

**MINUTES OF THE ETCHILHAMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
26 MAY 2017 AT 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mrs Bridewell, Mr & Mrs Garland, Mrs Munson, Mr Nash, and Mr Smith (in the chair)

Apologies: Mr Holgate and Mr Woods

AGENDA

1 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

2 Matters arising

None.

3 Wiltshire Police Update

PCSO Sue Elway presented a Report on Community Policing which was very well received, particularly the new model messaging website facility. Copies of the Report were tabled.

4 Wiltshire & Dorset Fire Service Update

No-one attended and no report had been provided.

5 Wiltshire Councillor, Philip Whitehead, Report and Qs&As

Mr Whitehead was unable to attend. He sent a note to this effect after the meeting.

6 Parish Council Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

Mr Nash presented the Parish Council's Annual Accounts. There were some minor clarifications made at the meeting.

7 Parish Council Chairman's Report

This was tabled. There were no comments or queries.

8 Points from the Public not otherwise covered

None.

9 Any Other Business

Mr & Mrs Garland and Mrs Munson mentioned that as dog walkers were concerned about the state of the parish footpaths and stiles. Mrs Munson particularly asked whether very high stiles could be replaced by "kissing" gates and all three complained about the eastbound footpath across Manor Farm.

There was some discussion on the availability of Paths Improvement Grants (which had to be Parish Council led) and it was decided to request a Parish Footpath Map from the County Footpath Warden. This defined and numbered all parish footpaths and would be used to assess and report on their state. This information would then be used to liaise with the land-owners such as Mr Andrew Clark at Manor Farm.

Mr Garland subsequently provided contact details for the Footpath Wardens at Wiltshire Council:

Mr Paul Millard – 01225 712821/07788 445292

Mr Mike Crook – 01225 713349

Finally Mr Garland expressed his appreciation for the work of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.05.