

## WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### REPORT of the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026** held at 7pm in West Parley Community Hub, 275 Christchurch Road.

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Parry – Chair  
Cllr J Barber Cllr M Barber Cllr A Batley  
Cllr C Graham Cllr Mrs R McDonald Cllr D Spencer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs Judi Weedon, Locum Parish Clerk  
Sergeant Steve Payne – Dorset Police  
Justin from Eco Sustainable Solutions  
Hannah from Autism Unlimited  
14 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs B Manuel Cllr A Logan

The Chair, Cllr A Parry welcomed those present and explained the order for the evening:

The evening commenced with guest speaker, Hannah from Autism Unlimited, who gave a presentation on the plans for a Special School located at Stocks Farm.

This was followed by a brief report from Sergeant Steve Payne, who presented the local crime rate figures, which are very low. There was discussion about the Bournemouth 7's event and how this is managed.

Then guest speaker Justin, Managing Director of Eco Sustainable Solutions gave an informative presentation on the history of the company and how anaerobic digestion of the food waste works, with the gas produced being pumped in the main gas pipeline supply.

He informed those present about future plans for the site.

Members asked questions about an incinerator and were assured that there would be no adverse impact to the local community from this.

They also raised questions about smells emitted for the green waste composting.

The chair thanked the guest speakers then invited questions from the public.

- Question regarding the forecourt at the crossroads.  
***Reported that the owner of the site does not want to sell it and as far as the council is aware it is planned for another car wash to occupy the area. The area cannot be developed because it is within 400m of a SSSI***
- Question about a booking system for the hire of the Community Hub.  
***Residents were informed that the Council is in discussion about this and explained that the booking of this building currently sits with the clerk.***
- Question about the current financial position of the Council  
***The Chair stated that the parish council remain debt free and were able to complete all the works to the Community Hub without the need for taking out a loan. He did point out that the Council run the services they provide on a tight budget.***
- Question from the volunteers about grass cutting at the Memorial Hall and whether the parish council could take on this task and that the lawnmower they use needs replacing.  
***The volunteers were advised to apply for a grant from the parish council for a replacement lawnmower and that the council could not commit to take on the task.***

- Question about reimbursement of funds spent by the volunteers whilst the clerk is not available  
***The were informed to submit their claim as normal via the councillors and the reimbursement would be dealt with.***
- Question about the implementation of the 30mpg speed limit on Christchurch Road and New Road.  
***It was explained that the speed limit change was imminent.***
- Question about a yellow box junction  
***The Chair explained that although this would be a good solution it is very unlikely to happen***
- Question about how close the Memorial Hall is to reopening  
***Members of the Memorial Hall answered this question and explained that it would not be open any time soon.***

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to enjoy the refreshments  
The meeting was closed at 20:45 hrs.

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chair of the Council

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