



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the  
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting  
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the  
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

**Questions or Statements:**

At the September meeting a member of the public expressed their concern about the visibility for drivers to see oncoming cars on the section of road from Place Farm to Chicks Grove Road when cars were parked in front of the cottages.

Concerns were also expressed about the parking at the bottom of the Churchill Estate which is on a steep hill and difficult for drivers to wait for other drivers to drive down the hill. It was thought that the difficulty with that road could be eased by having yellow lines in place as it was similar to the issues which led to the yellow lines being installed in Vicarage Road.

The Clerk advised that she would raise these matters with the local highways engineer.

A member of the public said that they thought the village was a mess with lots of weeds growing everywhere. Councillor Murray agreed to tour the village with her to understand her concerns.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Budden gave a brief report on the following matters which had been discussed at a cabinet meeting:

- Revision of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- The doubling of Council Tax for second homes from 2025.
- The doubling of Council Tax for empty homes which had been empty for more than 10 years from 2025.
- A peer review of the Planning Department.

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**(\*responsibility for action)**

Those present:

Councillors S Davison (Chairman), R A Beattie (until 8 pm), R Buck, F Corp, N Errington, V Hillier, J Mason and G Murray - 8.

Also in attendance:

Unitary Councillor Richard Budden  
B Cornish (Clerk).  
Four members of the public.

Councillor Davison paid a fulsome tribute to the valuable contribution made by Gordon Sorenson to the community following his recent death. He said the village would so much poorer without him.

### **82.23 Apologies**

Councillors unanimously approved the apologies from Councillors E Coyle-Camp and J Phillips (personal commitments).

### **83.23 Declarations of Interest:**

- a. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests: None.
- b. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests: None.
- c. Dispensations: None.

### **84.23 Resolution of Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

- **Approved; FC/JM**; subject to adding the words 'Councillor Buck was not present when the planning and tree works applications were considered' to the end of Minute 66.23b.

### **85.23 Planning and Tree Works Applications \*Clerk**

**PL/2023/06929 21 Lady Down View, Tisbury** - 2 x Lime trees (G1 of TPO S/171) - reduce by 25% - 30%.

- **Support; JM/NE**; unanimous.

### **86.23 Planning Application Decisions**

Councillors noted the following decisions on recent applications:

- a. PL/2023/05315 – The Lodge, Hindon Lane, Tisbury – T1 Scots Pine – Fell - No Objection
- b. Application Ref PL/2023/04689 – Common Ground, Lady Down View, Tisbury - Ash tree – fell - Approve with Conditions
- c. PL/2023/05071 - Furzelease Farm, Tisbury Row, Tisbury - Proposed new first floor window to Eastern (front) Elevation - Approved with Conditions and in line with the Parish Council's recommendation.

### **87.23 Wiltshire Council Section 19 Flood Investigation Report \*Clerk**

To note the Flood Investigation Report produced by Wiltshire Council following the flood events in Tisbury in October 2021 in accordance with Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010:

- **Noted; GM/JM**; unanimous; that the Clerk writes a letter to Wiltshire Council expressing concern and disappointment that it was not shared in time for the Council to provide it as evidence at the Planning Inquiry for Station Works.

### **88.23 South Western Hotel \*Clerk**

To consider a proposal from Councillor Errington to set up a meeting with the owners of the South Western Hotel in order to explore future possibilities for the site:

- **Approved; NE/JM**; unanimous; that the Clerk writes to the Co-operative Group to invite them to attend a meeting to discuss their proposals for the South Western Hotel site.

### **89.23 'Happy to Chat' Bench \*Clerk**

To consider a proposal from Councillor Mason to provide a 'Happy to Chat' bench in the parish.

- **Resolved; JM/NE**; unanimous; that the bench located in the Avenue beside the Fire Station be refurbished and signed as a 'Happy to Chat' bench.

### **90.23 Playground Repairs \*Clerk**

To consider two quotes for the repairs to the Zip Wire and Spinner in the Lower Recreation Ground as identified by the Sovereign Play inspection report.

- **Resolved; Chair**; unanimous; that following the Clerk's report that she was still awaiting the second quote, that the decision be delegated to be taken by the Environment Committee at its meeting to be held on 19th September.

### **91.23 Use of King George Field for Rounders Match \*Clerk**

To consider a request from the Wiltshire Young Farmers Group to hold a Rounders match on the King George V Field on Friday 22nd September.

- **Approved; Chair**; unanimous; subject to receipt of a copy of the public liability insurance policy and a risk assessment.

### **92.23 Environment Committee recommendations: \*Clerk**

Councillors considered the following recommendations:

- a. That the planting, maintenance and management of the Community Orchard be overseen by the Children's Community Garden:
  - **Approved; JB/JM**; unanimous; for an initial period of 6 months and that clear objectives are set by the Environment Committee on how it is to be managed.
- b. That formal permission be given to the greenhouse already installed on the site of the Children's Community Garden:
  - **Approved; Chair**; unanimous.
- c. That the Parish Council participates in Wiltshire Council's reinstated Tree Warden Scheme:
  - **Approved; Chair**; unanimous.
- d. That the Parish Council considers the refurbishment or replacement of its Website:
  - **Resolved; RB/JM**; unanimous; that the Council's existing website be replaced with a WordPress website and for the Clerk to investigate costings.

### 93.23 Consultations

- a. To consider a draft response to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' consultation on proposed changes to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons:
  - **Resolved; JM/FC**; unanimous; that the consultation be delegated to Councillor Mason and the Clerk to complete. **\*Clerk/JM**
- b. To consider a response to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' consultation on proposals to implement the parts of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which relate to Local plan-making, to make plans simpler, faster to prepare and more accessible:
  - **Resolved; Chair**; unanimous; that the consultation be delegated to Councillor Murray and the Clerk to complete. **\*Clerk/GM**
- c. To consider a draft statement to be made to the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group on the proposal to increase parish and town council contributions within the South West Wiltshire Area Board:
  - **Approved; FC/RB**; unanimous. **\*Clerk**

### 94.23 Approval of Documents and Policies **\*Clerk**

- a. Hosting Agreement for the Defibrillator to be installed on the northern external wall of Coffee Angels:
  - **Approved; Chair**; unanimous.
- b. Policy on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Drone Usage:
  - **Approved; JM/RB**; unanimous.
- c. Revised Risk Assessment for the Children's Community Garden.
  - **Approved; RB/VH**; unanimous.

### 95.23 Finance - Approval of September Financial Information **\*Clerk**

- a. Retrospective payments made from 01/08/2023 to 31/08/2023
- b. Faster Payment transactions for September
- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 31st August 2023
- d. Petty Cash reconciliations to 31st July 2023
- e. Budget to Actual Report to 31st August 2023
  - **All Approved; FC/JM**; unanimous.

### 96.23 Insurance for Tisbury and West Tisbury Burial Ground

To resolve to confirm that in the event of having to meet any settlement or excess incurred from an insurance claim submitted for the Tisbury and West Tisbury Burial Ground the proportion of costs for Tisbury Parish Council will be calculated in the same way as that agreed for annual costs ie 10/13ths.

- **Approved; RB/JM**; unanimous.

## 97.23 Representative Reports

**Tisbury Footpath Group:** Councillor Errington advised that the summer evening walks organised by the Footpath Group had come to an end and that walks would continue during day throughout the winter months.

**Alice Coombes Trust:** Cllr Errington gave a brief report on the recent activities of the Trust and its giving of grants to individuals for the purchase of educational equipment.

**Tisbury Memory Group:** Cllr Errington gave a brief report on the work of the Memory Group which is held at the Hinton Hall every other Wednesday.

## 98.23 Items for Information

Councillors noted the Clerk's report providing information on agenda items, recent issues and work completed.

## 99.23 Items for Next Agenda

- a. Emergency Plan.

## 100.23 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

## 101.23 Exclusion of the Public and Press – Confidential Matters \*Clerk

A resolution to be made that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the LGA 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the LGA 1972.

- **Resolved; Chair;** unanimous; that the meeting be closed to the Press and public.

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- a. To consider a report from the Clerk regarding a request from the Weaveland Road Allotments Committee to terminate a lease agreement.

- **Resolved; Chair;** unanimous; that the recommendations set out in the Clerk's report be accepted.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.