

*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 4<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## **~ Agenda ~**

### **65. 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.

### **66. 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.

### **67. Adoption of Parish Council Minutes:**

To adopt the minutes of last Parish Council meeting: **Wednesday 7th January 2026**

### **68. 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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Website: [www.donheadstmary-pc.gov.uk](http://www.donheadstmary-pc.gov.uk)

months. Signage now installed, white line 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. Report now received. To resolve on the Parish Council's support of the outcome of the report.

**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 – Still awaiting the report. To receive any verbal update.

**E. Village Gateways in Charlton:**

Resolved by the Parish Council in Sep 2025 to ask Wiltshire Council to cost a village gateway project for Charlton. Locations were agreed by the Parish Council in January 2026 and sent to LHFIG (Wiltshire Council) for approval and costing. Awaiting outcome. To receive any verbal update.

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

(Originally raised May 2024)

To receive any verbal update on the appeal that has been made to the Wiltshire Council Cabinet Members for Highways, as 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) Signage now installed, white line painting still not completed. To receive any verbal update. To resolve on any further action.

**69. Storm Chandra - Incidents of Flooding this Winter:**

To receive verbal reports about households that have been flooded this winter and meetings that have taken place. To resolve on any further action.

**70. 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/2025/09697
Application Type:	Full planning permission

Proposal:	Erection of a dwelling
Site Address:	Birdbush Park, Ludwell, SP7 9HH

Application No:	PL/2026/00663
Application Type:	Householder planning permission
Proposal:	Remove existing Dormer Bungalow Roof (containing ensuite Bedroom and storage) and Create a full first floor comprising 2 ensuite Bedrooms and Living Room and balcony over existing single story rear room
Site Address:	Green Acres, Charlton, Shaftesbury, SP7 0EN

#### **71. Parish Council's Defibrillators:**

The scheme that south-western ambulance manages where they lease two defibs (St Mary Village Hall & Ludwell Stores) to the Parish Council is closing on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026. After this time the Parish Council can give the defibs back or adopt them and manage them itself. To resolve on action to take, including any budget.

#### **72. 4 Villages Fete - Defib Training:**

To receive a request that the Parish Council pay for defib training to take place at the 4-Villages Fete this year. To resolve on the request including any budget.

#### **73. The Community Orchard, Ludwell:**

The Parish Council owns the freehold of the Orchard and has the legal documents that confirm this. Concern has been raised that the Orchard is not being cared for, but a local volunteer has confirmed that he attends the Orchard every year. A quote has been obtained to clear and flatten the Orchard ground. To resolve on any next steps including any budget.

#### **74. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:**

##### **A. Payments to be Approved:**

1. S. Pritchard – Play Area Signs (x3) - £38.92
2. S. Pritchard – Clean It Up! Signs (x8) - £58.92
3. S. Pritchard – WFHA & Travel Dec25 to Jan26 - £57.85

##### **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

#### **75. Parish Council Internal Audit 25/26:**

To review the effectiveness of the internal audit and appoint an internal auditor for the 25/26 financial year.

#### **76. Request for Support for Shaftesbury Lido:**

To receive a request from Shaftesbury Town Council for a donation towards the running costs. To resolve on the awarding of any donation.

**77. Playgrounds: Latest Inspections Reports & Updates:**

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

**78. 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 Coronation Drive play equipment installed
  - o Wiltshire Copuncil’s Planning Town and Parish Council Forum (10<sup>th</sup> March 2026) anyone attending?

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**Please Note:** The Parish Council has a dedicated page on the Parish Council’s website [www.donheadstmary-pc.gov.uk](http://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.**