

Donhead St Andrew Parish Council

Notes of Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 9th March 2018 at 19.04hrs

Donhead St Mary Village Hall

Present: M. Cullimore (P.C. Chairman), S Luck (P.C. Vice-Chairman; taking notes in absence of P.C. Clerk); C. Burrows, Ms P. Maxwell-Arnot, Miss B Miller, S. Pyke, M. York.

Also in attendance: 11 residents, including 5 other P.Cnllrs.

Apologies received and accepted: W.Cnllr T. Deane; P.Cnllrs J. Barton, Mrs F. Smart,

Note: Mrs S. Harry (P.C. Clerk) was unavailable.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 16th March 2017 - noted.

2. Chairman's Annual Report for 2017/18 P. Cnllr M. Cullimore

The Chair made thanks to the Parish Clerk for all her efforts and support and also to the residents of Donhead St. Andrew for their comments, feedback and attendance.

3. Wiltshire Councillor's Annual Report W. Cnllr T. Deane - not present.

4. Open Forum

Tree Warden Report - Concern that a protected verge in Berrywood Lane has been irreversibly damaged. Jenny has contacted AONB for advice but asked the PC how this kind of activity can be stopped in the future.

Chris Kilner - Chris discussed the application on opening Footpath 5 now that the final stages have been confirmed for August. Chris reminded the meeting as to why it had reached this stage, noting that this was not about personal preference. Chris reiterated the case that has been put forward to reinstate the historic footpath which was supported by the Planning Committee. Now this has reached the Public Enquiry stage. Chris remarked that he was impressed with a comment made by Liz Collyer that due to the road conditions of Donhead St. Andrew, the speed and size of vehicles that use these roads, the footpath is a safe passage for pedestrians wanting to get from the Pigtrough end of the village to the Church, making use of the network of footpaths that exist. Chris remarked that the whole village take responsibilities for any impact of accidents that occur on our village roads should pedestrians not have the use of Footpath 5.

Colin Eaves - Colin raised the subject of a village defibrillator. Colin wanted to consider whether there was a need, whether there was an appropriate system and whether funding grants are available. Colin had carried out significant research into potential systems following on from confirmation that Fieldgate had offered a site to house such a system. Such a system would cost in the region of £1,624 plus the cost of fitting. There are opportunities to receive a 50% grant. Colin would be grateful if the PC would consider funding the purchase of at least one unit for the village. Other attendees of the meeting commented that it may be more effective to train villagers in first aid. The PC responded to say that it was looking into doing just that.

It was noted by the Chairman that Colin had spent significant time researching this on behalf of the village which was commendable and the residents thanked Colin for his efforts. MC asked Colin to write up his notes and pass them to the Clerk.

Simon Barkham - Simon remarked that Mrs. Shaw had written a letter to notify villagers that Footpath 5 was to be used rather than using the edge of the field as previously advised by Mrs. Shaw. There was general confusion as to why this was the case. Simon was also concerned regarding the specific dates in the letter from Mrs. Shaw as the year 2003 was referenced which was not recognised by either the PC or attendees as a relevant date for Footpath 5 activities. PMA also commented that a yellow Public Footpath disc needs to be added to the second style from road on Footpath 5 as this has been removed. There were also concerns as to whether original statements from the Footpath 5 planning meetings were to be represented in August at the hearing.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 19:51