



WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Wednesday 13th May 2026

Location: West Dean Centre, High Street, Bream

Present: Cllrs A Grant (Chair), A Betenson, B Evans and M Bennett

Also Present: 2 x Members of the public

Clerk: P Holland

Apologies: WDP Cllr's A Batchelor, J Richmond, S Dunford, S Yeates & S Francis
Clerk J Miles
County Cllr B Hoyland

Start Time: 7.00 pm

End Time: 8.00 pm

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	Introductions The Chair welcomed Councillors and residents of the parish to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Each Councillor introduced themselves and explained which ward they represented and finally Clerks introduced themselves.	
2.	Minutes of the last Assembly The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 21 st May 2025 were reviewed and these were proposed by Cllr Betenson seconded by Cllr Grant, and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3.	Annual County Report to Parish Council Cllr Hoyland sent a written report as she was unable to attend this meeting. A copy of this was given to those in attendance and will be placed on the website.	Copy of report to be added to website.

Signed by Chair _____ Date _____

4.	Annual District Report to Parish Council No report was received by the time of this meeting.	
5.	Annual PCSO Report to Parish Council No report was received by the time of this meeting.	
6.	Public Questions and Comments Members of Public were asked if they had any questions, as they did not at that time Cllr Grant gave a run down on events during the last year including: • The resignation of the Chair. • The resignation of Councillors. • The lose of the Power of Competency due to the number of elected Councillors and the new Clerk working to obtain her CiLCA qualification. • Continued Grant Funding by West Dean Parish Council. • The Forest of Dean Gateway This update lead to a discussion on the progress of the application and what works were being done at present and the determination of WDPC to see this project through to fruition, it was also noted that this project had the support of our MP. • Five Acres (Chestnut Wood) development and the work starting on the 4G Pitch. • The 5 VAS units owned by WDPC and the 2 new units which had just arrived. This raised a question on a sign regarding a camera on Parkend Road, it was advised that this would have been due to the Police Camera Van being in the area not a VAS unit. • The solar panels on the West Dean Centre helping to keep utility costs down. • The Cllr Vacancy. • The work WDPC had done with regard to commenting on the Forest of Dean District Council's Local Plan. • Forest of Dean District Council's Biosphere and a response to the lack of consultation. A MOP thanked WDPC for the grant given to assist in placing a cattle grid at the sports club, and advised that this work was underway, they then thanked all Cllrs for their work and thanked the Deputy Clerk and Handyman for getting the signpost for the Bream Heritage Walk corrected. A MOP thanked WDPC for the grant given to Bream Young Gardeners, they had been able to double the size of their group, and advised that they had had a garden accepted for Badminton.	
	The meeting Closed at 7.40 pm	

Signed by Chair _____ Date _____