



Donhead St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in The New Remembrance Hall, Charlton
on **Wednesday 2nd March 2022** at 7:15pm

Present: Cllr. John Feltham (Council Chairman)
Cllr. Charlene Elbrow Cllr. Rosalind Fraser
Cllr. Paul Dewey Cllr. John Wright
Cllr. Thomas Rossiter Cllr. Lin Walker
Cllr. Phoebe Fortescue Cllr. Eric Adams

In Attendance: Cllr. Nick Errington (Wiltshire Councillor)
Cllr. Malcolm Cullimore (Donhead St Andrew PC Chairman)
Mr Simon Pritchard (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public in Attendance: One

Public Participation: None

Reports from Cllr Errington, Wiltshire Council:

- Wiltshire Council agreed its annual budget at a full Council meeting on 15th February.
- 50% of area board funding is will now be transferred to the CATG group that will also take responsibility for public rights of way.
- The recent storms resulted in reports of over 900 trees blocking roads across the county. Many roads have just initially been cleared and the highways teams will need to re-visit.
- The Great British Spring Clean takes place between 25 March – 10 April. Wiltshire Council can lend equipment and collect litter picked.
- The Tisbury, voluntary driver Link Scheme are in need of more drivers.
- A local dementia support group being set up.

Q: why is the council spending money on cycle lanes now that the highway code has changed, and cyclist can cycle anywhere they like.

A: It is possible that in light of the highway code change, highway authorities will look at their policies towards cycle lanes.

Statement: If Wiltshire Council's current highways contractor took away their signage after completing a job, then the overall contract would be cheaper.

Q: What can be done about the loss of the Post Box at Birdbush? – may have been stolen.

A: Will look into it.

Item no:	
59	Apologies for Absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Annie Garnett – Family Commitments

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

60	<p><u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:</u> None</p>
61	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 had been presented for adoption. It was proposed by Cllr Wright to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Rossiter and resolved unanimously.</p>
62	<p><u>Marking of the Platinum Jubilee:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Joint Project with Donhead St Andrew Parish Council:</u> Cllr Cullimore expressed hope that the two councils could work together as they had done for the Diamond Jubilee and commission a joint memorial stone to mark the occasion. One quote had already been obtained from a local stonemason, a second was being sourced. Cost for the stone £1,586.00 currently, this is Portland stone. It was agreed that the two parishes should jointly commission the memorial stone, it was also agreed that it must have a tree planted with it.</p> <p>Members express the hope that the stone could be installed on the border between the two parishes, down from the apple orchard, where a large oak has just fallen over. Members of Donhead St Andrew Parish Council will consider the matter next week.</p> <p>B. <u>Other Celebrations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was suggested that a beacon would be nice. ○ A clean for the Queen, litter pick. ○ Platinum Jubilee mugs or coins for children with the parish. <p>It was agreed to buy enough mugs for all for all the children. Members to work out how many are required are in their area.</p>
63	<p><u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:</u></p> <p>a) Application No: PL/2022/01106 Proposal: Replacing two pairs of french doors, lowering the cill of a window. Demolishing a small hipped roof and a small lean-to roof and replacing them with a single lean-to roof. Addition of Air Source Heat Pump with brick enclosure (Retrospective). Site Address: Priory Cottage, Middle Coombe, Donhead St Mary, SP7 9LX</p> <p>b) Application No: PL/2022/01119 Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and porch with new single storey extension and internal alterations. Site Address: Manor Farm Cottage, 25 Charlton Lane, Charlton, SP7 0EW</p> <p>c) Application No: PL/2022/01294 Proposal: Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension with front porch extension Site Address: 40 Coronation Drive, Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury, SP7 9NA</p>

64	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</u></p> <p>A. <u>List of Payments Made to Date:</u> The council received a list of all payments made since 1st April 2021</p> <p>B. <u>Budget Vs Spend to Date:</u> The council received the latest budget vs spend to date. A question was raised as to why the clerks take home pay had decreased over the last few months. The response being that the clerk now pays more into his pension savings.</p>
65	<p><u>Co-option of New Members of the Parish Council:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Interview of Candidates:</u> The Clerk had received two applications by the deadline, but only one applicant had attended the meeting. Mr Brake outlined his situation and experiences.</p> <p>B. <u>Election of New Member of the Parish Council:</u> It was proposed by Cllr Walker to co-opt Roger Brake onto the Parish Council, seconded by Wight, and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>C. <u>Declaration of Acceptance of Office:</u> Mr Brake signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and became a Member of the Council.</p>
66	<p><u>Remembrance Field Lease:</u> Lease still going backwards and forwards. Missing deeds still no closer to being found.</p>
67	<p><u>PLAYGROUNDS:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Latest Inspections Reports: / Further Equipment:</u> The inspection report for January 2022 has been circulated, there has been no inspection since, it is due this month.</p> <p>B. <u>Further Equipment:</u> (Not covered at the meeting)</p>
68	<p><u>Replacement 'Donhead St Mary' Welcome Sign:</u> The Clerk explained to members that due to the budget cuts in local government, non-necessary signage such a place names are such low priority to Wiltshire Council that they were unlikely to be replaced. Parishes who want such signage need to pay for it themselves, this is via the Wiltshire Council approved highways contractor. The cost to replace the Parhams Hill sign is £1,491.97 Members resolved not to replace the sign.</p>

Members Portfolios – Verbal Reports:

- **New Remembrance Hall Committee Representative – Cllr Elbrow**
- **Sports Club and Memorial Fields Representative – Cllr Dewey**
- **SW Wiltshire Council Area Board – **Vacant****
- **Footpaths / Rights of Way – Cllr Garnett**
- **S.I.D Coordinator – Cllr Dewey**
- **Highway Matters / CATG - Cllr Walker**
 - Gravel track leading to Win Green, Wiltshire Council are going to dig / flatten.
- **South-West Wiltshire Community Safety Group – **Vacant****
- **Local Planning & Development – Cllrs; Fraser & Wright**
- **Flood Warden - Cllr Walker**
- **Civil Contingencies – Cllr Garnett**
- **Snow Warden – Cllr Rossiter**
- **Litter Management – Cllr Feltham**
 - Could put a story in the Digest Mag to ask Residents to litter pick each time to go out for a walk.
- **Playgrounds – Cllr Elbrow**
- **Alzheimer Group – Cllr Fraser**
- **AONB – Cllr Fortescue**
 - Cllr Fortescue to respond to the Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review, on behalf of the Council.
 - The Chairman reported that he is seeking further quotes for the painting of the phone boxes.
 - The Chairman reported that he will be away for the may annual meeting.

Meeting Closed at 21:06