WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH PUBLIC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2026

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WESTONZOYLAND

PRESENT: Councillors Mr Alder, Mr Bullock, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Newham, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Pearce, Mrs Timmins, and Mr Turnbull

APOLOGIES: Councillor Dingwall, and Councillor Rodrigues (Somerset Council)

Six parishioners and public were in attendance.

The meeting was Chaired by Mrs Fisher (Chairman of Westonzoyland Parish Council).

01. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Public Meeting held on Monday 12.05.25, had been circulated, were taken as read, and approved as a correct record.

02. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

03. Chairman's Report and Resume 2025/26 to Date

Mrs Fisher had prepared a report on the activities of the Council during the preceding period. This was effectively her 16th year in the office of Chairman.

In her report, she thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk, for their efforts and thoughts through the year, and welcomed, particularly, new Councillors. The report would be circulated.

04. Councillor Derek Alder Retirement

Cllr Alder, a long standing member of the Council, took the opportunity to announce his retirement. The Chairman and members thanked Cllr Alder for his long service and contribution to the Parish and the activities of the Parish Council. Steps would be taken in the usual way to invite interest in replacement.

05. Traffic Matters and Speeding Through and Within the Village

This matter had been covered in the Annual Meeting of the Council prior, and was being explored through the suitable channels, chasing the prospect of securing 20 mph. Response so far was reported.

06. Police/PCSO Report

Police response, this matter had also been covered in the Annual Parish Council meeting and was being followed up.

07. Speaker: Statement on Behalf of Towens by Mr John Telling, Director, Accompanied by the Company's Environmental Manager and Site Manager

The Statement will be obtained for circulation, with particular reference to activities on the site off Springway Lane, the Somerset Council Regulation of the Planning Permission 2025, and the responses of the Environment Agency. Activities covered included traffic management, recycling, waste soil and hardcore and the relevant dust management plan. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Timmins would produce a complaints procedure, directed particularly at HGV traffic movements with info to be supplied. Members agreed that it may be worthwhile arranging a visit to the Towens site for a full appreciation of the activities.

Agreed: That Cllr Timmins produce an Observation Form which will be made available on social media and the website for public response.

08. Battlefield Monument Replacement Trees

The trees were now in situ.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm

Signed

Chairman