WEST HATCH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the

ANNUAL MEETING OF WEST HATCH PARISH

held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19th May 2015

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Public:    8 parishioners, G Midworth (Clerk to the Council)**

**Apologies: L Bidmead, D Clark, Mr & Mrs Dyer, K Read, J Williams, H Young**

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

***The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, held on 20th May 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.***

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**There was no report available.**

**MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS**

**Road safety issues**

**The road safety issues of Meare Green Lane were raised by parishioners present.**

**Changes in farming practices and the increased traffic flow on the A358 have resulted in traffic movements along Meare Green Lane increasing to such an extent that the recreational use of the road is being compromised. Investigations carried out by SCC indicate that the road does not justify a restricted speed limit and as a last resort, the parishioners have suggested that a village sign with the words ‘please drive carefully’ should be placed at either end of the hamlet.**

**This issue has been raised at previous Parish Council meetings, but to date the Parish Council has been unable to agree to the suggestion.**

**The following proposal was submitted at the Annual Parish Meeting.**

**If the Meare Green residents were to fund the cost of one sign, would the Parish Council fund the cost of the other sign?**

**This proposal will be taken forward and discussed at a future meeting of the Parish Council.**

**Co-option of new members to the Parish Council**

**Following the Parish Council elections, where only 4 members out of a possible 7 stood for office, a parishioner asked that the Parish Council gives serious consideration as to whether co-option of further members was necessary. This suggestion will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.**

**Merging of the Parish**

**A parishioner suggested that the Parish Council should consider opening preliminary discussions with neighbouring parishes with a view to merging. There are bureaucratic difficulties with this suggestion, but it will be considered at a future Parish Council meeting.**

**The meeting closed at 8pm**

**Gillian Midworth**

***Clerk to West H****atch Parish Council*