

# **MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025 HELD ON TUESDAY 22 MAY 2025 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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**Present:** Mr Hanson (Chairman), Mrs. Clark, Mr. Harris, Mr Nash, Mrs. Wimble

## **Agenda**

**Part I – Guest Speakers.** There were no guest speakers.

## **Part II – Ordinary Agenda**

1. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 May, 2024 were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising. None.
3. Parish Council Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts. Mr Nash presented his report and the annual accounts and he explained the Council's expenditure items and some items bought by the council for the benefit of the village. No issues were raised by the meeting.
4. Parish Council Chairman's Report. A quiet year for the Parish Council with only three meetings held. On 6 May Local Elections were held and Etchilhampton Parish Council had 5 Councillors to appoint. The elections were uncontested and four existing councillors were reappointed. Jon Nash the existing RFO decided not to stand for re-election. The Parish Council would like to thank Jon for all his work as a Parish Councillor and Treasure over the last 30 years. His input to the Council will be greatly missed. The Parish Council will investigate co-opting a further member.

Gateway Station - Wiltshire had recommended stations at Devizes and Corsham. Network rail will analyse connectivity proposals.

The Parish Steward - was allocated half a day per month to Etchilhampton which covers a limited number of small jobs like strimming and potholes.

Highways – the roadside ditch on C60 between Coate Junction towards Health Knapp was cleared and verge work undertaken. Drains between Coate Junction and Etchilhampton Hill have been jetted, however we are still waiting for drains between the Village Hall and the Mission Hall to be unblocked.

Playing Field – Dave Roberts provided the safety inspections and provided an Annual Safety Report however he had now left the village. A new provider is being sought. Land Registry had recently varied the boundary to the field and this was agreed by the Parish Council.

Planning Applications – numerous minor planning applications have been dealt with but nothing contentious.

5. Points from the Public. None.
6. Any Other Business:
  - J. Nash was helping M. Harris with the handover of financial responsibilities

The meeting was closed at 20.00.