**MINUTES OF THE WEST LAVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON**

 **THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024 AT 18:00, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD.**

**Present:**
Mr P West (Chair of the parish council), parish councillors: Mr P Blundell, Mr R Gamble, Mr R Oglesby, Mrs J Ford, Mr R Scott, Mr S Laister and Mr D Muns (also Wiltshire Unitary Councillor). Also present were Mr J Skillman (clerk), and members of the public. 26 people in total.

**Welcome and apologies.**Cllr West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes of the May 2023 Annual Parish Meeting.**These were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

**Parish Council Chairman’s report for 2023/24.**Some of the things we have done over the year are included in the attached Chairman’s report.

**Youth Club – Fun and Friendship**Chloe and 3 members of youth club attended the meeting. They have recently done some litter picking for the whole village. Activities include cooking, arts and crafts, sports. Soon to do bushcraft and survival skills.

**Streetscene – Small gardens for the community**Susan West reported that their aim is to make passage attractive through village, and that there are planters throughout the village.

Volunteers are always welcome, especially watering in summer. Damaged Planters have now been replaced with help from WLPC grant.

A discount has been received from Jewson Woods in Devizes. Men in Sheds also helped out

**Community Resilience – Our Emergency Plan**Cllr West reported that there is a plan for emergencies and disasters. The one most used is flooding. The aim to help emergency services to accommodate train crash victims and to support those displaced.

The risks are fire, flood, snow, pandemic, loss of utilities, animal health, fuel disruption, major emergency, extensive storm damage.

Places of safety: Village Hall (primary) supported by our 3 churches.

Community Resilience Volunteers are required.

Also required are 3 flood wardens for 30 mins per week, monitor flood points, monitor blocked gullies, liaise with WC flood team, distribute WLPC resources.

Emergency Plan report attached.

**INTERVAL**

**News from our local organisations.**

**WI:** Sue Bastone read by Susan West: Woman are welcome to monthly meetings. There is an open forum to support each other. They meet on the second Thursday of the month. WI report attached.

**Fete:** Steve Laister read the report from Sue Bastone. £3k profit 2022, slightly less in 2023. The fete is on Saturday 6 July 2024 at 2pm. Village Fete report attached.

The following reports were read by Julia Ford:

* **Knitting club** - Eileen Hinton
* **Friendship Club** - Eileen Hinton:
* **WL posts / Facebook group:** Gaile Bishop: 1401 members currently.

**DAPS:** John Ford gave an update.

**Southbank fund:** Richard Gamble gave a report.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Richard Gamble gave a report.

**Twinning Association:** Visit to Wells with twinners from St Pierre D'Autils, Normandy, France. Sunday was to National Trust properties.

Four course meal with wine, with a theme, (They have exhausted countries, so they are now doing cities). Epiphany, Chinese New Year, origami, paper dragon. Viva la difference, unmatching shoes etc.

The visit to France is in 2 weeks just after D-day.

**Playgrounds:** Peter Blundel gave a report.

**Footpaths / Rights of Way:**

Steve Laister gave a report.

**Public Forum/Q&A.**Items discussed:

Dog poo bins

Robert Oglesby highlighted the gongs system

A’Beckets owner: commented re: remove of agricultural tie

Meeting ended 20:00