resigned from the parish council, Linda Bengier joined but resigned a few months afterwards, therefore there is now one vacancy. Mrs Ford reported that the new road at Hayfield will be named Holloway Rise, and also reported on the planning applications received during the year, Wessex Water sewer works, the neighbourhood plan, the availability of the MyWilts app, the double yellow lines in Duck Street, the grants given out by the parish council, CIL monies received, and a higher interest 32-day account being used.

Minute 4 - News from local organisations

4.01 Friendship Club – report received prior to the meeting from Eileen Hinton, read by Cllr Ford.

We meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month; at the present time in the Baptist Church Hall at 2.30pm. We were able, thanks to sponsorship from the Parish Council, to arrange 3 trips last year. Currently, we are in the process of making plans for this year. However, no dates are yet available. Our Christmas Concert was a great success as usual and the date has already been booked for this year – Wed. 13th December. The summer program is almost complete, and details will be in the Parish magazine. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time.

4.02 – Knitting club

Eileen Hinton reported that the Knitting Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Baptist Church.

4.03 Playground – Peter Blundell

Cllr Blundell reported on the Playground group, including the Platinum jubilee mugs for village children aged 2-11, benches, fenced being replaced and red oak chosen.

4.04 Community Resilience Plan – Peter West

Peter West reported on the restyled risk plan, which fits in with the Wiltshire Council plan. The aim is to have a draft proposal before next winter.

4.05 Neighbourhood Plan - Richard Gamble

Cllr Gamble reported on the intentions and future plans for the Neighbourhood Plan, which was adopted June 2019. Copy attached.

4.06 Southbank fund – Richard Gamble

Cllr Gamble gave a report on the Southbank fund. (copy attached)

4.07 Village Care and Link group – Mike Page

Michael Page gave a report on the Village Care and Link. (copy attached)

4.08 – WI

Sue Bastone gave a report on the WI (copy attached)

4.09 – DAPS – John Ford

John Ford gave a report on Dauntsey Aided Primary School (copy attached)

4.10 – Streetscene – Sandra Gamble

Sandra Gamble gave an update on the activities of the Street Scene group.

4.11 – Community - Dominic Muns

Cllr Muns reported on community issues including the dangerous junction at Black Dog and how to solve this problem, i.e. speeding and poor visibility. Atkins are looking at this. This is now one of the test cases across the county. Cllr Muns also reported on Hedges House and the planning application from Astor. This was rejected but Astor appealed, so this is now with the Planning Inspectorate.

Minute 5 - Public Forum

5.01 – query re: Character areas of NHP

Cllr Gamble confirmed that planning would not be affected, as the character are not connected to planning.

5.02 – Potholes – not being repaired correctly and problem reoccurs again later

5.03 – Wiltshire Police – member of the public not happy with inactivity.

5.04 – Speeding through the High Street – speed cameras and prosecutions work. Cllr Muns replied that Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are being installed.

Minute 6 - Presentation from The Bustard Group

A member of the Bustard Group gave a presentation about the reintroduction of the Bustard to Wiltshire.

Minute 7 - Display about the Neighbourhood Plan Review consultation.

There was a display at the side of the room for the public to peruse.