

Donhead St Mary Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7pm
The New Remembrance Hall, Charlton.

Present:

- 3 Members of the Public (a 4th joined at 7:15)
- Cllr Nick Errington - Wilshire Councillor
- The Parish Clerk – Simon Pritchard

Minutes:

1. Election of Meeting Chairman:

As the Parish Council chairman was not present, Cllr Adams, the Parish Council's vice-chair was nominated to chair the meeting.

2. Welcome & Apologies for Absence:

7 members of the Parish Council had sent their apologies for the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021:

No meeting held due to Covid.

4. Report from Parish Council Chairman:

▪ **Written report received:**

My apologies that I will not be with you this evening.

As a Parish Council there are many areas that we deal with from Planning to Burials in our local Cemetery. There are many issues that we would like to resolve, the condition of the roads, Speeding, Heavy Vehicles and Flooding but these are not always in our control.

What we can do is to listen and keep the Parish informed of areas of that we are dealing with, this will soon be easier thanks to the new updated Website which will bring together the many organisations that make up our Villages.

My thanks to you all.

The Parish Clerk reported some further matters...

▪ **Former phone boxes restoration**

The three phone boxes that the Parish council own are to be restored / painted. With the cost being covered by a local benefactor.

▪ **Platinum Jubilee Mugs:**

The Clerk was now in possession of 100 mugs, there are to be given out to resident children (16 and under). Councillors will work out how many they require for their area.

▪ **Platinum Jubilee Memorial Stone:**

The memorial stone is a joint project with Donhead St Andrew Parish Council. Now ordered from a local stonemason using Portland stone, should be ready in time for the end of June for an official unveiling. Both Councils have agreed to the second-choice location of the grounds of Donhead St Mary Village Hall. A weeping cherry tree will also be planted.

▪ **House Burglaries:**

Some have been reported in the area recently, residents are advised to keep their valuables secure. Support and information can be sourced from the Bobby van www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk

5. Report from Wiltshire Councillor Nick Errington:

- Government council tax rebate now being paid out. Residents not on direct debit are having to be written to for their bank details. Rebate is £150 for council tax band A to D only.
- The CATG group that used to deal with local highways matters is now called LHFIG and now also deals with rights of way as well.
- 930 refugees from Ukraine have been re-homed in Wiltshire. The government pays the council £10,500pp to help cover some of the cost.
- May is local history month, libraries will be having themed events.
- Wiltshire police are running a recruitment drive. Numbers have increased by 60 across the county, total now stand at 1152 officers.

6. Reports from local groups and organisations:

None

7. Reports from Members of the Parish Councils with Portfolios

None

8. Open Public Parish Forum:

Residents are invited to discuss any matter affecting the Parish

- A resident raised concern about the amount of litter and fly tipping on Wincombe Lane (A350 to Donhead St May) – it was agreed that this lane was a problem. It will be checked if the Parish Steward can litter pick.

Closed 19:27