

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 1st July 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 ~

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Adoption of Parish Council Minutes:

To adopt the minutes of last Parish Council meeting: **Wednesday 6th May 2026**

20. TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE PARISH:

A. 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.

B. Traffic Survey - Birdbush, Ludwell:

To resolved on the making of a request to Wiltshire Council for another traffic survey at Birdbush now that the data from the SID is showing that the 85 percentile has been consistently 36.0mph.

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 LHFIF (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 was £3,250 (LHFIF pay £2,437.50 / Parish Council contribution £812.50). The Parish Council agreed to this expense in July 2025. Report received in March 2026, this shows support for reducing the speed down to 40mph in half the area surveyed. The Parish Council agreed to appeal this, with a view that having the whole area moved down to 40mph makes much more sense. To receive any verbal updated. To resolve on any further steps.

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

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

The June 2025 LHFIF (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 was 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 LHFIF (Wiltshire Council) for approval and costing. Still 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.

21. Community Grants - St Johns Ambulance:

To resolve on a grant to St Johns Ambulance, defibrillator awareness initiative, for £250

22. 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.

The Parish Council had not received any planning applications at the time the agenda was issued but reserves the right to table any applications received by the time of the meeting itself.

23. The Community Orchard, Ludwell:

The Parish Council owns the freehold of the Orchard. Work has been commissioned to clear the brambles and footpath. To receive a verbal update and agree on any further action.

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

1. S. Pritchard – D'fib battery & pads - £373.20
2. S. Pritchard – Plastic wallets - £5.39
3. S. Pritchard – Padlock - £23.99
4. S. Pritchard – Punched pockets - £10.99
5. S. Pritchard – WFHA & Travel Feb to May 26 - £125.15

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

25. Insurance Renewal 2026/27:

To receive the policy schedule. As the renewal date was 1st June 2026, the policy has already been renewed, but it can be changed/update if required. To approve the policy.

26. Playgrounds: Latest Inspections Reports & Updates:

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

27. 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:**

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.