# TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7pm in the Elizabeth Hall, Tisbury.

10.04.01 Present: P.Cnllrs D. Carroll (Chairman), Ms J. Golder (Vice-Chairman), J. Berkley-Matthews (RFO), R. Dearden, Mrs J. Amos, Mrs P. Chave, P. Coopman, Miss F. Corp, P. Duffy, M. McGrath and D. Boxall - 11.

Also in attendance: WCnllr T. Deane (from 7:20pm); WC Officers Graeme Hay and L. Haines and Mrs I. Lacey representing TAPCAP (until 7:40pm); Mrs S. Harry (Clerk). Apologies received and accepted: None (all present).

10.04.02 **Declarations of Interest**: P.Cnllr PeterC with respect to the allotment shed request.

### 10.04.03 Questions and/or statements from members of the public:

a. The meeting was addressed by Messrs Hay and Haines about recent highway works in Tisbury and further plans for 2010/11. Mr Hay acknowledged that there had been a lack of communication, particularly with respect to the works carried out in The Avenue, in terms of what work was being done and for what reason. Essentially, the works carried out at the end of 2009/10 were in preparation for the top coat works to be carried in 2010/11; the works in Tisbury being:

The Avenue - micro asphalting; coating appears rough initially but then settles down. Church St/Union Hill - surface dressing; will protect in excess of 10 years in most cases. Both works will seal the surface to stop water ingress and thus aid prevention of potholes. Station Road was originally top of the list for works in 2010/11, but local pressure had pushed the work in The Avenue to a higher priority. The Knapp Hill development was badly affecting the road surface, but this was being monitored by David Button and the developer would be responsible for works and financing of this section of highway.

The problem that had arisen in that WCnllrs had not known of the intended works carried out in February arose as the preparatory works were undertaken before final confirmation (and subsequent publication in the Members Pack) of budgets and programmes were made. The full programme would also be available on the WC website. WC Highways were also very aware of the condition of Station Road, but programming of maintenance was hindered by the associated parking problem.

More generally within WC, Mr Hay indicated that although most counties had had the same or reduced highway funding for 2010/11, members had allocated £1.6m more than anticipated. This was part of the £100m that central government had made available to cope with the effects of the harsh winter, of which £16m would be spent on motorways. The South Wilts area had benefitted in particular as the additional £500-600k, along with the regular budget, would be utilized on a road mileage basis rather than a population basis.

Finally, Mr Hay indicated that the May/June period was the busiest time for pothole repairs and gave the following illustrative costs for repair:

Potholes - £2 to £2.50 per m<sup>2</sup>

Micro asphalt - £6 - £6.50 per m<sup>2</sup>

Station Road - £12 to £18 per m<sup>2</sup>

Complete replacement - £50 to £60 per m<sup>2</sup>

(7:20pm) During a question and answer session, Mr Hay gave further information with respect to:

- Foundations of roads were not routinely laid until the 1920s and tarmacing not until
  the 1950s; however, the A30 and B3089 (from Willoughby Hedge to Dinton) are of a
  proper construction.
- Water is the main enemy; as long as the surface is waterproof that is OK; foundations not strictly necessary for local traffic especially.

- Barriers on bridges over railway tracks are the responsibility of Railtrack.
- The splay construction associated with the Knapp Hill development will be monitored by David Button.
- WC is recognized as the cheapest and fastest pothole repairer.
- Parish Stewards are working on a 'free range' basis as well as on a programmed basis using information from parish clerks etc.
- Specific training with respect to liaison with PCSOs has been given to all Parish Stewards has added extra value to the service provision at no extra cost.
- b. Mrs I. Lacey updated those present on the TAPCAP parking options study, which will be presented to the area board on 21<sup>st</sup> April.
- 10.04.04 To approve Minutes March 2010 meetings: (P.Cnllr JBM not present for this item) Full  $2^{nd}$  March 2010 these were accepted and signed as a true record.

Proposed RD/ seconded MrsPamC / unanimous of those present (7)

Planning –  $16^{th}$  March 2010 – these were accepted and signed as a true record.

Proposed JG/ seconded MissFC / unanimous of those present (7)

# 10.04.05 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

S/2010/0410 - full - 10 Beckford Close, Tisbury - remove existing garden gate and widen to allow occasional vehicle access from Hidden Lane onto the  $^1/_3$  acre garden and paddock of 10 Beckford Close. Remove top soil and replace with hardcore and finish with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " washed gravel in new access area

Following an lengthy discussion, P.Cnllrs resolved to object to the application due to:

- a. The proposed vehicle access is dangerously close to the cross roads.
- b. When the properties were originally built, it was accepted that such access would never be permitted.
- c. A precedent would be set for other properties in Beckford Close to create similar accesses.

Clerk

## Proposed PD/ seconded MMcG / 6 in favour with 3 against & 1 abstention

10.04.06 **Update on Hindon Lane** - Cnllrs were informed that the draft lease was now in a form reflecting the wishes of TPC, but a response was awaited from the landowner.

PeterC

10.04.07 Decisions for 2009 Applications - noted.

#### **FINANCE**

10.04.08 *Financial Report* – the income and payments data previously circulated were approved.

2009/10 – March

Proposed JBM / seconded PD/unanimous

2010/11 – April

Proposed JBM / seconded MsJG/unanimous

10.04.09 *English Landscapes grass cutting contract* - P.Cnllrs agreed to continue with the current contract; with a re-tendering process being done for the 2011/12 season.

Clerk

## Proposed PD / seconded Mrs PamC. / unanimous

10.04.10 *Employee contracts amendment of pension provision* – following a short discussion on the Employer funding required for employees to be members of the Local Government scheme and the Clerk assuring P.Cnllrs that neither the current Village Warden nor herself wished to be members of the scheme, the option would be deleted from the contracts of employment. It was noted that there would be no compulsory provision of a LG pension scheme unless the PC employed 5 persons.

Clerk

#### Proposed RD / seconded MrsJAmos/unanimous

10.04.11 *Clerk's hours of work* - it was noted that a total of 41 hours has been worked on the TPC website; 26 of these hours fall into the normal 15 hours per week worked by the Clerk, but P.Cnllrs were asked to approve the remaining 15 additional hours be paid (at normal time) as allowed for in the budget.

Clerk

#### Proposed DC / seconded MMcG/ unanimous

### MATTERS TO BE RESOLVED

- 10.04.12 *Proposal for alleviation of parking congestion in Tisbury* P.Cnllrs briefly discussed the proposal before agreeing to defer further debate until after the SWWCAB later in April.
- 10.04.13 *Community campus* Meetings were now in progress and it is anticipated that a public meeting will be held to determine public opinion on various proposals.
- 10.04.14 Joint Burial Committee draft constitution update a draft constitution was nearing completion. The issue of public liability and asset insurance for the cemetery was discussed at some length and P.Cnllrs were asked to note by the Clerks of Tisbury and West Tisbury PCs that there was currently no Public or Employers Liability insurance in place; this is particularly important for the Clerk of the Joint Burial Committee. The necessity for insurance of any sort was questioned by several P.Cnllrs, bearing in mind that the cemetery is jointly owned by the 2 Tisbury PCs, and this will be clarified. However, it was agreed that insurance should be taken out as a matter of priority and cancelled at a later date if the queries being made by PeterC. prove that separate insurance is unnecessary.

PeterC.
Clerk to
JBC

10.04.15 *Equality and Diversity policy* - P.Cnllrs resolved to defer the discussion until the May meeting when a revised draft (if necessary) will be presented.

PeterC.

# Proposed PeterC / seconded MrsJAmos /unanimous

10.04.16 Living River project site finalization - P.Cnllrs resolved that Miss FC will determine the final siting of both the information board and bench.

MissFC

## Proposed PD / seconded MrsPamC /unanimous

10.04.17 Allotment Shed approval - P.Cnllrs resolved to approve the proposed allotment shed.

Proposed RD / seconded JBM /unanimous (excluding PeterC)

Clerk

Additionally, P.Cnllrs resolved to grant the Clerk 'Standing Approval' to give permission to allotment holders wanting to site a shed on their allotment.

#### Proposed PeterC / seconded MMcG /unanimous

10.04.18 Annual Parish Meeting arrangements - as no response had been obtained from a SW Trains representative, further options for the Annual Parish Meeting were suggested; these being:

Community Policing

Ambulance Cover in Tisbury

Clerk

- 10.04.19 Report from Wiltshire County Councillor WCnllr TD reported on the following:
  - a. Knapp Hill development the proposals put forward by WWT are being looked at by WC Conservation officers; the work is hampered by the lack of photographs of the Knapp Hill site in its original condition. It was suggested that photographs should be taken of the Hindon Lane site.

?volunteer required

- b. The SWWCAB was currently looking at the first grant applications of the year and had requested further information from all applicants.
- c. WC will be looking at parish boundaries under 'Community Governance'.
- d. The Leisure Centre would be receiving further funds for refurbishment.
- e. Some progress was now being made with SIDs in the Tisbury area.
- 10.04.20 Report from Community Beat Officers not available.

## Reports from Clerk and Parish Councillors

- 10.04.21 <u>Clerk's report</u>
  - a. Tisbury Natural History Society Oddford Brook; the reported dumping of garden waste would be reported to the Salisbury based Grounds Manager following an inspection.

Clerk

- b. Community payback work/letter drop; the proposed work for Sunday 11th April had Clerk been postponed until May 9<sup>th</sup>. The change would be advised on village noticeboards.
- c. Playground strategy; following an exploratory meeting with the Youth group and younger children within the village, P.Cnllrs agreed that designs and quotes could be Clerk explored with equipment providers and designers.
- d. Housing Managers project based work activity; help with the public meeting associated with the community campus initiative would be suggested as a project for Clerk Housing Managers.
- e. Knapp Hill development buffer zone strip; see 10.04.19. a.
- f. Planning enforcement action at The Old House, The Quarry, Tisbury; the Planning Enforcement Officer had advised that the satellite dish had been removed and resited appropriately.
- 10.04.22 Clarence / Highway Issues: the following were noted.
  - a. The road near Court Street bridge / Place Farm were disintegrating badly, causing passing traffic to drive off-road.

Clerk

Clerk

- The CBOs would be contacted with respect to cars parking in The Quarry, especially near The Cross Inn, restricting access widths for residents and emergency vehicles. KGVth Playground inspection / works - the equipment was currently in satisfactory
- condition.
- <u>Lower Recreation Ground inspections / works</u> the site was judged to be in reasonable 10.04.24 **MMcG** order with 1 piece of equipment still very stiff; this would be investigated.
- Footpaths Nick Cowan had contacted P.Cnllr Mrs PamC to discuss the condition of 10.04.25 Bridleway 1 from the Sports Centre to Weaveland Farm. It had been suggested that any work be tied in with the Hindon Lane development.
- 10.04.26 Community composting - the Clerk reported that there has been some discontent at the composting site with respect to the bonfire held on Sunday  $27^{th}$  March, as at least 2 residents had washing out at the time. The Clerk had previously advised nearby residents that no bonfires would be set before 6pm and specific dates given, however, the composting leader had not spotted the 6pm time in the letter with respect to weekends. The Clerk has apologised to the ladies involved and agreed with the composting leader that no more bonfires will be set this year.
- Allotments no report. 10.04.27
- 10.04.28 TAPCAP / CAB reports - It was noted that the community plan would be updated and that a Clerk would be appointed soon. WCnllr TD also added that the local WCnllrs would be exploring the effectiveness of the current TAPCAP organisation and potential for adding value to community projects, with the TAPCAP Chairman.
- 10.04.29 **NOTICES**

10.04.23

- P&TC meeting on Friday 14th May at 9:30pm to 1pm; Alamein Suite, Salisbury Clerk (all) PeterC would be attending. (Note: any other attendees should notify the Clerk asap)
- b. WC Flood Fair on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> April; 10am to 2pm, Chippenham Leisure Centre
  - No P.Cnllrs would be attending.
- 10.04.30 Correspondence received - noted
- 10.04.31 Date and time of next meetings
  - AGM Tuesday 4th May; 7:00pm in the Elizabeth Hall
  - Full Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May; c. 7:30pm in the Elizabeth Hall
  - Additional planning meetings as advised.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:20pm