



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st July 2025 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

A member of the public asked when Tisbury Swimming Pool would be opened to the public. They also asked that the brambles which were overhanging several of the properties in Vicarage Road be removed as they were causing pedestrians to step further into the road.

Brady Morris, the Sector Commander for the Tisbury, Mere and Shaftesbury Fire Stations attended the meeting to brief councillors on the recent decision taken by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWAST) to cease the funding of Fire Co-Responders in Wiltshire, including those based at Tisbury fire station. Mr Morris explained briefly what role they played and how they were funded and that over the last 5 years the Tisbury Co-Responders had attended 252 category 1 incidents over the last 5 years.

He said Tisbury Fire Station currently has funding of £50k per year and is provided with a fire engine and a response vehicle for use by the Co-Responders. He said that whilst the information on future plans was limited, the outline plans were for funding to cease within the next 12 months and for Co-Responders to be trained to become First Responders and to continue in a voluntary role.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Gerry Murray

Councillor Gerry Murray gave a detailed report as follows:

- Wiltshire Council's financial year end outturn was described publicly as disappointing. The net overspend for the year is circa 5 million (1% of budget) The major item was a £6 million overspend in Adult Services in the final quarter of the year which is 50% of the total annual overspend. This was completely unexpected. If it happens again in quarter one that will be a real problem as this overspend will have to be taken from reserves, most of which will then have to be replenished within 12 months with an impact on 2025/26 spending, which is already tight.
- The statutory override on schools grant overspend (due to SEND) has been extended to end 2028 (it currently stands at £61 million in deficit and is likely to double by end the end of 2028).

- The 5-year land supply figure has been confirmed as 2.42 years. This will persist at least until the new Wiltshire Local plan emerges successfully from examination next year. Until then, Wiltshire operates under the “presumption in favour of sustainable development” for all planning decisions. Tisbury and West Tisbury will be exempt from this when Tisplan 2 is “made” after the referendum which is due take place sometime in the autumn.
- The Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group ‘LHFIG’ funding has been restored by a grant of £400k of Community Infrastructure Levy monies. However, for South West Wiltshire almost all of that money for 2025/26 has been allocated to various schemes already in the pipeline.

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

Those present:

Councillors S Davison (Chairman), R A Beattie, M Carlile, J Cradock, S Crouch, N Errington, K Gamm, J Mason, G Murray - 9.

Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Three members of the public

61.25 Apologies

Councillors unanimously accepted the apology from Councillor Coyle-Camp due to a personal commitment.

62.25 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: Councillor Beattie declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 67.25 as a trustee of the Victoria Hall.
- c. Dispensations: None.

63.25 Resolution of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2025:

- **Approved; NE/JC;** with an abstention from Councillor Cradock.

64.25 Planning Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on recent applications:

PL/2025/03486 8 Lady Down View, Tisbury - Various tree works

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Parish Council Decision: Leave to Tree Officer

PL/2024/11282 Paddock Wood, Hindon Lane, Tisbury - Change of use and conversion of two redundant rural buildings to a dwelling.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Parish Council Decision: Object

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65.25 Consultations

- a. To consider a response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government consultation on the implementation of its proposals to modernise planning committees (deadline 23rd July 2025)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reform-of-planning-committees-technical-consultation>
 - **Delegated to GM/NE with the Clerk; Chair;** unanimous.
- b. To consider a response to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs on 'Improving the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain for minor, medium and brownfield development' (deadline 24th July 2025)
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-biodiversity-net-gain/improving-the-implementation-of-biodiversity-net-g/>
 - **Delegated to GM/MC with the Clerk; Chair;** unanimous.

66.25 Tisbury Community Choir

To consider a request from Tisbury Community Choir for reimbursement of its expenses of £331.17 for the concert performance at St John's Church on the evening of VE Day.

- **Deferred to the next meeting; Chair;** unanimous.

67.25 Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group ('LHFIG') Request

To consider a request from the Committee of the New Vic@Tisbury to apply for a legal disabled parking space to be installed in front of the hall and a legal loading bay to be installed at the side of the hall to enable deliveries, performer and hirer unloading spaces for the hall.

Any approval will commit the Council to providing a 25 percent contribution towards the costs of any works carried out which are currently estimated at £5,000:

- **Deferred to the next meeting; Chair;** unanimous.

68.25 Speed Indicator Device

To consider a quote of £877.99 +VAT from Elan City for the conversion to solar power of the Council's existing Speed Indicator Device currently located in Hindon Lane:

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

69.25 Rounders Pitch on King George's Field

To consider an idea put forward by a resident to mark out a rounders pitch for summer use on the King George's Field. A quote of £180+VAT has been obtained from pitch marking contractors J H Jones & Sons:

- **Refused due to lack of representation and need; RAB/GM;** with an abstention from Councillor Carlile.

70.25 Tisbury Village Fete

To consider a report from Councillor Mason on the success of the Village Fete and his recommendations that Tisbury Parish Council:

- a. Retains any surplus from the 2025 Village Fete in an earmarked reserve for the funding of future fetes;
 - **Approved; GM/RAB;** unanimous.

- b. Agrees to act as an enabling body by taking on responsibility for the organisation and operation of future Tisbury Village Fetes, in co-operation and co-ordination with local community groups, businesses and other organisations.
 - **Resolved to agree that the Council can act as an enabling body only for future fetes, in co-operation with local community groups, businesses and other organisations; GM/RAB.**

71.25 Fire Service Co-Responders

To agree on any actions to be taken in light of the recent announcement by South West Ambulance Service NHS Trust (SWAST) that it will cease the funding of fire co-responders in Wiltshire, including those based at Tisbury fire station:

- **Resolved that the Clerk will write to SWAST and Rt Hon John Glen MP to express the Council's strong objection to the ceasing of the service; RAB/JM; unanimous.**

72.25 Finance - July Financial Information

- a. Retrospective approval of payments made from 01/06/2025 to 30/06/2025 - £2,750.86
- b. Approval of July Faster Payment transactions - £8,990.85
 - **a & b Approved; JM/KG; unanimous.**
- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 30th June 2025
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 30th June 2025
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 31st May and 30th June 2025
- f. Budget to Actual Reports to 30th June 2025
- g. Earmarked Reserves to 30th June 2025
 - **c & g Deferred; JM/KG; unanimous.**

73.25 Revised Policies for Adoption

- a. Model Publication Scheme
- b. Investment Policy
 - **Both policies approved; Chair; unanimous.**

74.25 Risk Assessments

- a. **Multi-Use-Games Area Opening**
To approve a risk assessment for the formal opening event of the refurbished multi-use-games area on Friday 18th July at 5.30 pm.
 - **Approved; JM/JC; unanimous.**
- b. **Skatepark Disco**
To approve a risk assessment for the annual skatepark disco on Friday 18th July from 6.00 pm.
 - **Approved; JM/MC; unanimous.**

75.25 Representative Reports

Nadder Centre Liaison Group: Councillor Beattie advised that he didn't have any news on the re-opening of Tisbury swimming pool. However, Councillor Murray reported that he had been advised that it would soon be open to the schools and then to the community but the dates for these were not yet confirmed.

Rain Garden Opening: Councillor Davison gave a brief report on the success of the opening of the Rain Garden which had been attended by around 50 people.

Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Gerry Murray gave a detailed report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. He said that now that the Examiner's Report had been received, Wiltshire Council will have five weeks in which to issue its decision statement which will advise the Plan's qualifying body what modifications will need to be made. Once the modifications had been made, the Plan would likely go to referendum in September/October 2025.

76.25 Items for Information

Councillors noted the following reports:

- a. Clerk's report providing information on agenda items, recent issues and work completed.
- b. Report on the South West Wiltshire Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group meeting.

77.25 Items for next meeting:

Emergency Plan

78.25 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.25 pm.