

West Ashton Parish Council

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Minutes of remote Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on **Wednesday 20th January 2021**
at 7.15pm by Zoom Teleconferencing

Present: Cllr Covington (Chairman), Cllr Molloy, Cllr Robertson and Cllr Alford

In attendance: Tim Le Mare, co-opted as a member, Nicky Bull, (Parish Clerk)

Public Participation: Cllr Ernie Clark, Hilperton Parish Council and Wiltshire Councillor, and Cllr Edward Kirk, Trowbridge and Wiltshire Councillor.

	AGENDA ITEM
2021/51	Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given Cllr Prickett – apologies, absence was due to personal matters.
2021/52	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate None received.
2021/53	Parish Council vacancies There were no names submitted for consideration to fill a vacancy for Parish Councillor which would run until May 2021.
2021/54	Minutes of previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th November 2020 were approved as a correct record (proposed Cllr Robertson, seconded Cllr Covington). Minutes to be signed as soon as practically possible.
2021/55	Follow-up actions agreed at last and meeting – a) Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use in the village – Cllr Covington advised that he had contacted Kirsty Rose, Wiltshire Council highways engineer, to request a meeting, however due to current Covid restrictions this was not possible. Kirsty had requested further details and photographs which had now been sent in order for Wiltshire council to advise the cost of setting up the device. Further feedback was awaited from Cllr Prickett, once received, an approach would be made to the Area Board for a grant for the (SID) and the CATG for funding towards the NAL socket installation. ACTIONS – Cllr Prickett and Cllr Covington to provide feedback. The meeting was suspended at 19.32 pm to allow Cllr Edward Kirk and Cllr Ernie Clark to join the meeting and re-commenced at 19.51 pm.
2021/56	Parish Councillor Reports The following updates were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highways – nothing to report.• Wiltshire Council – nothing to report as Cllr Prickett was absent from the meeting.• Police – Mathew Till was invited to join the meeting but was unable to do so as he was recovering from a positive Covid test. Cllr Covington had been in touch with Mat to ask for his input in connection with bushes that had been cut down in the play area without permission. A resident in Shepherds Drove had a new fence erected at the bottom of their garden and it would seem that the bushes were cut down at that time. Mat will

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	<p>take a look and come back to us with his thoughts. ACTION: Mat Till to report back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish Steward – Cllr Alford advised that he had worked through a list 2 weeks ago checking the footpaths and bus shelter and there were no issues. In terms of overgrown trees interfering with the posts/cables in front of number 30B Bratton Road, Cllr Alford had spoken with the owner, however no action had been taken. The problem in front of number 16 Bratton Road had been dealt with and the bushes/trees cut down. ACTIONS – it was agreed that Cllr Covington would raise the issue with Wiltshire Council.• Community Speedwatch – Cllr Covington reported that there had been one session with Carol since the last meeting, however the weather had prevented any further observations. Once this had improved, further sessions would be arranged. ACTION – Cllr Covington to organise.• Village Hall – Cllr Covington advised that the village hall was currently closed due to the latest lockdown, however the insurance company had written to advise that checks of the building should continue. Cllr Alford confirmed that he was completing weekly checks. Cllr Covington reported that he had applied for a £4k grant which was available and was awaiting a response. ACTION – Cllr Covington to update on the grant.• Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Covington reported that the plan had been passed to the independent examiner and he would get in touch with Mike Kilmister from Wiltshire Council for an update. ACTION – Cllr Covington to report back.• Traffic calming – Cllr Covington reported that he had responded to the quote and sent further details and photos and was awaiting news. The request to Wiltshire Council for more traffic calming through the village was still being considered by CATG. ACTIONS – Cllr Prickett to update at the next meeting.• Footpaths – Cllr Molloy reported that style at the edge of the field on the ‘s’ bend was damaged and a new step required. Comment was made, whether Wiltshire Council should repair the style. ACTION – Cllr Molloy to take a look. Cllr Covington advised that an inspection of the play area had taken place today and it was noted that the gate had dropped due to a rotten post. Also a section of the balancing beam had rotted and a bolt was sticking out on the gate post which needed to be sawn off. It was agreed we would approach Andy Turner to assess the repairs and send us a quote. Cllr Robertson to supply contact details to Nicky. ACTION – Cllr Robertson to contact Nicky.
2021/57	<p>. Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Councillors received and approved the financial report as at 30/11/20.b) Payments as listed in the appendix at the end of the minutes were approved. Due to the workload it was agreed that Nicky would be paid the full 4 hours per week and she would monitor her hours. (proposed Cllr Robertson, seconded Cllr Molloy).c) Cllr Covington reported that the business on- line banking was up and running.d) Budget 2021/2022 – Cllr Covington confirmed that the precept form had been submitted to the Wiltshire Council.

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2021/58	<p>Planning applications, decisions, enforcement issues and appeals</p> <p>a) The following planning applications considered by the Parish Council since the last meeting were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. 20/07538/PNCOU Brick store at Home Farm Rood Ashton, West Ashton. BA14 6BL. No objections raised.ii. 20/05500/VAR Nantoes, Kettle Lane, West Ashton. BA14 6AW. Variation of conditions 2 and 8 of planning permission 18/01173/FUL to allow for a change to external materials and amendment from pre-commencement work condition to pre-occupation condition. Application refused, Cllr Robertson advised that the applicant would be appealing against the decision.iii. 20/09003/FUL Sunnyside, Yarnbrook Road, West Ashton, BA14 6AR. Addition of four extra traveller pitches, four day rooms and associated ancillary development, together with the addition of an extra stable block and relocation of existing pitches. – A call in notice had been issued by Cllr Prickett and further news was awaited.
2021/59	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Cllr Kirk explained that Active Trowbridge supported village schools in West Ashton, Hilperton, North Bradley and Southwick by providing services such as breakfast clubs and sports activities. Cllr Kirk stated that currently Trowbridge Council carried the full cost of providing these activities, which he did not think was fair, and was now looking for each Parish to contribute towards the costs. West Ashton school was paid approx. £2k between September and December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Cllr Clark advised that, after a debate, Hilperton Parish Council had made a decision not to contribute, as the services had been provided directly by Trowbridge Council without consultation beforehand. Cllrs Kirk and Clark were thanked for attending the meeting and advised that we would go back to Cllr Kirk with our decision once a discussion had taken place.ii. After a debate it was agreed (proposed by Cllr Tim Le Mare and seconded by Cllr Robertson) that the Parish Council was not in a position to make a contribution. The services had been provided, and money spent, without any discussion or involvement of the Parish council. If Trowbridge Council wished to provide these services it should be funded solely by them.iii. Cllr Kirk would be advised of the decision and informed that the Parish Council would be happy to consider any requests made directly by the school.
2021/60	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The chairman advised that David Ovens had purchased 2 fruit trees and had requested a grant of £15 towards the cost. This was agreed as it was within the scope of the offer and the budget.b) Cllr Robertson advised that he would like to undertake a second 2 year term as Trustee with Crookes Trust (Proposed Cllr Le Mare seconded Cllr Covington). As very few payments had been made to residents over the years Cllr Covington suggested the rules be reviewed to ascertain whether

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	<p>the funds could be transferred to another charity.</p> <p>c) John Cox, West Wiltshire Scouts sent an e-mail regarding the proposed purchase of 3 fields adjoining the Jubilee Woods site and asking for our feedback. The new woodland would enable more trees to be planted and provide a habitat for wildlife.</p> <p>d) Westbury Incinerator – an e-mail had been received from Nadia Evans providing details of the proposed incinerator and asking that we place this item on the agenda. After debate it was agreed that, as the Parish Council had not studied the proposal in detail, if councillors wished to object, they should do so on an individual basis.</p>
2021/61	Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th March 2021

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.53 pm.

Appendix.

Payments made in between meetings

Payee name	Details	Payment date	Chq No.	Amount
Evans Above	Garden Maintenance	08/12/20	On line	144.00
Evans Above	Garden Maintenance	12/01/21	Standing order	72.00

Payments made at Parish Council meeting

Payee name	Details	Payment date	Chq No.	Amount
Carol Hackett	Temporary Clerk hours worked 30.09.20 to 11.12.20 plus expenses	21.01.21	Online	233.30
Nicky Bull	Clerk hours worked 3 months 12.10.20 to 11.01.21	21.01.21	Online	521.20