

Donhead St Andrew

Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at St Andrew's Church, St Bartholomew's Street
Donhead St Andrew

Thursday 12th September 2024 @ 7:00pm

Present:

CLlr Simon Barkham (Chairperson)	
CLlr Alistair Stoker	CLlr Shena Kozuba-Kozubska
CLlr Patricia Maxwell-Arnot	CLlr Jennifer Luckyn-Malone
CLlr Jeremy Hartley	CLlr Clive Burrows

In Attendance: CLlr Richard Budden: Wiltshire Councillor
Simon Pritchard: Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: Two

Questions or Statements from Residents:

- A resident spoke about the dreadful state of Green Lane/Pains Hill, no repair has been made for years, large potholes and loose stones exist. The resident has fallen over and broken her arm and cracked a bone in her foot. She is aware that the Parish Council has made a formal complaint to Wiltshire Council about the condition of the roads in the Parish. Engineers from Wiltshire Council were onsite today, coming back next week to try and make the surface level, but not to tarmac the road. Hopes that road will be tarmacked soon.
- The recipient of a bench that was granted to him by the Parish Council the previous year attended the meeting. The recipient explained to the council that the bench is now his property and not the council's. He acknowledged that the bench was not in the position originally agreed to by himself and the former vice-chair of the council, but that he wasn't overly worried about this and was not going to police the bench's location, as such he wasn't willing to give an undertaking that the bench would be returned to the original location. The chairman responded that the bench had been donated on the understanding that it was placed adjacent to the pond, in a "layby" along a path had been constructed and permission given for members of the public to access the pond side. The recipient reminded the council again that the bench was now his property and left the meeting.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Richard Budden:

CLlr Budden had issued a written report before the meeting - this had been circulated to councillors.

- **Road Maintenance:** Wiltshire Council are increasing the road maintenance contribution from £10m to £20m. A list of the roads in the parish that most needed attention has been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Most of the locations were accepted as needing repair, but yet to see any action in actually carrying out any repairs. Noted that Mill Lane was flagged as

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needing attention but there were no reports from the public on the MyWilts app / website. The MyWilts app / website is used by Wiltshire Council to prioritise highway maintenance, if reports logged on the app then repairs are unlikely to be made. Please persuade residents to use the app / website to report everything. The app is being redesigned and, a new easier to use version will be released soon.

It was noted that as there is no online access to reporting history, that pothole could have been reported, a temporary fix made by the Parish Steward and so it was taken off the list and then the hole has just opened up again.

- **National Planning Policy Framework:** Changes are being consulted upon by Government. It would see the reintroduction of the 5 years supply of housing land rule, Wiltshire only has 3.8 years, and it would see Wiltshire housing targets increase by 81%. Could have implications for the Tisbury Station Road development. The updated Neighbourhood Plan for Tisbury is currently being consulted upon and it is hoped that it will be adopted by the end of the year. The new Wiltshire Council Local plan maybe adopted in the early part of next year, but doubt this will now have sufficient land identified for housing.
- **Road Safety:** The September Area Board meeting had representatives from the Police, lots of question asked but no satisfactory answers. The Chief Constable is coming to the next Area Board meeting.
- **Revamp My Tank:** now have some leaflets for distribution.

Wessex Fibre Broadband to Residential Homes:

Nick Martin's (Wessex Fibre Broadband Voluntary Coordinator) report had been emailed to members. It will be posted onto the noticeboards and website. Nick had sent his apologies for his absence to the meeting.

By this point Cllr Budden and the two members of the public had left the meeting

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Agenda Item:									
27	<u>Apologies of absence:</u> Cllr Jane Sullivan - Holiday								
28	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None								
29	<u>Adoption of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes of Thursday 11th July 2024 It was proposed by Cllr Barkham to adopt the minutes of the 11th of July 2024, seconded by Cllr Stoker and resolved unanimously. 								
30	<u>Planning Applications Submitted to Wiltshire Council:</u> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Application No:</td><td>PL/2024/07637</td></tr> <tr> <td>Application Type:</td><td>Full planning permission</td></tr> <tr> <td>Proposal:</td><td>Conversion and extension of existing garages to form an Ancillary Granny Annexe</td></tr> <tr> <td>Site Address:</td><td>Shirley Cottage, Sands Lane, Donhead St Andrew, Shaftesbury, SP7 9EN.</td></tr> </table>	Application No:	PL/2024/07637	Application Type:	Full planning permission	Proposal:	Conversion and extension of existing garages to form an Ancillary Granny Annexe	Site Address:	Shirley Cottage, Sands Lane, Donhead St Andrew, Shaftesbury, SP7 9EN.
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	<p>A site visit had been carried out earlier in the year for an application that was very similar to this one. Some of the details have changed and it is now one bedroom not two and the living room has become a dining room. Noted that highways haven't raised an objection. The parish council agreed that nearly all the objections that it had with the previous application apply to this one. It will become a separate new house. Still has skylights in the design. A bat survey should take place. It still conflicts with the Village Design Statement, and the reasons why an application on the same site in 2005 was rejected, still appear to apply.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Stoker that the Parish Council objects to the application, seconded by Cllr Maxwell-Arnot and resolved 6-for - 1-abstention.</p>
31	<p><u>Conditions of the Roads in the Donheads:</u></p> <p>Confirmed that a formal letter of complaint had been set to the Wilshire Council CEO Lucy Townsend. The letter has been acknowledged and has been given to Sam Howell, Highways Director to respond.</p>
32	<p>CEMETERY MANAGEMENT:</p> <p><u>A. Additional Cutting Update:</u></p> <p>Instruction has been given to the person who has been undertaking the extra work at the Cemetery to cut the roadside bank, but months later it still hasn't been done. Possible they have taken too much on and someone with a bit more time is needed.</p> <p><u>B. Cemetery Noticeboard:</u></p> <p>The Clerk had identified and circulated a suitable noticeboard for the Cemetry, the Chair had checked the location was suitable, this will be to the right of the gates as you look from the road, on the wall.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Barkham that the Parish Council spend £732 on the noticeboard and a further £144 on the additional engraving, seconded by Cllr Luckyn-Malone and resolved unanimously</p> <p>It was agreed that the anonymous donation reserve would be used for this purchase.</p>
33	<p>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</p> <p><u>A. Approval Of Payments:</u></p> <p>To approve payments to be made</p> <p>1. S. Pritchard - WFHA & Travel July to August 24 - £34.66</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Barkham to make the payment, seconded by Cllr Stoker and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><u>B. Payments Made Since The Last Meeting:</u></p> <p>This information had been circulated ahead of the meeting and was received.</p> <p><u>C. Budget Vs Spend To Date:</u></p>

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	<p>This information had been circulated ahead of the meeting and was received. It was noted that the Cemetery maintenance line would be overspending this year.</p>
34	<p><u>New Pedestrian Gates Installation - Update on Project:</u></p> <p>Not able to contact the owner of Kelloway's Mill to gain permission to upgrade a stile on their land.</p> <p>A location on DSTA2 that the council did have permission for should now go ahead.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Barkham to set a budget of up to £250 to buy a self-closing inline gate and other sundry items. Seconded by Cllr Maxwell-Arnot and resolved unanimously</p>
35	<p><u>Parish Council Donations:</u></p> <p>The Parish Council agreed on the following awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gillingham Citizens Advice - £100 ○ Tisbus - £100 ○ Wilshire Air Ambulance - £100 ○ Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - £100 ○ Happy Gathering Club - £50 ○ Seeds 4 Success - £50
36	<p><u>Annual Review of Clerk's Pay and Allowances:</u></p> <p>a) To resolve on the awarding of one SCP after a successful year. It was proposed by Cllr Barkham that an award of one SCP be made, seconded by Cllr Burrows and resolved unanimously</p> <p>b) To resolve on an increase of the WFH allowance from £4 to £6 per week to cover the increasing costs of the Clerk providing their own workspace and use of a mobile phone. It was proposed by Cllr Barkham to increase the weekly allowance to £6, seconded by Cllr Hartley and resolved unanimously.</p>
36	<p><u>Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>To receive any verbal reports.</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing further to report <p>b) Highways / Parish Steward – Cllr Burrows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Parish Steward will be in the parish the week after next, seems to have August off. ○ Discretionary gully service, you can nominate up to 5 gulleys to be cleared, did so and all 5 were done. <p>c) Rights of Way – Cllr Maxwell-Arnot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DSTA3 & 4 were quite overgrown, but has been cleared now ○ DSTA6 at Park Gate farm is overgrown, but they do normally cut back. ○ DSTA14 the right-of-way is blocked with an electric fence <p>d) Flood Warden – Cllr Hartley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has now obtained the big map that was made after the flood of October 2021- where all the affected home where mapped out by hand.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trying to pull people in to form a new flooding group. <p>e) Parish Clerk's Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New Meeting Dates: the dates of the March & May 2025 meeting have been added to the list.○ Wilshire Council LHFIG Overspend: upon attending the last LHFIG meeting, have now become aware that the committee has overspent it's budget for this year and requests for grants towards gates are likely to be rejected.
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End of Formal Meeting 20:39

After the meeting had closed the recent resignation of Jonathan Mason, Landlord of the Foresters was acknowledged with regret.

The Pub is now on the market and the Landlord and Lady will be leaving the Village soon.

Concern was expressed about the future of the pub.

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