

WEST ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of West Ashton
held on **Tuesday 9th May 2017** at 6.00 pm, in the Village Hall, West Ashton.

Present: Cllr R Covington (Chairman), Cllrs Workman, Prickett and Alford.

Apologies: Cllr Molloy and Cllr Barrow.

In attendance: N Duke (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Minutes	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31st May 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record and adopted (proposed Cllr Alford, seconded Cllr Workman).
2. Matters arising	There were none.
3. Chairman's Report	The Chairman had prepared an Annual Report, which had been circulated to members. He highlighted item 8 relating to local festivals, reporting that the Field Trip festival had moved location to Frome. Attention was also drawn to the traffic calming planned for the village and it was reported that Wiltshire Council had confirmed the work had been delayed until October 2017. The Chairman had expressed his disappointment with this change given that the work had been originally planned for the school holidays, which would have been sensible.
4. Parish Forum	<p>A parishioner drew attention to the funding which was required from the parish council and asked where the £8,000 was coming from. The Chairman confirmed that £4,000 had been allocated to date with the remainder coming from the general reserve. It was clarified that the Auditor had approved this.</p> <p>The parishioner further asked the parish council whether the traffic calming measures would be progressed, expressing concern at the pollution that might be generated and highlighting that government seemed to be moving away from the installation of speed humps. Members confirmed that the works were proceeding and that the safety benefits would offset any potential pollution. It was confirmed that larger vehicles would be able to straddle the speed humps. A street light would also be installed.</p> <p>The parishioner also drew attention to the lack of information on the website relating to the parish council from 2016 onwards. It was reported that Tim Le Mare was continuing to administer the website. It was agreed that the parishioner was making a good point and the parish council would ensure that the website would be updated. The clerk would provide Mr Le Mare with the necessary information for uploading.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.25pm.