

Donhead St Andrew Parish Council
Notes of Annual Parish Meeting
Friday 13th March 2020 at 7pm
Donhead St Andrew Church

1. Apologies received and those present:

Present: M. Cullimore (Chairman), S Luck (Vice-Chairman), C. Burrows, P. Maxwell-Arnot, J. Barton, S Barkham.

Also in attendance: W.Cnllr T. Deane; up to 5 residents; & J. Luck (Clerk).

Apologies received and accepted: M. York, S. Pyke and B Miller.

2. Notes of APM held on 8th March 2019 - these were agreed as a correct record. **SL/PMA**

3. Chairman's Annual Report for 2019/20 - P. Cnllr M. Cullimore thanked all those that had contributed to the life of the village, P.Cnllrs and residents alike, and the issues that affected the community as a whole over the past year. He also outlined improvements that the PC was hoping to make to the village in the coming year including new benches, fingerposts, wildflower planting along the cemetery bank and if land owner permission could be obtained, the replacement of some stiles with pedestrian gates.

4. Wiltshire Councillor's Annual Report - W. Cnllr T. Deane spoke on several issues, including:

- The Area board providing funding for children to attend Real Madrid football camp at the Nadder Centre in the summer.
- The need for Affordable housing on exception sites (no suitable sites in DsA at present)

5. Open Forum; the Parish Council asked to hear the views of residents on the following matters:

- a) Items that the £10,000 donation could potentially be spent on that would benefit the village - No further ideas were offered.
- b) The Living Churchyard Project (The PC Cemetery and not the cemetery attached to the church) - PCnllr JB shared his thoughts on re-wilding suitable areas of the cemetery to attract wildlife. He advised that this was a countryside initiative supported by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. This seemed to be well received by those present.

Other items raised by residents Present;

- **Flooding on Footpath 4 (adjacent to Kelloway's Mill)** - the owner of this property said that they had received a letter from Wiltshire Council querying the potential tampering with a waterway which may have exacerbated the flooding on FP4. She wanted to explain that in view of unprecedented rainfall, they had been attempting to divert flood water away from their house as they have been flooded several times over the years which has been very distressing. She confirmed that a WC officer had been out to speak to them about it and had been supportive and offered up some useful suggestions and that they were working with the WC officer to resolve this issue.
- **Coronavirus (Covid-19)** - A couple of residents raised concerns about this and said that they would be happy to oversee a community led response to this crisis.

No other items were raised by members of the public and the meeting closed at 7:49pm.