

TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

KEEPING RESIDENTS UP TO DATE WITH CURRENT ISSUES - APRIL 2011

YOUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

This year your Parish Council have made a renewed commitment to keeping the community up to date on what is happening. Although all meetings are open to the public and the agenda and minutes are always available to view, this newsletter is to provide a short update periodically on what has been happening, what the big issues are and to invite your participation and involvement in what your Parish Councillors are doing on your behalf. We all hope you find it informative and useful.

PRECEPT

The Parish Council precept for 2011/12 is £38,600; an increase of £2,230 (6%) on the 2010/11 figure of £36,370. However, some £5,000 of this increase relates specifically to financing former Wiltshire Council functions; responsibility for the provision of the public toilets and the car park - more details below. These services would otherwise be removed or made chargeable if we had not taken this action.



Without these additional costs, the precept would have **decreased** by £2,770 (7.5%), as a result of efforts your Parish Council has been making to reduce costs. As a guide, each £1,000 of the precept levied by the parish council amounts to about £1.10 per year for a Band D council tax banding. So that is an amount of £42.39 in 2011/12 for a Band D property.

PUBLIC TOILETS

From April 1st 2011 the public toilets will be leased to the Parish Council from Wiltshire Council. The Parish Council will be responsible for all aspects of cleaning and maintenance of the toilets.

In the past there have been the men's toilets by children as and will directly affect your especially with your own children in



numerous incidents of vandalism, including fires being lit inside young as 9 or 10 years old. Vandalism will cost money to put right council tax bill in the future - so please be vigilant generally, the evenings. Please report any incidents to the police; if you want to remain anonymous use the Crime Stoppers free telephone line on 0800 555111.

FREE CAR PARKING

Many of you will remember the Wiltshire Council consultation on car parking charges last summer. Although there was a tremendous amount of opposition to charges being introduced at the Tisbury car park, Wiltshire Council decided to go ahead and introduced the proposed charges if the Parish Council had not agreed to take on the responsibility for cleaning and maintaining the car park. This was not an easy decision to make as it appears that a great number of the cars parked there belong to railway station commuters. The Parish Council decided that it was imperative to keep parking free in Tisbury - on the High Street and in the car park - to support the commercial viability of our community and ensure that visitors to the village are welcome and positively encouraged.



STATION PARKING

Although progress is slow, it hoped that temporary double yellow lines below the railway station, agreed at the public meeting held in 2010, will relieve the congestion caused by commuters parking along the road from the river bridge to the South Western Hotel. The lines will be temporary at first so that any knock on effects through the village can be assessed and monitoring of the car park usage on an ongoing basis has already commenced. The Parish Council decided not to pursue the idea of additional parking on the field adjacent to the hotel due to cost implications and the majority view of village residents not to do so, expressed at the well attended public meetings to discuss it.



HINDON LANE DEVELOPMENT



The remaining planning applications are now being decided. As we all know the permission for the development has already been given, but these remaining applications relate to the access junction, the road layout, the style of the properties and access to Weaveland Road and the sports centre. It is very important, even at this stage, that we all take part in the decisions which have yet to be made. If you would like to view the plans there are various ways:

1. A disc with all the planning documents is available at the library; this can be viewed on the library computers.
2. Paper copies of the plans can be viewed at the Post Office.
3. Copies of the planning documents are available on a disc from the Post Office (at a charge of 50p to cover production costs).
4. On the Wiltshire Council website - www.wiltshire.gov.uk - reference S/2011/ 0322 & 0323

LIBRARY

Tisbury Parish Council is actively working with Wiltshire Council to maintain the current level of open hours for the library. There are currently 30 - 40 volunteers generously offering their time and now waiting to be trained so that help will be on hand for all Library users to record which books are being installed in June and the volunteer system will be installed in June and the volunteer system will be installed in June and the volunteer system would like to be a volunteer it is not too late to details at the Library.



The new equipment that will allow borrowed and returned will hopefully be start operating in September. If you put your name forward; you can leave your

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM)

Although all Parish Council meetings are open to the public, the APM is an opportunity for you to hear what your Parish Council has done on your behalf over the past year; see how things are progressing; how your money is spent and of course to say hello to your Councillors if you don't already know them all!



As part of the meeting this year, there is an opportunity for all residents to meet and hear a presentation from a Wiltshire Wildlife Trust representative telling us about the Invasive Plants Project. This should be a very interesting opportunity to hear how the plan to eradicate Japanese Knotweed from the Tisbury area is progressing. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 7pm in the Victoria Hall.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

The Tisbury Parish Councillors are currently:



Patrick Duffy (Chairman), David Carroll (Vice-Chairman), John Berkley-Matthews (Responsible Financial Officer), Mrs Janet Amos, Terry Barnes, David Boxall, Mrs Pam Chave, Peter Coopman, Miss Felicity Corp, Roger Dearden and Michael McGrath.

Your Wiltshire County Councillor is Tony Deane.

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PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk



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