

West Ashton Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on **Wednesday 17th November 2021**
at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Covington (Chairman), Cllr Prickett, Cllr Molloy.

In attendance: Nicky Bull (Parish Clerk)

	AGENDA ITEM
2021/47	Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given Cllr Ian Robertson was unable to attend due to sickness.
2021/48	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate None.
2021/49	Parish Council vacancies To date no one had come forward, so an advert would be placed in the next Parish Magazine. Recently a number of new residents had moved into the village so it was hoped someone would express an interest.
2021/50	Minutes of the Council meeting The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 th September 2021 were approved (proposed Cllr Molloy, seconded Cllr Prickett).
2021/51	Parish Council budget and precept 2022/2023 After a debate, it was provisionally agreed that the precept would be raised by 4%, which represents a band "D" increase of £1.35 to £35.15 per year (proposed Cllr Prickett, seconded Cllr Molloy). This increase would be subject to final confirmation once we had received comment from Cllr Robertson. The precept submission to Wilts Council is by 18 th January 2022, which is the day before the next council meeting.
2021/52	Parish Councillor Reports The following updates were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highways – Cllr Prickett attended a meeting in Westbury today when the Westbury bypass was discussed. Westbury PC wanted to monitor traffic on the A350 passing through the village, however it was acknowledged that the problem was a bigger issue affecting the whole of West Wilts. In view of this it was suggested that Westbury/West Ashton/North Bradley Parish Councils create a consortium and organise traffic surveys in all 3 areas. Cllr Covington would write to the Parish Clerk in Westbury (copy in Mike Kettleby) requesting that we join in the project. ACTION: Nicky Bull• Wiltshire Council – see individual reports.• Police – There was an accident at the entrance to village on Monday 1st November involving one car and the village was closed off for a period of time.• Parish Steward – Cllr Molloy would ask Simon Alford to submit a report before each Parish Council meeting. ACTION: Cllr Molloy• Community Speedwatch – Cllr Covington reported that the results of the metro count had been considered and no further action would be taken by

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	<p>Wiltshire Council. He and Carol Hackett and Jane Rothwell would continue to monitor the traffic during the winter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Hall – Cllr Covington confirmed that the Village Hall was ‘getting back into the swing’ and a number of events had been organised i.e. Pub night 19th November, Christmas lunch on 13th December and a New Year’s Eve party .• Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.• Traffic calming – Nothing to report.• Footpaths –Cllr Molloy reported 2 broken stiles on the Wiltshire Link site and would report that the pavement outside Beechwood needs to be repaired as the tarmac is cracked and broken. ACTION: Cllr Molloy.
2021/53	<p>Speed Indicator Device –Cllr Covington advised that he would now order the device and it would be erected on a lamp post near Shepherds Drove. ACTION: Cllr Covington.</p>
2021/54	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Councillors received and approved the financial report as at 31/10/21 (proposed Cllr Prickett and seconded Cllr Molloy).b) Quarterly check of the accounts completed: no issues reported by Cllr Molloy.c) Payments as listed in the appendix at the end of the minutes were approved (proposed Cllr Covington, seconded Cllr Molloy).
2021/55	<p>Planning applications, decisions, enforcement issues and appeals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) The following planning applications considered by the Parish Council since the last meeting were noted: PL/2021/07790 Proposed conversion of an existing barn to 2 dwellings at land and building adjacent to Nantoes, Kettle Lane, West Ashton BA14 6AW. Application refused. PL/202107828 Householder planning permission erection of greenhouse and wall, fence along boundary line at Rood Ashton Hall, Rood Ashton BA14 6AS. Application agreed with conditions.b) To consider the following applications: Works being undertaken at Biss Farm – It was noted that the Parish Council had not seen an application for the current work being undertaken at the Farm, so Cllr Covington would raise this with Andrew Guest. ACTION: Cllr Covington PL/2021/08404 Household planning permission re proposed replacement front porch, rear extension and garage conversion at 7 Orchard Close, West Ashton, BA14 6AU. The planning application stated under section 6 that there would be no removal of trees and shrubs, however it was noted from the work currently being undertaken that a number of trees and shrubs had been removed and the area cleared. Additionally the digger being used had created an obstruction on the highway. Cllr Covington would write to Andrew Guest to clarify. ACTION: Cllr Covington

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2021/56	Parish Matters A large number of leaves are on the pavements in the village and could become slippery following rain and frosts. It was suggested in the Village magazine that each resident should clear the pavement in front of their properties.
2021/57	Correspondence A resident had sent a letter regarding the speed bump outside the village hall which she felt was dangerous; the letter was forwarded to Wiltshire Council. A resident had verbally complained to Cllr Covington that a dog had attacked her dog whilst she was walking in a field. A letter would be sent to the resident advising her that she should contact the Dog Warden at Wiltshire Council. ACTION: Nicky Bull
2021/58	Date of next meetings Wednesday 19th January 2022 and Wednesday 16 th March 2022.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.55 pm.

Appendix.

Payments made in between meetings

Payee name	Details	Payment date	Chq No.	Amount
Evans Above	Gardening Services	7/10/21	On line	72.00

Payments made at Parish Council meeting

Payee name	Details	Payment date	Chq No.	Amount