

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Wiltshire Council Planning Applications.

The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

16/02860/FUL	32 High Street	Erection of two storey rear extension, including removal of latter-day single storey structures	NEW
16/02770/FUL	23 St Marys Lane	Proposed two storey extension. (Amendment to planning permission 14/04816/FUL)	NEW

Community Policing.

The Clerk reported that he had met with Inspector James Brain to discuss Community Policing and the content of the reports to the Parish Council following complaints from a number of Parish Councils, including Dilton Marsh Parish Council. The Clerk stated that Wiltshire Police had recognised the need to increase the visibility of members of the Community Police Team (CPT) in communities and that actions were in place to achieve this improvement with the PCSOs taking a more direct and active role. It was agreed that the value of the reports to Parish Council lay in the detail of local crimes and incidents and this detail can best be accessed via www.police.uk, although it was acknowledged that it was important for the reports to also carry important messages regarding community safety and individual wellbeing. He added that a further meeting with Insp. Brain was planned in four or so months' time.

Local Crimes in Dilton Marsh. (Report from the Community Policing Team).

The month of March showed no crime series or increases in any individual crime type. In other rural areas there has been an increase in theft from motor vehicles offences, whereby vehicles parked in rural beauty spot areas, have had windows smashed and valuable items stolen. The only Local Crimes reported were: Criminal Damage to Garage Door and a Non Dwelling Burglary - Shed. **A REMINDER to all residents—Ensure you lock your garages and sheds. At this time of year we see an increase in gardening power tools being stolen from insecure sheds. Also it is a good idea to keep a record of any serial numbers. Websites such as <https://www.immobilise.com> allow you to securely register the details of valuable items.**

Neighbourhood Planning.

In a written report to the Council, Cllr. Harris confirmed that she had attended the Neighbourhood Plan Seminar, sponsored by DCLG and Community First held on 16 March 2016 and she proposed that the Parish Council produced a Neighbourhood Plan. She had added that she would produce a report of what resources are available to the Parish Council for the production of such a plan and the processes that are required to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Playing Field - Play Facility Improvements.

In a written report to Council, Rebecca Durham gave the following update:

- The playing field consultation is ongoing and we have received a lot of useful feedback.
- The Community Consultation event on the 19th March was well attended and gave us the opportunity to meet and discuss with more people. Thank you to those members of the Council who came along.
- We have been in touch with all the village groups and businesses and as a minimum given them questionnaires to share out and complete. We held an assembly at the school this Monday and then children in each class 'voted' with stickers for their favourite play activities! We are also in the process of discussing in more detail with those residents who back onto the area.
- We will analyse the results in time to bring them to the May Parish Council meeting for your information. We will then hopefully be able to agree next steps.

Members Reports.

Cllr. Moody – The recent Film Night was a great success with the showing of 'The Lady in the Van. The evening was fully booked. The Next Film Night is on 8 May when 'Bridge of Spies' is to be shown.

Cllr. Coutts-Britton – A talk on 'The Battle of the Somme' is to be given on 15 October.

Cllr. Middleton – The traffic flow survey undertaken by Cllr. Harris shows how different the traffic volume is when the B3099 is closed and confirms the view that the majority of traffic in Dilton Marsh is passing through and is not local traffic. A Traffic Report with recommendations is to be produced and presented at the June Parish Council meeting.

Things to Do and Places to Go

Dilton Amateur Gardening Club meets the 1st Friday each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Membership, £10 single, £18 couples, Visitors £2.00. Tel Pam Good, 01373 822433. .

Little Marshians Parent & Toddler Group Every Tuesday from 9.30 am —11.15 am at the Memorial Hall. For more information please e-mail at littlemarshians@hotmail.com.

Dilton Marsh Women's Institute meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. If you would like to discuss the WI or come to a meeting (someone will accompany you if you feel it's a bit daunting going somewhere new alone) please ring Priscilla Gray on 864661

Traidcraft Coffee Morning with Crafts 1st Saturday of each month, 10am to 12noon in Holy Trinity Church.

Dilton Rovers Football Club. Training Sessions are held at Dilton Marsh Playing Field on Saturday mornings for boys and girls age 5 years to Adult—£2 PER SESSION. Training times do vary for each age group so for more information please contact the Club Secretary—CAROLYN HILLMAN on 01373 824282. New members always welcome.

Dilton Rovers Adult Sunday Team. Training Details on Request.

For more information please contact the Club Secretary: Carolyn Hillman on 01373 824282 or www.diltonrovers.co.uk.

Westbury Blue Circle Short Mat Bowls Club Tuesday Evenings 7.15pm to 9.45pm at Dilton Memorial Hall. Contact the Secretary , Gill Willis 01373 826562/0774 6488818 for further information. All ages welcome.

Dilton Marsh Acoustic Club 'Open Mic' sessions at The Prince of Wales 2nd & 4th Mondays each month from 8pm. It is always a friendly, fun evening and newcomers (players and audience) are especially welcomed.

Westbury U3A

The speaker Jane Arnold gave a very entertaining and instructive talk entitled "Nude but not Rude". Sitting quietly in a dressing gown her first point was most emphatically made as she stood up removing it and revealing herself to be fully clothed. Until fairly recently a career as a Life Model was not respectable and it was difficult even for famous artists to draw from live female models. Some renaissance artists used young men and added breasts whilst others drew from corpses!

Dilton Marsh Carnival is back for 2016 and will take place on Sunday 4th September from 12.30 - 4pm on the Playing Field, Alan Powell Lane, Dilton Marsh. A relaxing, fun afternoon for all the family with refreshments, entertainment, stalls and games. Further details will be announced over the next few months.

The Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast: Saturday 4 JUNE from 8.30 - 11am at Dilton Marsh Memorial Hall, High St, Dilton Marsh BA13 4DW. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.** Join us for a leisurely breakfast freshly cooked and served by our expert team. All tastes catered for. For more information regarding these events, please contact Kathy Hutt on 01373 301656..

Dilton Marsh Pre-School

The Pre-School recently underwent their latest OFSTED inspection and as a result they were graded 'GOOD', this is an improvement on the previous two.

Chairman Jack Luxford stated 'We are very pleased with this result because the previous two inspections were graded as 'Satisfactory', which did not reflect accurately the work that is put into running our Pre-School and the achievements reached by both staff and children. There is a big step between the old Satisfactory grade and the current Good and I would like to thank the staff for the extra effort and hard work that has enabled us to reach this grade, I would also like to thank the parents who were spoken to on the day and a special thanks goes to the children who behaved impeccably throughout'.

The next Dilton News will be published on the 31 May 2016. If you have an item you wish to be included please send it, or e-mail it, to the Editor at the address given below to arrive no later than 27 May 2016.

Please note the following:

Annual Parish Meeting – 19 May 2016 at 7.30pm.

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 19 May 2016 at 8pm approx. (immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting).

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 19 May 2016 at 8.30pm approx. (immediately following the Annual Parish Council Meeting).

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall.

Dilton News is printed and published by Dilton Marsh Parish Council, which meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30pm, (see above for May meeting) to which the public are invited.

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Parish Councillors :	Mrs. A. Irving, 5 Fairwood Road.		Mr. D. Howells, 21 Tower Hill.
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	Mr. A. Page, Clivey Barn Farm, Clivey.		Mr. F. Morland, Dead Maids Close, Chapmanslade.
	Mr. A. Coutts-Britton, 4 Stormore.		Mrs J Short, 8 Greenacres.
	Mr M Roberts, 20 Shepherds Mead		Mr D Middleton, 8 Clivey Cottages
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