

Donhead St Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting held at Donhead St Andrew Church at 7pm on Friday 09th July 2021

Questions or Statements

The resident which had complained about the long grass on the V-shaped verge between Milkwell and Overway (agenda point 4) stated that the PC had originally agreed about three years ago that this verge would be incorporated in the cutting that was paid for by the PC and therefore should continue to be so. The clerk advised that the PC's grass cutter had confirmed that he had never cut this piece of grass and so regardless of what was agreed historically there would be an extra cost to the PC/residents via the precept, of £10 per fortnight if PCnlrs voted to include this in the PC's cutting and therefore this should be voted on again. The verge is currently the responsibility of, and cut by, WC.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor, Nick Errington

He sent his apologies for being unable to attend and emailed a report which has been circulated around the PCnlrs. To summarise are a couple of the most relevant points from his email "A303 Stonehenge Tunnel: I recently attended a presentation by Highways England on the A303 Tunnel project. Subject to a current judicial review, groundwork is expected to start late 2021 or early 2022 with completion by end 2028. The project also includes a bypass for Winterbourne Stoke. The works will involve the closure of the A360 north of Wilton to the A303 from September to December this year. This is to allow SSE to install electricity supply to the site for the works, diversionary routes will be in place. Future schemes for the road will include the dualling of further sections West of Stonehenge including those closer to our area. Wiltshire Council recycling centres: These will no longer require pre-booking of visits from 19 July."

Meeting Agenda

09.07.01

Those present and apologies for absence.

Present: M. Cullimore (Chairman), S. Luck (Vice-Chairman), J. Barton, C. Burrows, P. Maxwell-Arnot (arrived late, apologies were received), J. Sullivan, S. Barkham and A Stoker.

Also in attendance: 2 residents, a planning applicant & Mrs J. Luck (Clerk).

Apologies received and accepted: S. Kozuba-Kozubska.

09.07.02

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 – PCnlr SB declared an interest on agenda point 5 due to being a neighbour.

- c. dispensations: PCnllrs agreed that PCnllr SB could remain in the meeting and pass comment but not vote on agenda point 5.

09.07.03

Resolution of minutes

- a. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting 21/05/2021 – **Agreed to be an accurate record – Proposed SL/Seconded SB/Unanimous by all PCnllrs who had attended.**

Planning Matters

09.07.04

Applications determined since last meeting for information.

[PL/2021/04402](#) St Andrews Church, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew, Sp7 9eb. Reduction of Yew Tree- PCnllrs noted it had been approved by WC.

09.07.05

New Applications

[PL/2021/04655](#) Hunterston, St Bartholomew's Street, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9EB. The applicant briefly outlined the proposal for a newly constructed wooden double garage – PCnllrs resolved **No Objection – Proposed AS/Seconded SL/Unanimous (other than SB who did not vote due to declaration of interest).**

09.07.06

Enforcement

ENF/2021/00460 Land Alongside River Nadder, To Rear of West End Lane, Donhead St Andrew, Sp7 9dz. Unauthorised development on agricultural land. PCnllrs were informed that the summerhouse structure had been dismantled and that the Shepherd's Hut would be removed shortly.

09.07.07

Review of the Village Design Statement (VDS)

The clerk had reformatted this document so that it complied with the Accessibility Regulations 2018 and made the alterations agreed by PCnllrs previously. PCnllrs were asked to check the entire VDS together with alterations before resolving whether the reviewed VDS was ready to be published to residents for feedback prior to submission to WC for their approval. A PCnllr suggested an amendment to change the tense of part of the second paragraph to the following: "The VDS was subject to a review by officers and considered up-to-date and relevant, and was subsequently approved at the Southern Area Planning Committee on 24 January 2013 as a material planning consideration". **Subject to this amendment being made PCnllrs approved the reviewed document – Proposed SL/Seconded AS/Unanimous. *Clerk to amend and publicise.**

09.07.08

Finance

- a. **Approval of retrospective payments**

PCnllrs noted and approved retrospective payments made between 01/05/2021 and 30/06/2021 – all from approved budgets - **Proposed SL/Seconded JS/Unanimous.**

- b. **Approval of bank reconciliation**

PCnllrs noted and approved the bank reconciliation for May and June 2021 - **Proposed AS/Seconded SB/Unanimous.**

c. Interim Budget for information

PCnllrs noted the interim budget as at 30/06/2021.

09.07.09

Cemetery

a. Cemetery Maintenance

PCnllrs didn't suggest any maintenance issues that they felt needed attention in the cemetery. A PCnllr did propose that we ask the grass cutter to trim around the war Grave of Rifleman RCJ Head (which is situated in the long grass currently) as he noticed someone was tending the grave. ***Clerk to request this is cut.**

Highways/rights of way

09.07.10

Pedestrian Gates

PCnllrs noted that Wiltshire Council had approved the grant of £377 to assist in replacing the stiles with pedestrian gates on DSTA 14, correctly positioned opposite Pile Oak Cottage and as you exit the field into Ten Acre Copse. PCnllrs noted that if Alex Howsen (WC rights of Way) has capacity to do the work that a further gate would be purchased by the PC (as previously agreed) to replace the squashed kissing gate further along DSTA 14. The PC hope this increases the ease of use and accessibility of our footpaths. This will be an ongoing project.

09.07.11

Footpath update from PCnllr PMA.

PCnllr PMA advised that although the landowner of DSTA 3 (Behind Meadowbank) had made repairs to the land drains which it was thought was causing the excessive patches of water logging, after notable improvement it seemed to be getting very muddy again. She asked whether it was possible for WC to install a wooden platform/bridge over the worse areas. ***The clerk will approach the landowner initially and report back.**

Up the Pains Hill Green Lane track she noted that a tree had come down which needed clearing – The clerk asked that ***PCnllrs report this to WC on the MyWilts App.**

It was noted that the overgrown vegetation on DSTA 9 that runs behind The Stables property had been cleared and that the stile on DSTA 23 (Nr Donhead House) had been repaired very promptly by the landowner.

The clerk advised that prompted by the landowner and the PC, Alex Howsen had arranged for a footbridge to be installed on DSTA 6 (between Parkgate Farm and Westfield Farm) to assist walkers getting over the very wet muddy terrain at this point. Alex would be arranging for further improvements to the bridge by replacing the stepovers at each end with gates and installing steps to access the bridge.

The PC would also like to improve the very wet surface on DSTA 1 (near Donhead House). ***The clerk will investigate options.**

09.07.12

Fingerpost at Scotts Hill/New Road junction

PCnllrs noted that a 30% deposit had been paid for the commission of the new fingerpost. It is expected that it will be constructed October/November 2021. The clerk had obtained a grant from WC of £400 to assist with the cost. WC will now potentially award two grants per year towards fingerposts so the clerk asked PCnllrs to identify whether there were any remaining fingerposts that they would like to upgrade. The metal fingerpost at the Bartholomew's junction was flagged but the Chairman recalled that this may

be a listed post and therefore not acceptable to replace it. ***The clerk will find out more about the status of this post and report back.**

09.07.13

Parish Steward Reports

PCnllr CB had evaluated the condition and salt content of each of our grit bins and made a report to WC. In response to this, WC have confirmed that they will replace the Grit Bin on West End. Our Village Steward had recently been in the village grass cutting at certain junctions to improve visibility. PCnllr SL said that he had logged the collapsed verge vegetation along Barkers Hill on the MyWilts App as a problem as the lane is very narrow in places.

09.07.14

Grass Cutting

Instigated by a resident's complaint (please also see "Questions or Statements" at start of these minutes), the PC paid our grass cutter to cut the V-shaped verge between the Milkwell and Overway junction recently. PCnllrs were to resolve whether the PC should continue to pay for this cut throughout the growing season. The Clerk advised that WC have recently revised their grass cutting policy. To encourage flora and fauna, WC have postponed their May/June cutting until September, except for visibility splays on junctions and some bends, along with some of the particularly narrow lanes. With this in mind, PCnllrs resolved that the PC would flag the verge to WC as an area that they should be cutting throughout the growing season due to poor junction visibility safety concerns (in line with their cutting policy). The PC asked that the residents also log this on the MyWilts App. **Proposed SL/Seconded JS/Unanimous.**

Other matters

Reports

09.07.15

Chairman

Thanked the PCnllrs and clerk for their work for the PC.

In relation to WC changing their roadside grass cutting policy, he had recently read on the [Plant life website](#) that if all UK's road verges were managed according to their guidelines, there could be 400 billion more wild, native flowers.

09.07.16

Clerk

Nothing additional to report.

09.07.17

Closure of meeting and date and time of next meetings

Full Council Meeting - 7pm Thursday 16th September 2021 at Donhead St Andrew Church.

Planning Application meetings as and when they arise.

Questions or Statements

The residents asked whether the overgrowth around the gate on DSTA 9 (Behind The Stables property) could be cleared as you currently couldn't open the gate and there needed to be a pathway through the crops. ***The Clerk will contact the landowner.**

PCnllr SB thought it would be beneficial for the village if we had an electric charging point, possibly located at The Foresters Pub. He would investigate.