

Donnington Parish Council

Notice of Annual Parish Electors Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors for the Parish of Donnington will be held on 12th May 2025 at the Stockbridge Parish Hall commencing at 6.30pm

Agenda for the meeting

- 1. Minutes of the meeting held 13th May 2024**
- 2. Matters arising from the minutes**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Chichester District Council report**
- 5. West Sussex County Council report**
- 6. Questions from electors**

A Parish Council may convene an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between 1st March and the 1st June.

Purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting enables electors to have their say on anything they consider to be of importance to the people of the Parish. It is also an opportunity for the Parish Council to explain what it has been doing over the last year.

Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors of the Parish. It is NOT a Meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Donnington Parish may vote.

Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Council held on **Monday 13th May 2024** commencing at 7p.m, in the Stockbridge Parish Hall, Donnington.

Members present

Mr Paul Morris (Chairman)
Ms Heather McDougall
Mr Simon Davenport
Mr Jim Ellis
Mark Hitchin
Ms Anna Gaymer
Mr Eric Padley

In attendance:

Mr Adrian Moss (Cllr, Chichester District Council)
Mr Simon Oakley (Cllr, West Sussex County Council)
Mrs Nicola Swann (Clerk & RFO)

1. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Mr Morris opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes of the previous Annual Assembly had been circulated. On a proposal by Cllr Mr Morris seconded by Cllr Ms McDougall it was agreed that they represented a true record of the previous meeting.

3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

None.

4 **Chairman's Annual Assembly report 2023/24**

Council and Councillors

May 2023 saw Parish Council elections. All those who stood had been elected unopposed. MR Paul Morris and Ms Heather McDougall were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council. There are currently two vacancies on the Council, and interested parties were invited to speak to the Clerk.

Community Projects

Graffiti Removal – Councillors removed graffiti from the Canal Bridge in May 2023, after getting agreement from the Canal Trust, National Highways and West Sussex County Council. We are pleased to see this has not returned. Councillors were also very quick to clean graffiti spotted at the Playing Field, which was very offensive in nature. We are pleased to say there has not been a repeat of this vandalism.

Playing Field – the slide and see-saw have been updated, and are now getting plenty of use. We also installed new bike racks. Our new grass cutting contractor is keeping the area tidy and it is enjoyed by many of the children in the parish.

Bus stop hardstanding – we received a request from residents to look into putting some hardstanding at the southbound bus stop on Stockbridge Road. Passengers leave the bus and step onto mud or long grass, which can cause problems for those with mobility issues. We were advised that this would require a Community Highways Scheme application, and that it would take around a year! We formally applied in July 2023, and have been chasing progress. We hope to have more news on this soon. Our thanks to Heather McDougall for all her work on this.

Footpath 196/1 improvements – working with WSCC, we are helping fund improvements to footpath 196/1 (towards the Marina after Hunston). The footpath is impassable in bad

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weather and requires work. We are using s106 funds from the Canal Walk development to deliver this. WSCC are leading on the project and hope to undertake the work in September of this year.

Outside bodies representation

We have continued to represent the Parish's interested on outside bodies including police liaison groups, the Peninsula Forum, the Manhood Peninsula Partnership, the RAVEN group campaigning for noise reduction on the A27 and of course attendance at events organised by CDC. This year we have also joined a group organised by Birdham Parish Council looking at reducing speed limits on A286. Thanks to all Councillors who participate in these groups.

Finance

The precept for the parish was increased this year by 5.7%, reflecting the increased costs of maintenance across the parish, and employment of the Clerk. Our reserves are healthy and we are conscious that we have funds to spend from our CIL reserves in the coming year.

We will continue to:

- Consider planning applications for development in Donnington and comment as appropriate
- Keep our community updated on progress with the Local Plan Review at Chichester District Council
- Maintain the Playing Field at Wiston Avenue
- Cut the grass at Southfields Close, The Meadows and Waterside Drive
- Make sure the bins (including the dog waste bins) are emptied and our streets are litter picked
- Share information with our community via our website and Facebook page
- Work with St George's PCC on the Community Initiative Fund project
- Work with our tree warden Moira Strickland to monitor our trees

Mr Morris then introduced Cllrs Adrian Moss of Chichester District Council.

5 **District Council Report:**

Followed by Cllr Simon Oakley of WSCC

6 **County Council Report:**

7 **Questions**

The meeting then closed at 7.15pm