

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SAVERNAKE PARISH COUNCIL 26TH MAY 2021
MEETING HELD AT ST KATHARINE’S CHURCH, SAVERNAKE**

PRESENT

Guy Singleton (Chairman) (GS)	Councillor
Nikki Boutal (NB)	Councillor
Nigel Eayrs (NE)	Councillor
Andrew Smithson (AS)	Councillor
Martin Phipps (MP)	Councillor
 Suzie Singleton (SS)	 Parishioner & interim Clerk

ITEM		ACTION
0	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>GS briefly explained the differences between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Annual Meeting and introduced the councillors to the parishioners present.</p>	GS
1	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Faux</p>	GS
3	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2019 were approved. A copy will be uploaded the SPC website.</p>	ALL
4	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>NS projected some PowerPoint slides onto the wall to illustrate the finances of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The 2020/2021 precept received from Wiltshire Council amounted to £1,302. CIL funding received in 2018 had been used to renovate and repair the bus stops at Forest Hill and Cadley and will be used to fund the White Gates at Forest Hill and Cadley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Precept continues to fully cover the Council’s recurring expenses • The Council will invest in some significant road safety improvements in 2021, the White Gates at Forest Hill and Cadley and Children Crossing signs at Cadley. • CIL funds will be fully spent, and reserves will return to historical levels, by 31st March 2022 • The Council is confident of its 2021-22 Budget and foresees no risk of being unable to fulfil its financial commitments 	NE

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5	<p>UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Guy Singleton gave an overview of the works carried out by the Parish Council since the last Annual Meeting in 2019.</p>	GS
6	<p>UPDATE ON FORESTRY ENGLAND’S ACTIVITIES</p> <p>NE gave a brief report on activities being carried out in Savernake Forest including the tree work on ash trees affected by Ash Dieback along the roadsides of the A4 and A346, the cows returning to the forest for the summer, and timber harvesting.</p> <p>He also passed on a warning from the Forestry England to be aware that thefts from vehicles still occur and to take care when parking within the forest.</p>	NE
7	<p>MYWILTSHIRE REPORTING SYSTEMS</p> <p>GS explained that there were two systems whereby small works can be dealt with within the Parish.</p> <p>A copy is attached to the end of these Minutes.</p>	GS
8	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Thanks given to Rosemary for opening the church for us, and a contribution of £40.00 was made to Church funds.</p>	

Signed ... Guy Singleton

Date ... 10th May 2021

Name ... *Guy Singleton*