

Donhead St Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting held at Donhead St Andrew Church at 7pm on Thursday 16th September 2021

Questions or Statements

A resident, John Goodwin advised that he was the Treasurer for [Swans Trust](#) who were looking for new projects to support the community in and around Shaftesbury. He advised that there is presently a national drive to increase the number of defibrillators available in towns and villages across UK. As there were currently no defibrillators in Donhead St Andrew he felt that it would seem a worthwhile project for the Trust. As an initial pilot scheme, they had identified and agreed a site at the top of Mill Lane next to Lower Street which would serve Lower Street to the Forester Pub, Wardour lane, New Road and Cross Rivers. The proposal was that a group of residences together with Swans Trust would purchase the defibrillator and a small management committee would be formed to manage the necessary ongoing maintenance. This would be funded by a nominal annual payment from each household within the area. If the scheme is a success, it could be rolled out to other areas in the village. He would like the PC to consider contributing towards the purchase of the defibrillator. The Clerk will add this to the agenda at the next PC meeting to resolve.

Meeting Agenda

16.09.01

Those present and apologies for absence.

Present: M. Cullimore (Chairman), S. Luck (Vice-Chairman), J. Barton, P. Maxwell-Arnot, S. Kozuba-Kozubska, S. Barkham and A Stoker.

Also in attendance: The architect and applicant for the planning application; 4 residents; & Mrs J. Luck (Clerk).

Apologies received and accepted: C. Burrows, J. Sullivan, WCnllr N. Errington.

16.09.02

Declarations of Interest.

Any Parish Councillor wishing to declare interests should do so at this point:

- a. declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests.
- b. declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests.
- c. dispensations: if required. – **None Declared.**

16.09.03

Resolution of minutes

- a. Minutes of Full Council Meeting 09/07/2021 – **Resolved, Proposed SL/Seconded SB/ Unanimous.**

- b. Interim Meeting Minutes – Pile Oak Cottage Planning Application 26/07/2021- **Resolved, Proposed SL/Seconded PMA/ Unanimous.**

Planning Matters

16.09.04

Applications determined since last meeting for information.

[PL/2021/04655](#) Hunterston, St Bartholomew's Street, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9EB. The proposal for a newly constructed wooden double garage had been approved by WC – **PCnllrs noted.**

16.09.05

Enforcement – For information.

ENF/2021/00460 Land Alongside River Nadder, To Rear of West End Lane, Donhead St Andrew, Sp7 9dz. Unauthorised development on agricultural land. WC's enforcement officer had issued a deadline to remove the Shepherd's Hut and summer house from the land - **PCnllrs noted.**

16.09.06

New Applications for resolution

[PL/2021/08150](#) Pond Close Cottage, Ansty, Salisbury, Sp3 5pu (in Wardour Woods). The proposal was for the demolition of an existing two storey residential annexe and conservatory (Grade II Listed), and the creation of a new two storey guest annexe, connected to the existing cottage by a single storey link. The architect gave a brief presentation outlining the changes made to the original application 20/11569/FUL, such as the reduction in glazing and the inclusion of a Visual Impact Assessment. PCnllrs then had an opportunity to ask questions and a member of the public also provided his opinion. After each of the PCnllrs had relayed their thoughts, they resolved to object to the application as it was felt that the changes made in this application were not significant enough to address the issues raised in the initial application. The Parish Council appreciated that the application now benefited from a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment which acknowledged the importance of the dark skies of the AONB but there was no lighting strategy and specification information and proposals on how these matters would be dealt with satisfactorily. This didn't fulfil the requirements detailed within [Cranborne Chase AONB Management Plan](#). It was still felt that the overall proposal to demolish the grade II listed buildings, replacing them with a large linear structure, that was not subservient to the existing grade II listed cottage, directly contravening the core policy 58 from the Wiltshire Core Strategy to "protect, conserve and where possible enhance the current historic environment". PCnllrs again referred to the [Village Design Statement](#) which states in part 3 Section 2 that "Conversions, extensions and alterations should be compatible in terms of scale, design and character with the existing and adjoining properties and use quality complimentary/matching materials and components" **Objection – Proposed SL/Seconded PMA/a further two PCnllrs supported this proposal and the remaining three PCnllrs voted against this proposal.**

16.09.07

Review of the Village Design Statement (VDS) - for information

The clerk had reformatted this document so that it complied with the Accessibility Regulations 2018 and had made the alterations to refer to the International Dark Skies Policy and other more minor amendments. The amended document had been advertised on the Village noticeboards, the PC website and in the September edition of the Donhead Digest. Residents had been invited to comment up until 30th September 2021 – **PCnllrs noted.**

16.09.08

Finance

a. **Approval of retrospective payments**

PCnllrs to note and approve retrospective payments made between 01/07/2021 and 31/08/2021 – all from approved budgets – **Approved, Proposed SL/Seconded AS/ Unanimous.**

b. **Approval of bank reconciliation**

PCnllrs to note and approve the bank reconciliation for July and August 2021 - **Approved, Proposed AS/Seconded SL/ Unanimous.**

c. **Interim Budget for information**

PCnllrs noted the interim budget as at 31/08/2021.

16.09.09

Cemetery

a. **Cemetery Maintenance**

PCnllrs didn't raise any maintenance issues that they felt needed attention in the cemetery. The clerk did advise that she had asked the grass cutter to cut and collect the wildflowers and long grass at his next visit.

Highways/rights of way

16.09.10

Footpaths

PCnllrs noted that the clerk had written to the landowner requesting that the overgrown vegetation and soil obstructing the gate on **DSTA 9** (behind The Stables property) was cleared.

The clerk had also written to the landowner of **DSTA 1** (Near the entrance of Donhead House) regarding the possibility of improving the muddy path conditions up to the footbridge. The landowner had promptly arranged for overgrown vegetation and a channel to be cleared in the hope that the spring water would be diverted to the river instead of its current course along the footpath. The landowner also has plans to improve the footpath surface.

DSTA 3 (behind Meadowbank) – If this path gets excessively muddy again, the clerk will contact Alex Howson (WC) to see if a boardwalk might be an option. ***Clerk to action.**

DSTA 14 (from Pile Oak Cottage) – PCnllr PMA said that the electric fence around the field made it difficult for walkers to negotiate, the clerk will contact the landowner to request this is adjusted. ***Clerk to action.**

DSTA 6 (between Parkgate and Westfield Farms) – PCnllr PMA asked whether Alex Howson WC could be chased up to install the gates on the bridge as it was currently difficult for dogs to negotiate. ***Clerk to action.**

16.09.11

Fingerpost at St Bartholomew's junction

PCnllrs referred to the quotes previously circulated by the clerk and voted to appoint David Scott to refurbish the post. **Proposed SB/Seconded SKK/Unanimous.** ***Clerk to instruct and try to obtain a WC grant to supplement the cost.**

16.09.12

Wiltshire Council's Grass Cutting Policy

The clerk asked PCnllrs and any residents to provide feedback regarding WC's change in their verge cutting policy (postponing the May/June cut until September to encourage wildflowers). PCnllrs felt that generally

it hadn't been a success as it had just resulted in an excess of bracken which collapsed into the lanes making them narrower, reducing visibility which was dangerous for highway users. The exception was the wide verge along Pigstrough Lane. The Clerk will feedback to WC and request that the banks are cut earlier in the season next year apart from Pigstrough lane. ***Clerk to action.**

16.09.13

Road Closure

PCnllrs noted that WC would be closing West End and Lower Street to carry out phase 2 (application of micro asphalt) of the surface improvements, on 7/10/2021.

16.09.14

Parish Steward Reports

Suggestions for work to PCnllr CB – PCnllr PMA raised the issue of the deteriorating road surface on the junction at Wardour Lane/Sands Lane. She advised that there seemed to be an excess of surface water here, despite the weather being relatively dry. ***PCnllr PMA will correspond with PCnllr CB over this directly.**

Other matters

16.09.15

Noticeboards Maintenance

PCnllrs referred to the quotes previously circulated by the clerk and agreed they would like David Scott to carry out the work - **Proposed SL/Seconded SKK/Unanimous** ***Clerk to instruct.**

16.09.16

A Tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service. An Ex-Parish Councillor has offered to purchase a tree to mark this event. PCnllrs agreed that they would like to accept this offer, arrange the planting and find a suitable position with approval from a landowner. Our Tree Warden, George Lisle was present and suggested a possible planting location being on DSTA23 alongside the track that leaves St Bartholomew's Street to add to an existing cluster of trees. ***The clerk to correspond with the landowner and George to agree a suitable position.**

16.09.17

Ultra-fast Broadband through Fibre to the Premises (FTTP)

PCnllr SL and resident Nick Martin have been researching options regarding the installation of FTTP to residents in Donhead St Andrew. They have ascertained that [Wessex Internet](#) has secured Government funding/approval to deliver FTTP in this area. 93 households have been included within this initial proposed scheme which fall within the postcodes areas SP7 9E... G,Q,E,F,J,H,L,N,W,X,B,A,D. Wessex Internet currently have a £49 connection charge and then packages between £29 per month up to £90 per month to deliver from 100mb/s up to 1GB respectively. If the scheme is a success, it should be a natural progression for subsequent schemes be delivered to other households within the Parish. 15 households have registered an interest to date, a further 22 households are required to progress this application (40% of 93 households). Nick requested that we encourage householders to register their interest to take advantage of this government funding while it is still available.

16.09.18

Operation London Bridge

'Operation London Bridge' is the title given to the detailed national plans that are in place for dealing with the death of the Sovereign. The aim of the national response will be to allow the nation to mourn, to unite

and to facilitate bringing the population together to share experiences. PCnlrs referred to the guidance previously circulated by the clerk which assists Parish Councils in deciding what plans are to be put in place to facilitate the residents of Donhead to grieve and unite when this occurs. PCnlrs agreed that a joint discussion was required with the church to ensure that matters such as identifying a site to lay flowers, a condolence book, an awareness of flag etiquette, website statement etc was organised in readiness. ***Clerk and PCnlr AS to organise.**

Reports

16.09.19

Chairman

Welcome to our new Rector, Kate Mcfarlane who has moved from Bedfordshire along with her husband and two sons to serve the St Bartholomew's Benefice.

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Joan Bentley in November 2020 at the age of 93. She lived in Donhead for many years and was a valued member of the community, enriching it in so many ways including her voluntary service as a Parish Councillor and fundraising for St. Andrew's Church.

Good luck to our PCnlr Shena Kozuba-Kozubska who is running the London Marathon on 3/10/2021 to raise money to support the charities that saved her life and helped with her recovery after another accident. If you would like to read her story and donate please visit [Virgin Money Giving](#).

A big thank you to Donhead resident Jeremy Long who offered to remove a dead impaled deer from the railings at the rear of the PC cemetery on Lower Street at very short notice, which was a gruesome job that no one else relished doing! Very much appreciated by the PC.

One of the residents of Pains Hill has advised that Wessex Water now suspect that the water running down the hill and towards St Bartholomew's Street is an expected mains water leak, they are investigating.

16.09.21

Closure of meeting and date and time of next meetings

Full Council Meeting - 7pm Thursday 11th November 2021 at Donhead St Andrew Church.

Planning Application meetings as and when they arise.

Questions or Statements

Pcnllr SB had been investigating the possibility of an electric charging point for the Parish but hadn't found a suitable location yet.