



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6th August 2024 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

Sergeant Joe Sadowski attended the meeting to provide an update to the Council and residents on the Tisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team. He said that the current team consisted of one part-time Police Constable and a full-time Police Community Support Officer. This did leave the village on occasion without cover but this was supplemented by the 'Response' Team if an incident occurred.

He also responded and promised to act on a resident's detailed report and concerns following a recent serious incident which they had reported to the police. They said they had been disappointed by the slow response and lack of information which had been contrary to what had been promised.

Two members asked if a mini roundabout could be installed at the top of the High Street between Cuffs Lane, The Quarry, Duck Street and Hindon Lane due to the lack of visibility when exiting The Quarry and the speed of vehicles driving south from Hindon Lane and north from the High Street.

A member of the public raised the issue of the size of the potholes in The Avenue and also of the poor impact on their health as an asthma sufferer of the frequency of bonfires in the village, especially in hot weather when the smoke hangs in the air over The Avenue.

A member of the public asked if the telephone box at the top of the High Street could be repainted. The Clerk advised that she would contact BT who owned it to ask for it to be repainted.

The Chairman thanked residents for their questions and advised that potholes could be reported either to Councillor Budden or online via the MyWiltshireApp and the mini roundabout would be considered by the Council at its September meeting.

Wiltshire Councillor Report: Wiltshire Councillor Richard Budden provided a written report for this meeting which was noted. The report summarised the key items discussed at recent Wiltshire Council Cabinet and Full Council meetings, one of which was that the sum of £5.7 million, together with a further £5 million from

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions, will be spent during the rest of the financial year on highways maintenance.

Councillor Budden commented that the list of planned works in numerous locations in the South West Wiltshire area was an implicit acknowledgment of just how bad the state of the roads have become in our area. This additional money lifts the total expenditure this year on highways maintenance to over £39 million, virtually double the sum spent only two years ago (although, some of this year's funds won't be spent until next year). It is also a recognition that the state of our roads is appalling, and that far greater levels of maintenance expenditure than the administration had budgeted previously are needed. The issue will be to assess what the ongoing funding level needs to be to stop our roads falling into such an appalling state again.

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

Those present:

Councillors Murray (Chairman), R A Beattie, R Buck, N Errington, J Mason - 5.

Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Seven members of the public.

59.24 Apologies

Councillors unanimously approved the apologies from Councillors F Corp, S Davison (personal commitments) and E Coyle-Camp (holiday).

60.24 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.

61.24 Resolution of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024
- **Approved; RAB/JM.**

62.24 Planning Application Decisions

Councillors noted the following decision:

PL/2024/04644 Portland House, 16 Lady Down View, Tisbury - Remove glass wall and roof of existing garden room, replacing them with a stone wall and tiled roof in keeping with the rest of the house – Approve with conditions.

63.24 Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan – Edition 2 (TisPlan 2)

- a. To note the contents of a letter from Wiltshire Council to the Chair of the Steering Group which confirms receipt and validates the submission of the draft TisPlan 2 and its accompanying documentation under Regulation 15:
- **Noted; Chair;** unanimous.

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- b. To note that Wiltshire Council will publicise TisPlan 2 under Regulation 16 prior to making the plan available for independent examination. The consultation period will run from Monday 12th August to Monday 7th October 2024.
 - **Noted; Chair;** unanimous.
- c. To confirm the Parish Council’s support in assisting with the dissemination of notices about the consultation from Wiltshire Council and the locations where copies of TisPlan 2 are available to view by residents and interested parties during the consultation period:
 - **Approved; Chair;** unanimous.

64.24 Consultation - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

To consider a response to the consultation on ‘Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system’. (Deadline 24th September 2024)

- **Agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting for councillors to discuss the changes and compile a draft response for consideration by the Council on 3rd September 2024; NE/JM;** unanimous.

65.24 Small Grant Request

To consider an application from the Hinton Hall Management Committee for a small grant of £300 as a contribution towards a new cooker in the kitchen of the Hinton Hall:

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

66.24 Riverfly Monitoring Request

To consider a request from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to permit its volunteers to access the river in the Lower Recreation Ground to carry out monthly riverfly monitoring. The training up of riverfly monitors for the Nadder headwaters will form part of a bid the Trust is putting together for funding from HM Government’s Farming in Protected Landscapes programme:

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

67.24 Skatepark Disco

- a. To consider a request from the Council’s Youth Officer to hold an ‘end of the school holidays’ skatepark disco on the King George V Field on Thursday 29th August from 5.30 pm - 9 pm:
 - **Approved; NE/JM;** unanimous.
- b. To approve a Risk Assessment for the skatepark disco event:
 - **Approved; RB/JM;** unanimous.

68.24 Newsletter

To consider a draft Newsletter to residents to be published in paper and digital form by the end of August:

- **Approved; RB/ JM;** It was agreed that 250 printed copies in total be distributed to the Library and Coffee Angels and be made available in the Reading Room and that the final version be sent to all councillors for comment before distribution.

69.24 Environment Committee

- a. Councillor Buck gave a short verbal report on recent meeting and on the successful Summer Fruit Tree Pruning workshop held on Sunday 28th July which had been attended by 20 people from both the village and from other areas of Wiltshire, including the High Sherriff of Wiltshire, some of whom were planning their own village's community orchards.
- b. To consider a recommendation from the Committee to approve guidance for residents and local organisations on advertising and flyposting around the village following Wiltshire Council announcement that it will be taking action against fly-posting, littering and fly-tipping around the county:
 - **Approved with minor amendments; NE/RAB.**
- c. To consider a recommendation from the Committee to approve guidance for residents and local organisations on air quality, bonfires and smoke pollution in Tisbury.
 - **Approved; RB/JM;** Councillor Buck advised that these guidance documents would be reported on social media, the Council's website and to local organisations.
- d. To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024:
 - **Noted; Chair;** unanimous.

70.24 Reading Room Trust Insurance

To approve the payment to Zurich Insurance of the renewal premium of £507.69 for the Reading Room Trust which will become due on 22nd August 2024:

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

71.24 Finance – August Financial Information

- a. Retrospective approval of payments made from 01/07/2024 to 31/07/2024.
- b. Approval of August Faster Payment transactions.
- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 30th April 2024
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 30th April 2024
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 30th April 2024
- f. Budget to Actual Report to 30th April 2024
- **All approved; JM/NE;** unanimous.
- g. To note the receipt of the Wessex Water Foundation Environment Fund's grant of £2,000 for the Rain Garden and the Wiltshire Towns Programme grant of £5,000 and that they be allocated within the Council's accounts as individual Earmarked Reserves:
 - **Approved; Chair;** unanimous.

72.24 Representative Reports

'Tis The Season: Councillor Mason gave a brief report on the planning for the event which will be held on Saturday 7th December between 2 and 8 pm. He said that Tisbury Swimming Pool's upcoming 60th Anniversary Event would contribute 50 percent of its profits to Tis the Season and there would also be a fundraising event

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held in the New Vic on Saturday 14th September. The organising group had so far sold 30 stalls to traders and most of the High Street shops would participate and be open later for visitors.

73.24 Items for Information

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

74.24 Items for next meeting:

Emergency Plan

75.24 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Murray confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.38 pm.