

Charlton, Donhead St Mary, Ludwell & The Coombes

Donhead St Mary Parish Council



To: All Members of Donhead St Mary Parish Council
You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council

On: **Wednesday 7th January 2026**

commencing at **7:15pm**

@ New Remembrance Hall, Charlton

For the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Signed:  Simon Pritchard – Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

❖ Public Comment Time:

Before the start of the formal meeting the Public are given the opportunity to pass comments. Questions may be answered in writing.

Once the formal meeting has started the Public are reminded that they have no right to speak.

❖ Reports from Wiltshire Council:

To receive any reports from Wiltshire Councillor Gerry Murray

Members of the Council and the Public are invited to ask questions as well.

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53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

A. To Receive any Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence must be made to the Parish Clerk in writing giving the reason why you are unable to attend the meeting.

B. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence:

To resolve by formal vote if to accept any apologies submitted.

54. Declarations of Pecuniary or Other Interests & Dispensations:

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any Pecuniary or Other interests in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

NB: Applications for dispensations to be made in writing to the Parish Clerk, before the day of the meeting.

55. Adoption of Parish Council Minutes:

To adopt the minutes of last Parish Council meeting: **Wednesday 5th November 2025**

56. TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE PARISH:

A. A30 (Rising Sun Area) - Traffic Calming Scheme:

(Wiltshire Council issue number: 14-24-09 originally raised July 2024)

A works order was issued to M Group in May 2025. The Parish Council is covering the full cost of up to £6,284.09. on the understanding that the works would be completed within 6-

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months. Whiteline painting still not completed. To receive any verbal update. To resolve on any further action.

B. A30: Speed Monitoring:

To receive verbal update from Cllr Dewey on the latest speed statistics from the three SID's and one ANPR camera on the A30.

C. A30 (Salisbury Road) Request for Speed Limit Assessment on 50mph zone:

(Wiltshire Council issue number: 14.24.16 originally raised November 2024)

The Parish Council made a formal request to LHFIG (Wiltshire Council) to have the 50mph zone between Charlton Lane and the border of Dorset assessed for appropriateness, with a view to having the speed limit reduced. Cost of speed limit assessment is £3,250 (LHFIG pay £2,437.50 / Parish Council contribution £812.50). The Parish Council agreed to the expense in July 2025. Still awaiting the report. To receive any verbal update.

D. Request for 7.5t Weight Limit on Dennis Lane:

(Wiltshire Council issue number: 14.25.04 originally raised May 2025)

The June 2025 LHFIG (Wiltshire Council) committee meeting agreed to support an assessment of the lane to see if it would be appropriate to install a weight limit. Report due in December 2025 - Awaiting the report. To receive any verbal update.

E. Village Gateways in Charlton:

It was resolved by the Parish Council in Sep 2025 to ask Wiltshire Council to cost a village gateway project for Charlton. To receive any verbal update from the working group with regards to the identification of appropriate locations, costing can then be obtained from Wiltshire Council.

F. A350 Speed Limits (with East Knoyle and Sedgemoor & Semley Parish Councils):

(Originally raised May 2024)

To receive a verbal update on the appeal that has been made to the Wiltshire Council Cabinet Members for Highways, with regard to the result of the speed limit assessment report that recommended no change to the speed limits on the A350 north of Shaftesbury

G. A350 Safety Improvements at the Junction of Wincombe Lane:

(Wiltshire Council issue number 14-23-23 originally raised November 2023)

(agreed to in August 2024 by LHFIG) Wiltshire Council Highway's Department stated the works were programmed to commence on the 23/06/2025 – this didn't happen. New date given as 24/07/25 – didn't happen. Further emails sent to ask when works will take place, no new date given. To agree on any further action.

57. Planning, Tree or Licensing Applications:

To consider any local Tree, Licensing or Planning Applications made to Wiltshire Council and make representation to Wiltshire Council as the Planning/Licensing Authority.

Application No:	PL/2025/09267
Application Type:	Householder planning permission
Proposal:	House renovation with erection of extension over flat roof area, windows replacement with demolition of existing garage to create a parking area to the south of the bridle path.
Site Address:	Wincombe Lodge, Wincombe Estate, Shaftesbury, SP7 9AB

Planning Appeal:

APPELLANTS NAME: Randolph Fear

APPEAL SITE: Land to west of Grove Arms, Ludwell Hill, A30, Ludwell, SP7 9ND

PLANNING APPLICATION REF: PL/2025/02555

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of two dwellings

INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: 6002441

Any comments should be received by 23rd January 2026.

58. Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation:

To resolve on any response to the consultation. The deadline for responses is Friday 30th January 2026.

59. The Community Orchard, Ludwell:

The orchard is no longer being cared for. Research has uncovered that the Parish Council owns the freehold, therefore it is responsible in the case that volunteers are no longer working the land. To resolve on any further action including costs.

60. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:**A. Payments to be Approved:**

1. S. Pritchard – Reg postage - £3.95
2. S. Pritchard – Playground sign - £50.35
3. S. Pritchard – WFHA & Travel June to Nov25 - £184.35

B. List of Payments Made:

To receive a list of all payments made since the last meeting.

C. Budget Vs Spend to Date:

To receive the latest budget vs spend to date and any verbal report from the RFO

D. Parish Council's Budget & Precept 2026/27:

To receive the RFOs recommendation as to the level of precept and resolve accordingly.

61. Cemetery Fees Review:

To review the cemetery fees and resolve on any changes.

62. Annual Charity Donations:

To resolve on the awarding of any community donations.

- a) Tisbus (L/Y £500)
- b) Wiltshire Air Ambulance (L/Y £500)
- c) Project Seagrass (L/Y £250)
- d) Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (L/Y £250)
- e) Wiltshire Citizens Advice (L/Y £350)
- f) Wiltshire Search and Rescue (L/Y £200)
- g) Wiltshire Ramblers Association (L/Y £250)
- h) Any other charity that provides a service to the Parish....

63. PLAYGROUNDS: Latest Inspections Reports & Updates:

To receive the latest professional playground inspection reports and any updates from the Parish Clerk

64. Portfolios – Verbal Reports:

Some Members of the Council hold extra responsibility on behalf of the Council. Members may give a verbal update on any pertinent matters affecting their portfolios.

NB: for verbal reporting only; no decisions can be made under these agenda items.

- a) **Parish Council Chairperson’s Updates:**
- b) **Wiltshire Council Area Board – Cllr Brake**
- c) **New Remembrance Hall – Cllr Adams**
- d) **Donhead Sports Club – Cllr Dewey**
- e) **Remembrance Field Trustees – The Chairperson & Cllr Dewey**
- f) **Footpaths / Rights of Way – Cllr Rogers**
- g) **The Parish Steward – Cllr Feltham**
- h) **Highway Matters (inc LHFIG) – Cllr Hibbert**
- i) **Flood Warden – Cllr Walker**
- j) **Snow Warden – Cllr Rossiter**
- k) **National Landscape Matters – Cllr Fortescue**
- l) **Parish Clerk’s Updates:**
 - o 25-year lease for Coronation Drive play area signed and sealed
 - o Swings removed from Coronation Drive play area ready for new equipment to be installed in February

Please Note: The Parish Council has a dedicated page on the Parish Council’s website www.donheadstmary-pc.gov.uk that records all the current and past planning applications made to Wiltshire Council. The page has a quick link into every application and you can see what the Parish Council’s response was.

The Parish Council reserves the right to table any planning applications received between the time this agenda was published and the meeting itself.