

## Minutes of the Donhead St Mary Virtual Parish Council Meeting

Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Attended (Virtually) by: John Feltham, Jason White, Lin Walker, Ros Fraser, Tom Rossiter, Eric Adams, Phoebe Fortescue, Charlene Elbrow, Annie Garnett, Paul Dewey and Tony Deane (Local County Councillor), 1 Member of the Public

The meeting was chaired by John Feltham (Chairman)

1028 Minutes of the Meeting Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. There were none as the Clerk never did them

1029 Interests to Declare – none

1030 Exclusion of the Press and Public Keri from Alfred Daily had expressed an interest in attending but both Phoebe and John had advised him that we have no clerk and it would be better if he attended a future meeting. Teri did suggest that we advertise for a new clerk on Radio Alfred which was thought to be a good idea.

1031 - The Chairman made a verbal report to the Council

Due to the lack of a clerk John asked the Committee to share some of the work as follows:

Eric – planning. Tony said he'll ask the Council to send any relevant planning applications to John in future rather than Clare.

Paul – SIDS and the Lease on Donhead St. Mary Sports Club. It was noted that the speed indicator on the A30 is not operating properly.

Lin – Flood Warden

Jason – Memorial

Ros – Banking

Tom - Village Hall, Cemetery and Banking

Phoebe – Footpaths, Solar Farm and helping find a new Clerk

Charlene – playgrounds

Annie – Rights of Way, Footpaths/Stiles, Hedges etc and related correspondence. Minutes whilst no Clerk

1032 – No further update on the Lease to the Donhead St. Mary Sports Club.

John brought to the attention of the committee a problem that has arisen between local users of the tennis courts at Charlton and the Shaftesbury Tennis Club which is currently based there. The local residents are unhappy with the new booking system but the Sports club is grateful for the money brought in by the tennis Club. The Deeds for the Sports Club do state for the use of local as and amateur sports but it was suggested that everyone involved needs to have a discussion so that a compromise can be reached. Possibly priority booking or lower charges for locals?

1033 There were no objections to the three planning applications considered

1034 Payments made etc can't be updated until everything is received back from the Clerk

1035 Play areas - Eric pointed out that there is nothing in the play areas for children of 8 years upwards. The chairman thanked him for pointing this out and suggested we all look at local playgrounds and ask other people/children for suggestions before the next meeting.

1036 – Annie updated the committee on the state of the stiles, footpaths etc. The Brewers seem to be mending their stiles which have been in a bad state of repair and the gates in Charlton owned by Robin Blatchford are currently unlocked.

1037 – Telephone boxes etc. John Lewis at Shute House spoke to the chairman and has offered to paint and maintain the old telephone box close to his house. The offer was accepted and much appreciated.

1038 – Annie proposed that the Parish Council make a donation of £200 to provide a grille to protect a colony of rare bats in the Parish. This will be organised by Anthony Garnett.

1039 – Missing Sign – this is an issue that has been discussed since 2016 but nothing has happened. Tony Deane suggested the request for a new Donhead St Mary sign be entered through the My Wilts App. The kerbstones opposite the lodge at Wincombe have been it by lorries and that too can be reported through the app. The parish steward needs to be reminded to keep the pavement in Ludwell clear.

Any other Business: Tony Deane reminded the Committee that there are May elections coming up and parish councilors will need to fill in nomination forms and deliver them into Salisbury by hand. Each person will need a polling number which Tony will try and track down for us.

Tony suggested we should have liaison officers for Shaftesbury and Ludwell schools as the parish is in the catchment areas. Lin offered to liase with Ludwell.

Tony also drew our attention to a Wilts. Webinar on apprenticeships which offers businesses far easier and better terms than previously if they take on apprentices.

Tony stated the importance of keeping an eye on the area plan as Ludwell may be allocated more housing. John and Ros agreed to monitor this.

Eric spoke for the whole Committee when he thanked John for handling everything recently with the lack of a clerk.

**The next meeting is the AGM on April 28<sup>th</sup>**