

# West Ashton Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Covington (Chairman), Cllr Molloy, Cllr Robertson

**In attendance:** Nicky Bull (Parish Clerk)

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
2021/58	<b>Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given</b> Cllr Horace Prickett was unable to attend for personal reasons.
2021/59	<b>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate</b> None.
2021/60	<b>Parish Council vacancies</b> To date no one had come forward, so after a debate it was agreed that we would deliver fliers to residents advising that we have vacancies for 3 Parish Councillor positions. Additionally following the resignation of the Parish Clerk, this position would also be advertised on the flier and with Wiltshire Council ( <a href="mailto:walcenquiries@communityfirst.org.uk">walcenquiries@communityfirst.org.uk</a> )
2021/61	<b>Minutes of the Council meeting</b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved (proposed Cllr Molloy, seconded Cllr Robertson).
2021/62	<b>Parish Council budget and precept 2022/2023</b> The precept requirement of £8061.30 for 2022/2023 was approved (proposed Cllr Molloy, Seconded Cllr Covington) Cllr Robertson had made a decision to abstain from the vote.
2021/63	<b>Parish Councillor Reports</b> The following updates were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Highways – Nicky Bull had not received a response from Mike Kettleby or Deborah Urch from Westbury Parish Council regarding the traffic survey, so would write to them again. <b>ACTION: Nicky Bull</b></li><li>• Wiltshire Council – nothing to report.</li><li>• Police – Jack Thomas had replaced Matt Till on the Neighbourhood Policing team.</li><li>• Parish Steward – Cllr Molloy advised that he would be meeting the Parish Steward on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. <b>ACTION: Cllr Molloy to update on visits.</b></li><li>• Community Speedwatch – Cllr Covington reported that he, Carol Hackett and Jane Rothwell would continue to monitor the traffic during the winter.</li><li>• Village Hall – Cllr Covington confirmed that the Village Hall had organised a further pub night on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and a Valentines party on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022. There was concern about the porch as it appears to be leaning so Cllr Covington would get someone to take a look. <b>Action: Cllr Covington.</b></li><li>• Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.</li><li>• Traffic calming – Nothing to report.</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Footpaths –Cllr Molloy had reported 2 broken stiles to Paul Millard, one had now repaired by Cllr Molloy, the second was still waiting repair by the council.</li></ul>
2021/64	<b>Speed Indicator Device</b> –Cllr Covington advised that he had not yet ordered the device but would do so shortly. <b>ACTION: Cllr Covington.</b>
2021/65	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Councillors received and approved the financial report as at 31/12/21 (proposed Cllr Robertson and seconded Cllr Molloy).</li><li>b) Quarterly check of the accounts completed; no issues reported by Cllr Molloy.</li><li>c) Payments as listed in the appendix at the end of the minutes were approved (proposed Cllr Robertson, seconded Cllr Molloy).</li></ul>
2021/66	<b>Planning applications, decisions, enforcement issues and appeals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The following planning applications considered by the Parish Council since the last meeting were noted:  <b>PL/2021/10515</b> Household planning application for 2 story extension at 41 Doreen Cottages West Ashton, BA14 6AZ. <b>Comments submitted-no objections.</b></li><li>b) To consider the following applications:  <b>Works being undertaken at Biss Farm</b> – No reply from Andrew Guest so Cllr Covington would write again. <b>ACTION: Cllr Covington</b>  <b>PL/2021/08404 7 Orchard Close</b> - Cllr Covington had written to Andrew Guest but had not received a response. In the meantime the application was approved on 19/1/22 with conditions.</li></ul>
2021/67	<b>Play Area – annual safety inspection and risk assessment</b> It was agreed that an unaccompanied safety inspection would be organised with Wicksteed at a cost of £60.00. <b>Action: Nicky Bull</b>
2021/68	<b>Parish Matters</b> <b>Queens Jubilee:</b> In June 2022 the Queen will celebrate 70 years on the throne, and to recognise this achievement it was agreed that a stone plaque would be erected at the village hall. Cllr Robertson to obtain a quote. <b>Action : Cllr Robertson.</b> <b>East Town road:</b> Cllr Robertson reported that the section of road leading to the lake was in a bad state of repair. This would be reported to highways. <b>Action: Cllr Robertson.</b> <b>Car fumes-</b> a resident had reported that parents waiting for children outside the school were keeping their cars running and causing unnecessary pollution. This problem had been reported to the school. <b>Lighting</b> – It was noted that there are no lamp lights in the village between Ashton Heights and the private lane by Manor Farm. This would be reported. <b>Action: Cllr Covington</b> <b>Parking in Shepherds Drove</b> – A resident had asked for a contact in Wiltshire Council as the parking problem had worsened. Nicky Bull to advise contact details. <b>Action : Nicky Bull.</b> <b>Best Kept Village competition</b> – After debate it was agreed that we would express an interest in entering the competition. <b>Action: Nicky Bull</b>
2021/69	<b>Correspondence</b>

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	None
2021/70	<b>Date of next meetings</b> Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.45 pm.

## Appendix.

### Payments made in between meetings

Payee name	Details	Payment date	Chq No.	Amount
Evans Above	Gardening Services	24/11/21	STO	72.00
Nicola Bull	Clerks wages 15.7.21 to 14.10.21	24/11/21	On line	521.20
HMRC	Income tax re clerk	29/11/21	On line	234.80
Evans Above	Gardening Services	07/12/21	STO	72.00
Carol Hackett	Batteries for SID	13/12/21	On line	6.50
Parish Mag Printer	Printing Winter Magazine	13/12/21	On line	246.00

### Payments made at Parish Council meeting

Payee name	Details	Payment date	Chq No.	Amount