

Donhead St Mary Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in The New Remembrance Hall, Charlton on **Wednesday 3rd July 2024** at 7:15pm

Present: Cllr. John Feltham (Council Chairperson)
Cllr. Roger Brake
Cllr. Paul Dewey Cllr. Thomas Rossiter
Cllr. Ros Rogers Cllr. John Wright

In Attendance: Cllr. Richard Budden (Wiltshire Councillor)
Mr Simon Pritchard (The Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public in Attendance: Three

Public Comments:

Three residents had attended to voice their concerns again over the speed of vehicles on the A30 around the Rising Sun area.

- One resident stated that he had raised concern a year ago and asked for matters to be addressed. A speed survey was actioned by the Parish Council but not his other suggestions that included more signage and gates. The local police have been written to by Cllr Budden and local residents asking for action to be taken. Wiltshire Council Officers have attended a site meeting and agreed that this stretch of road is a problem. The police have said they do not have the resource to deal with the problem, nor accept any data from ANPR cameras. The fast speed of cars makes it almost impossible to reverse out of driveways. Need better signage, including village gates, additional painted speed signs on the road and the refreshing of the roundels already on the road. Education is a better route to pursue rather than enforcement. Please can the Parish Council take urgent action and apply for funding (from Wiltshire Council). Precedent has been set in other Villages along the A30 who have enhanced their signage.
- A second resident said that he had lived next to a busy road in his last home, but since moving here about 18 months ago he has noticed a remarkable increase in the speed of vehicles. Noticed a bike doing 80mph the other day. Would like to see average speed cameras installed. There is going to be a bad accident, there was one at the crossroads not that long ago.
- A further comment was made by the first resident that the furniture (signs & gates) needs to be installed first before going down the enforcement route.
- There was a general feeling from members of the Parish council that speed on the A30 as a whole is a problem, the overall speed limit needs to be reviewed. There was general support for asking Wiltshire Council to do more.

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Report from Cllr Budden, Wiltshire Council:

Cllr Budden had provided a written report that he referred to – This had been circulated in advance to all the Members.

- Statistics show that the SW Wilshire Area has the worst record for serious accidents. This has now been flagged at Area Bored level and there is talk of a whole area review of speed limits taking place – but this has not been committed to.
- Cllr Budden had mocked up what a possible traffic calming scheme would look like on the A30, taking influence from other Villages along the route. Also, the report highlighted where accidents have taken place in the last three years. He suggested that it was possible to request more 40MPH signs as well, and possibly ‘pedestrians on the road’ signs.
- Cllr Dewey reported that while Wiltshire Police will not accept the data from a ANPR camera, if the Parish Council had one and identifies a persistent offender then that could be reported as a crime to the police and the evidence supplied.
- Hope the Parish Council is aware of the Littledown planning appeal.
- The Parish Council should be aware the C.I.L. money spend is now being monitored by Wilshire Council, possible they may try and recoup the money should it not be spent in time.

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| Item no: | |
| 16 | <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</u> <u>A. To Receive any Apologies for Absence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Annie Garnett• Cllr. Phoebe Fortescue• Cllr. Eric Adams• Cllr. Lin Walker <u>B. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr Rogers proposed that the apologies submitted by all four councillors are accepted, seconded by Cllr Dewey and resolved unanimously. |
| 17 | <u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:</u> None. |
| 18 | <u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 st May 2024 had been presented for adoption. It was proposed by Cllr Wright to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Rogers and resolved unanimously. |
| 19 | <u>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:</u> Two applications had been received but neither candidate could attend the meeting to be interviewed. It was aged to defer the co-option to the September meeting to allow the applicants a second opportunity to attend the meeting. <u>A. Interview of the Candidates:</u> N/A <u>B. Election of New Members:</u> N/A |

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| | C. <u>Declaration of Acceptance of Office:</u> N/A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | <p><u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:</u> <u>Written Representation Planning Appeal:</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">APPELLANTS NAME:</td> <td>West Melbury Farm Ltd.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>APPEAL SITE:</td> <td>Land at Littledown, Shaftesbury, SP7 9HD (Easting 38700, Northing 124850)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PLANNING APPLICATION REF:</td> <td>PL/2023/05387</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:</td> <td>Conversion and Reuse of a Redundant Rural Building for Economic Development B2/B8 use and amendments to the design of the building approved under PL/2021/05261 (part retrospective)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INSPECTORATE REFERENCE:</td> <td>APP/Y3940/W/24/3342759</td> </tr> <tr> <td>APPEAL START DATE:</td> <td>12 June 2024</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr Budden has submitted a detailed representation of objection to the planning inspector, this is based on information received from AONB (National Landscape) Officers. Originally the Wiltshire Council Planning officers had recommended approval of this application, they are now tasked with defending the decision of the planning committee to refuse it. It was agreed that the Parish Council with reinstate its objection and endorse Cllr Budden's submission. Noted that Sedgehill & Semley Parish Council is also strongly opposed.</p> | APPELLANTS NAME: | West Melbury Farm Ltd. | APPEAL SITE: | Land at Littledown, Shaftesbury, SP7 9HD (Easting 38700, Northing 124850) | PLANNING APPLICATION REF: | PL/2023/05387 | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: | Conversion and Reuse of a Redundant Rural Building for Economic Development B2/B8 use and amendments to the design of the building approved under PL/2021/05261 (part retrospective) | INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: | APP/Y3940/W/24/3342759 | APPEAL START DATE: | 12 June 2024 |
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| 21 | <p><u>A30 (Rising Sun Area) TRAFFIC CALMING:</u> This subject had been extensively covered under public participation. It was agreed to apply to LHFIC (Wilshire Council) for a new signage scheme, it was further agreed to continue with the purchase the two speed monitoring devices that where agreed to at the last meeting, this being a further SID for the Rising Sun area and an Auto-speed-watch device for recoding the numberplates and speeds of vehicles.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | <p><u>Poor Condition of the Highways in the Parish:</u> It was noted that Lower Wincombe Lane had been fixed. The local highways manager has no information as to when any other promised works may take place.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | <p><u>A350 Semley / St Mary Turn – Highway Safety Improvements:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) <u>Joint Speed Survey with East Knoyle Parish Council and Sedgehill & Semley Parish Council for A350:</u> The Clerk reported that with the parish councils' share of the cost being split between three councils, the survey would only cost each parish council £238.33 (total cost to Wiltshire Council £3,100). It was proposed by Cllr Rogers to approve the cost of £238.33, seconded by Cllr Brake and resolved unanimously.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>b) <u>Safety Improvements at the Junction of the A350 and Wincombe Lane:</u> At the May Parish Council meeting, a Wiltshire Council scheme to slow speed at this junction was approved by the Parish Council. This scheme has now been costed by Wiltshire Council at £3,096.18 with the Parish Council being required to contribute £774.04 (25%). It was proposed by Cllr Rogers to approve the cost of £774.04, seconded by Cllr Brake and resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 24 | <p><u>New Play Equipment for Play Parks:</u></p> <p>a) <u>Youth Equipment for Memorial Hall Area:</u> An email had been circulated before the meeting from one company giving options for equipment and prices, this was as a result of a meeting they had held with Cllr Adams. Surprise was expressed at the apparent young target age range of the equipment that has been priced, as the agreement was that equipment for older children was to be looked at. As Cllr Adams was not at the meeting, further debate was deferred.</p> <p>b) <u>Coronation Drive Equipment Expansion:</u> The Parish Clerk, as part of the efforts to gain more land to put play equipment on, has established that the Parish Council does not own the freehold of Coronation Drive play park, it is owned by Wiltshire Council. This being the case, Wiltshire Council should be written to to remind them of their responsibility towards the play park including regular inspection and maintaining the equipment. It was proposed by Cllr Rogers that Wiltshire Council be written too to remind them of their responsibilities towards the upkeep of the park and to inform them that the Parish Council will no longer be maintaining the park, seconded by Cllr Brake and resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 25 | <p><u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Payments to be Approved:</u> 1. S. Pritchard – Expenses Jan to June 24 - £170.85 It was proposed by Cllr Rogers to make the one listed payment, seconded by Cllr Brake and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>List of Payments Made:</u> The list had been circulated and was received.</p> <p>C. <u>Budget Vs Spend to Date:</u> To latest budget information had been circulated and was received.</p> <p>D. <u>C.I.L. Money Report:</u> Details had been published on the agenda in full as to what C.I.L. money the Parish Council is holding. £10,181.36 in total. Noted that this money can be used for road improvement/ traffic caring schemes.</p> |

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| 26 | <p><u>Community Grant Applications:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Tisbus (Tisbury and District Community Minibus Ltd):</u> A letter had been circulated from Tisbus asking for financial support. It was proposed by Cllr Wright to grant £500, seconded by Cllr Brake and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>Remembrance Playing Fields Committee:</u> The committee has been busy over the last year, tree works have had to take place and improvements to the entrance has been made. As a result, the last allocation of funds has been overspent. It was proposed by Cllr Brake to earmark a further £4,000 for spending at the Playing Fields Committee discretion, seconded by Cllr Rogers and resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 27 | <p><u>PLAYGROUNDS: Latest Inspections Reports & Updates:</u> There are no items of medium or high priority on the inspection report.</p> |
| 28 | <p><u>Members Portfolios – Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>a) Parish Council Char’s Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has attend a special environment service at St Jonh’s Church as part of the formal closing of the Churchyard. A bench was presented to the Parish Council for use in the Churchyard. The company that maintains the Churchyard has been asked to secure this down so that it cannot be taken. This will need adding to the asst register <p>b) Parish Clerk’s Updates:</p> <p>c) New Remembrance Hall Committee Representative – Cllr Adams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brocken window reported to the police, patrols should now increase. <p>d) Sports Club – Cllr Dewey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now has a new football team, so can apply for grunt funding from the FA. Also, many of the new team members have connections with roofing contractors, so may get a better deal. <p>e) Memorial Fields Representative – The Chairman & Cllr Dewey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A large amount of old fence has been fly-tipped near the sports club <p>f) Footpaths / Rights of Way – Cllr Garnett</p> <p>g) S.I.D Coordinator – Cllr Dewey</p> <p>h) Highway Matters / LHFIG - Cllr Walker</p> <p>i) Flood Warden - Cllr Walker</p> <p>j) Snow Warden – Cllr Rossiter</p> |

Meeting Closed at 21:08