**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Donhead St Mary held on**

**9th May 2018 in the New Remembrance Hall.**

Present; Cllr Rossiter (Chairman)

7 members of the public inc Cllrs Adams, Mrs Beer, Mrs Fortescue, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Garnett.

In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk), Wilts Cllr Deane

Apologies received from Cllr Feltham and Cllr Lewis.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were read and agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1. Donhead St Mary PC report – Cllr Rossiter.

This past year seems to have been quite busy on the planning front as we have had to have quite a few additional meetings in order to discuss all the applications.

The Remembrance Field play area now has a new gate and a replacement Play Tower. The Play area in Coronation Drive has had two new seats fitted to the swings but the whole area needs attention to control the weeds. The gate and boundary fence also need to be repaired.

The cemetery has had the surplus spoil removed from the site and most undertakers are abiding by the rule to remove stnes and spoil from the site after a grave has been dug and filled in. Currently we have a problem with one undertaker whose grave digger thought that he could spread the spare spoil around two existing graves, negotiations are ongoing with this company. The mole has been busy again in the cemetery and action will be needed to control it.

The defibrillator has been installed in the telephone box by Ludwell Stores and the box will be painted shortly after which the DEFIBRILLATOR signs will be fitted. As part of the four year lease with South West Ambulance Service Trust, a training session in the use of the defibrillator has been arranged for Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 7pm in this hall, all are welcome to attend.

The parish has jointly purchased a Speed Indicator Device with Tollard Royal Parish Council together with a financial grant from the Area Board, Delivery is imminent and the plan is for each parish to have the SID for a month at a time. Locations for the SID have been identified along the A30 in Ludwell using existing street furniture.

The new finger post road sign at Jenkins Corner is ready for installation and hopefully will be in place next week.

A replacement bench in memory of Clifford Moulding has been purchased and assembled, it will be fixed to the base in the next week.

Following two falls of snow in March, I with Cllr Adams gritted those roads in the parish not gritted by WC, The salt spreader provided by the Area Board is an awkward piece of equipment and needed much attention before we were able to carry out the work – a new bearing had to be purchased and fitted.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I have attended two training sessions – one about planning and the other on Data Protection. I have met with representatives from Wiltshire Council to discuss the surface water in Charlton and the flooding problem in Dennis Lane. Overgrown hedges particularly in Ludwell and Birdbush continue to be a problem, letters to the householders do not appear to have any impact.

I would like to thank the Councillors and Clerk for their help during my year as Chairman.

Cllr Adams wish to thank the Chairman for everything he has done in his year as chairman.

1. Report from the Community Police Team. Not present, monthly reports will be circulated via email. Please register for community messaging to get regular updates.
2. Report from Wiltshire Cllr Mr Tony Deane.

* 5.9% increase on WC element of council tax, half of which is for the aging population.
* Austerity is still happening.
* Area Boards likely to share a CEM between 2 rather than 1 each.
* Disposal of domestic waste, now need to show proof of ID at WC household recycling sites.
* Flytipping is getting worse following this introduction.
* Boundary review – Boundary Commission is looking at boundaries.
* Salisbury – WC has stepped in and working with local businesses, changes to free parking starting on 14th May, parking charges help fund rural buses.
* Road investment – some potholes have been repaired but aware that some are still to be repaired. Adised people to claim for car damage as a result of the pothoes.
* Health and Wellbeing, Nadder centre is promoting ideas to help.

Donhead St Mary asked Wilts Cllr Deane to get WC to consider an arrangement with Dorset or add an additional HRC in the south west of the county.

1. Community reports. There were none.
2. Questions from Members of the Public.

The path from Coronation Drive to Ludwell (including the steps) needs cutting back and the rubbish removed not thrown on the bank as it falls back down.

Cllr Rossiter closed the meeting at 7.31pm.