

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 2nd September 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 ~

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. Adoption of Parish Council Minutes:

To adopt the minutes of last Parish Council meeting: **Wednesday 1st July 2026**

31. 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 receive any update on the request to Wiltshire Council for a 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 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 was £3,250 (LHFIG 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 update. 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 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 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 design and 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. Still awaiting outcome. To receive any verbal update.

F. A350 Speed Limits (with East Knoyle and Sedgemoor & 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.

32. Community Grants – Donhead Sports Club:

To receive a request for a grant due to low funds. To resolve on the awarding of any grant.

33. 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/2026/04875
Application Type:	Householder planning permission
Proposal:	Single rear dormer to be added to previously converted barn.
Site Address:	Glyn Barn, Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury, SP7 9DL

Application No:	PL/2026/05217
Application Type:	Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area
Proposal:	Fell two dead ornamental flowering cherry trees - Nos 6 and 9
Site Address:	Glyn Barn, Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury, SP7 9DL

Application No:	PL/2026/05294
Application Type:	Prior notification: Building
Proposal:	Proposed Agricultural Building
Site Address:	Hollybush Cottage, Charlton Lane, Charlton, Shaftesbury, SP7 0EL
Prior Notifications are not open for comment, as they are assessed against national criteria and do not follow the standard consultation process	

34. The Local Plan: Call for Sites:

As part of the new local plan process, Wiltshire Council has put out a call for sites. To resolve on the promotion of any sites in the parish.

35. Play Area Fencing, The Remembrance Hall:

The fencing is showing its age, this is being flagged on the inspection reports. Two quotes obtained. To resolve on the appointment of a contractor or any other action.

36. Phone Box, Coronation Drive:

The box has broken windows and is in poor condition. The (former) phone box could be scrapped or renovated. To resolve on any action.

37. Membership of: Wiltshire Association of Local Councils

WALC has written to the Parish Council, inviting it to become a member once more. At a cost of £476.44. To resolve on if to become a member.

38. Wiltshire Council, Community Governance Review 2026/27:

The Parish Council is being asked to consider if it would like to request any changes to the parish boundary or number of seats on the council or the council's name. To resolve on any request for change.

39. Rep to the Remembrance Field Trust:

Cllr Dewey has resigned as a trustee; the Parish Council can appoint someone to replace him. To resolve on any replacement.

40. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:

A. Payments to be Approved:

1. S. Pritchard – Microsoft Software - £104.99

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

41. External Audit Result/Certificate 2025/26:

To receive the external audit certificate. To agree to publish the result.

42. Playgrounds: Latest Inspections Reports & Updates:

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

43. 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 XXX**
- 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.