

WEST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

Provisional Minutes to be approved at the next Annual Parish Meeting

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Minutes of the Remote Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 starting at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R Ireland (Chairman), Mr P Hutton (Vice-Chairman), Mr C Gay, Mr G Joyce, Mr J Mitchell and Mr P Wood and Mr D Wood.

APOLOGIES: Mrs R Wakeley.

No members of the public attended.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2019 were agreed as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed for adoption.

2. Chairman's Report

Due to Covid restrictions it has been difficult to carry out many of our normal activities.

We have, however, carried out a Facebook poll asking for suggestions as to how our CIL money should be spent. Top of the poll were highways matters. Funding has been secured from B&NES Council to bring a 20 mph speed limit to the village. Using some of our CIL funding we will then be able to push towards providing physical measures.

We are also looking into improving facilities in the Recreation Ground.

We have instructed Smith of Derby to refurbish the Church Clock.

A number of Volunteers removed ivy from the Bus Shelter roof and we are awaiting quotations for its repair.

We are hoping to re-start our regular litter picking/village tidy up (socially distanced) following a successful impromptu litter pick.

Initials

The Triangle has looked spectacular this year and thanks go to the Volunteers who have weeded and kept the area tidy.

I would also like to thank Members of the Memorial Hall Committee for their continued commitment to improve the Hall and my grateful thanks to our Ward Councillor, David Wood who has stepped up to make speeding issues within the village one of his priorities. Thank you, David.

I would also like to thank all Parish Councillors who continue to work hard on behalf of the Parish and give all of their time freely, and finally to Jan Burdge who continues to keep us all in order.

Richard Ireland
4th May 2021

3. Ward Councillor's Report

As well as taking up regular casework for individual parishioners my activities this year have included:

Securing the funds to bring a 20mph speed limit to the village. This will take place this year.

Working to ensure the new Local Plan doesn't bring new house building allocations to the village

Giving the village a greater voice in setting house building plans by involving parish councillors in the process and taking their views forward

Working on individual planning applications where the parish council and I both agreed change or opposition was needed

Pushed for road maintenance on Harptree Hill and Ridge Crescent

Ensured the flash up speeding sign on the Compton Martin road was moved to a more suitable location

Initials

Assisted local businesses and organisations with Covid support grants

Awarded funds to the village hall committee for a gazebo for running local events

Ward Councillor David Wood

4th May 2021

4. Council Accounts 2020/21

The Clerk had presented copies of a Receipts and Payments Statement, which gave details of the Council's accounts during the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 (copy placed on Minute file). The Council had a credit balance of £33,171.31 at the end of the period. It was proposed and seconded, with all other Councillors in favour of adopting them for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date Signed