



Donhead St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in The New Remembrance Hall, Charlton
on **Wednesday 18th September 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
Cllr. Eric Adams Cllr. Lin Walker

In Attendance: Cllr. Richard Budden (Wiltshire Councillor)
Mr Simon Pritchard (The Parish Clerk)
Two members of the public (standing for co-option)

Members of the Public in Attendance: Two members of the public (standing for co-option)

Public Comments:
(None)

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.

- **Planning:** Proposed changes by central government to the National Planning Policy Framework would see housing targets increase across the board nationally; in Wiltshire it would be an 81% increase in target numbers. It would reintroduce the 5-year land supply rule, Wiltshire currently has 3.85 years supply So the balance would be tipped in favour of planning applications received. Possible that being in a National Landscape (AONB) will provide some local protection.
- **Highways Maintenance Program:** Locally there should be 10 resurfacing projects completed this year and a further two by the early part of next year, however none have been delivered to date. Wiltshire Councils own statistics show that road accidents are on the increase. Very important that the MyWilts app or website is used to report everything on as is evident that this is not always happening.
- **Revamp My Tank:** Second meeting held in Tisbury. Keen for the Parish Council to keep pushing the scheme. Now have some leaflets.

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| Item no: | |
| 29 | <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 |

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| | <p>B. <u>Acceptance of Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr Walker proposed that the apologies submitted by the two councillors are accepted, seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved unanimously.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | <p><u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:</u> None.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | <p><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 had been presented for adoption. It was proposed by Cllr Wright to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Dewey and resolved unanimously.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | <p><u>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:</u> This item had been deferred from the July meeting. Two applications had been received and the two applicants had attended the meeting.</p> <p>A. <u>Interview of the Candidates:</u> The chair introduced the members of the council. The council interviewed Mark Matthews, who outlined his experience with principal authorities and central government. partially highways and analysing data. Bruce Hibbert outlined his experience as a chartered surveyor and his interest in planning. Local economy matters where debated in general and the problems that are faced in the area.</p> <p>B. <u>Election of New Members:</u> Cllr Walker proposed that Mark Matthews be co-opted on to the council, seconded by Cllr Brake and resolved unanimously. Cllr Walker proposed that Bruce Hibbert be co-opted on to the council, seconded by Cllr Rogers and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>C. <u>Declaration of Acceptance of Office:</u> Mark Matthews & Bruce Hibbert both signed their declaration of acceptance of office and became members of the parish council.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | <p><u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="199 1657 1476 1809"> <tr> <td>Application No:</td> <td>PL/2024/07835</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application Type:</td> <td>Householder planning permission</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposal:</td> <td>Demolish outhouse and erect single storey extension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Site Address:</td> <td>Lamb House, 1 Dennis Lane, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, SP7 0PP</td> </tr> </table> <p>19:47 Cllr Matthews left the room as the house is close to his home and he is being consulted by Wiltshire Council as a neighbour. The plans were debated and the proposed flat roof, it was felt that a pitch roof would be better. Parish Council Response: No Objection with Comment – The council would prefer the roof to be a pitched roof, not a flat one. 19:49 - Cllr Matthews returned to the room.</p> | Application No: | PL/2024/07835 | Application Type: | Householder planning permission | Proposal: | Demolish outhouse and erect single storey extension | Site Address: | Lamb House, 1 Dennis Lane, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, SP7 0PP |
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| Application No: | PL/2024/07786 |
| Application Type: | Householder planning permission |
| Proposal: | Works to the existing annexe including replacing sheet tin roof, new doors and windows and the formation of a swimming pool |
| Site Address: | Coombe Hill, Middle Coombe, Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire, SP7 9LX |

It was noted that the size of the extension is almost that of a house. It was noted that similar proposal for a different property had come before the council this year and they had been objected to. There was general agreement that this would be overdevelopment. Also noted that the description is not what the proposal actually is.

Parish Council Response: Objection – Overdevelopment.

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| Application No: | PL/2024/08029 |
| Application Type: | Full planning permission |
| Proposal: | Erection of detached dwelling (following the refusal of PL/2023/08271). |
| Site Address: | Land East of 6 Ludwell Courtyard, Ludwell Hill, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, SP7 9ND |

Noted that an appeal for the last planning application on this plot of land failed last year as the land is considered to be at risk of flood. The plans show the property as being 5ft lower than the homes next-door. Noted that a mains sewer also runs through the site.

Parish Council Response: No Objection with comments – Flooding concerns, has this been looked at by Planning Officers?

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| Application No: | PL/2024/08257 |
| Application Type: | Householder planning permission |
| Proposal: | Erect single storey extension to form garden room, and replace lean-to roof with gabled roof |
| Site Address: | Old Wincombe Farm, Wincombe Lane, Shaftesbury, SP7 8QF |

This application was received the day before the meeting and was tabled.

Parish Council Response: No Objection

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TRAFFIC CALMING: Report from August Wilshire Council LHFIG meeting:

A. A30 (Rising Sun Area) TRAFFIC CALMING:

Cllr Brake & the Parish Clerk had attended the august LHFIG meeting to request that plans for a speed calming scheme are drawn up. This request was agreed to and a Wiltshire Council highways engineer will now design a scheme and cost it up.

It must be noted that the LHFIG budget for this year is already spent. So it is possible that LHFIG will not commission any new schemes until April of next year. It was noted that the scheme needs to be a formally approved Wilshire Council scheme and that it is Wilshire Council who are best placed to commission the scheme.

A350 Semley / St Mary Turn – Highway Safety Improvements:

B. Joint Speed Survey with East Knoyle Parish Council and Sedgemoor & Semley Parish Council:

To noted that this has been approved by LHFIFG.

C. Safety Improvements at the Junction of the A350 and Wincombe Lane:

Noted that this scheme has now been approved by LHFIFG and will be going ahead in this financial year. As the LHFIFG budget is overspent this year, there had been a request made to Sedgemoor & Semley Parish Council for a contribution, this has been declined as S&S PC wanted to see solid white line and a ban on overtaking.

Cllr Dewey reported on the stats that he has been downloading from the parish council's SIDs and ANPR camera on the A30 in the rising sun area. 14 vehicles recorded going over 100mph. Debate took place around the A30 speeds and the hope that the police would now take further action, and that Wiltshire Council will also act.

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PARISH PLAY PARKS:

A. Coronation Drive Play Area – Lease from Wiltshire Council:

The Parish Clerk reported to the Parish Council that line with the previous council resolution, he had written to Wiltshire Council to say that it had been highlighted that the play park at Coronation Drive was owned by Wiltshire Council and that the Parish Council would no longer arrange safety inspections or pay for it maintenance.

The response from Wiltshire Council was that it accepts ownership, but it has been decided by Wiltshire Council that it will no longer directly manage any play parks and it currently has a program in place where it is leasing out to the local town or parish council any play park in its area, this comes with grant funding in this case Wiltshire Council is offering £30,000 grant if the Parish Council takes the Coronation Drive play park on a minimum of a 25 year lease.

The alternative is that Wiltshire Council will remove the play equipment and close the park.

The other matter that needs to be decided is if the Parish Council take on a 25-year lease, will that just be for the fenced off play area or will the Parish Council take on the wider area as this could be used to put new play equipment in.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will enter into a 25-year lease in return for a £30,000 grant. This will be for the wider area to give scope to future expansion. Wiltshire Council will be asked to remove the Leyland trees from the site.

Cllr Hibbert offered to scrutinise the lease offered by Wiltshire Council

New Play Equipment for Play Parks:

B. Youth Equipment for Memorial Hall Area:

No progress.

C. Coronation Drive Equipment Expansion:

It was agreed that this cannot be progressed until the 25-year lease is in place.

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| 36 | <p><u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Payments to be Approved:</u> 1. S. Pritchard – Expenses July to August 24 - £73.60 It was proposed by Cllr Wright 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>External Audit Result 2023/24:</u> The external audit certificate had been curated. There where no matters to report. The Parish Council agreed to publish the result and notice.</p> |
| 37 | <p><u>Annual Chairty Donations:</u> The Parish council resolved to make the flowing donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Wiltshire Air Ambulance - £500 b) Project Seagrass - £250 c) Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust - £250 d) Wiltshire Citizens Advice - £350 e) Wiltshire Search and Rescue - £200 |
| 38 | <p><u>PLAYGROUNDS: Latest Inspections Reports & Updates:</u> There are a few items of medium priority on the inspection report that the Parish Clerk will address, mostly damaged signs, this will incur some cost.</p> |
| 39 | <p><u>Staff Renumeration – Annual Review:</u> The Chair reported to the council that following a successful year, he was recommending the award of one SPC to the Parish Clerk salary This was agreed to by the Parish Council.</p> |
| 40 | <p><u>Members Portfolios – Verbal Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish Council Chair’s Updates: b) Parish Clerk’s Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Churchyard at St John’s is now formally closed, and the Parish Council has now formally taken over its management. c) New Remembrance Hall Committee Representative – Cllr Adams d) Sports Club – Cllr Dewey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A second football team maybe formed. The club will need to reapply for a grant from the FA towards the roof replacement. Possible the tennis club want to build another tennis court. |

- e) **Memorial Fields Representative** – The Chairman & Cllr Dewey
- f) **Footpaths / Rights of Way** – Cllr Garnett
- g) **S.I.D Coordinator** – Cllr Dewey
- h) **Highway Matters / LHFIG** - Cllr Walker
 - Boulders on the roadside at St Johns Close, possible that someone has fallen over and hurt themselves.
- i) **Flood Warden** - Cllr Walker
 - Had some flooding in Ludwell, heavy rain and blocked drains.
- j) **Snow Warden** – Cllr Rossiter

Meeting Closed at 21:24