



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

A member of the public, who had headed the resident group which had asked for an extension to the 20mph limit in 2019, asked for the update on its implementation. The Clerk advised that due to the same operatives for Milestone needing to deal with continuing highway repairs and recent flooding issues from the continuing poor weather conditions, the works had been rescheduled to mid-May 2024.

The member of the public asked for the Council to write a letter of complaint to Wiltshire Council regarding its failure to deliver on its commitment to install the 20mph extension by the date it had set. They also asked that the Clerk publishes her reports to the Council on the meetings of Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group for residents to read.

Wiltshire Councillor Report: Wiltshire Councillor Richard Budden gave a detailed on a number of issues and meetings he had attended, the key points of which were as follows:

- At a recent extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet, the Council had approved its application to participate in the Department for Education (DfE) programme known as 'Safety Valve' which supports Councils with a very high deficit in the High Need Block (HNB) of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). This primarily supports pupils who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and in Wiltshire this cumulative deficit has grown from £2.1m in 2018/19 to £35.2m in 2022/23 and it is forecast to continue growing. A Safety Valve Deal is an agreement between a local authority and the DfE offering additional funds to help with councils with their historic deficits and in return they agree to deliver a plan to return their DSG to a balanced position over the period of the deal.
- At the recent meeting of the Environment Select Committee the main item of business was the Highways Annual Review of Service 2023. Councillor Budden asked for greater clarity on expenditure area by area and for a strategy to rebuild minor roads to cope with the impacts of the increased rainfall and intensity of storms which have been predicted for 25 years as a result of global warming.
- The MyWilts App, the app for the reporting of highway issues, potholes and other matters was discussed and councillors were advised that the roll-out of the new app should happen in the second half of this year.

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MEETING MINUTES
(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors Davison (Chairman), R Buck, F Corp, E Coyle-Camp, N Errington, V Hillier, J Mason and G Murray - 8.

Also in attendance:

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

210.23 Apologies

Councillors unanimously approved the apologies received from Councillors Beattie (holiday) and Phillips (personal commitment).

211.23 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: Councillor Hillier declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 212.23a and 212.23b as a resident of West Tisbury and did not vote.
- c. Dispensations: None.

212.23 Resolution of Minutes

- a. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024:
 - **Approved; RB/JM.**

213.23 Planning and Tree Works Applications: *Clerk

PL/2024/02031 6 Wardour Court, Wardour, Tisbury - Installation of 3 skylights to the South West roof elevation:

- **Object; JM/RB;** with an abstention from Councillor Errington **on the grounds that the application provided no mitigation for the impact the light pollution from the 3 skylights would cause on the International Dark Sky Reserve of the Cranborne Chase National Landscape.**

PL/2024/02810 Furzelease Farm, Tisbury Row, Tisbury - Proposed two-storey extension to the rear of the property:

- **Agreed that the decision be left to the planning officer with the proviso that the flood zone and risk for the site be checked prior to any permission being given.**
GM/JM; with abstentions from Councillors Coyle-Camp and Corp.

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PL/2024/01716 Land to side of Wiltshire Fire Brigade, Fire Station, The Avenue, Tisbury - Retrospective application for new broadband cabinet:

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

PL/2024/02779 Wardour Castle, Wardour, Tisbury - Installation of 3no. roof access hatches within modern flat roofs of the Chapel of All Saints, Wardour Castle:

- **No objection; RB/LCC;** unanimous.

PL/2024/02609 Place Farm, Court Street, Tisbury - General tidy-up of an overgrown area of the gardens to increase sunlight into the woodland-type floor with coppice of native b/l, removal of over stood laurel and managed reductions on retained trees. 3 Yew, Tag No 187, 185 & 182. Reduce crowns of Yews to increase sunlight to garden. 5 Lime, Tag No 183, 184, 186 & 191. Reduce crown. 4 Laurel, Tag No 193, 181, 184 & 180. Remove/ Fell. 1 Willow. Tag No 194. Pollard/Coppice. 3 Lime - 188, 189, 190. - Pollard 1 x Conifer tree, 179 – Crown raise for aesthetics. 4 x Conifer hedge 196, 197, 198, 199 – Remove due to poor health/aesthetics. 2 x Conifer tree, 200, 201 - Remove due to poor health. 3 x Scrub trees, 177, 178 179 - Remove and replace with a Wild Cherry hedge:

- **Leave to the Tree Officer and to inform them that the applicant requesting permission for the works was not the owner of the property. the officer that the applicant was not the owner of the property;**
RB/JM; unanimous.

214.23 Planning Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on the recent applications:

- a. Application Ref PL/2024/01213 Cherry Cottage, Court Street, Tisbury - Pollard the following trees: 1 Holly 2 Willow 3 Ash and 4 Prunus - No Objection.
- b. Application Ref PL/2024/01343 Hillview, Duck Street, Tisbury - Spruce tree to be felled to ground level - No Objection

215.23 Other Planning Matters *Clerk

- a. To consider a request from a resident to re-list the South Western Hotel as an Asset of Community Value with Wiltshire Council when its current listing expires in May 2024:
 - **Agreed not to take up the opportunity to re-list due to the changes in its value to the community and its reduced potential to be given planning permission for redevelopment in a flood zone;**
GM/JM; with an abstention from Councillor Hillier and an objection from Councillor Coyle-Camp.
- b. To consider a request from Savills, acting as agent for their client Hallam Land Management Ltd, to meet with the Council regarding a development opportunity which they have identified in Tisbury parish:
 - **Approved; and that the Clerk should arrange an online meeting with the agent;**
RB/LCC; unanimous.

216.23 Poetry Library *Clerk

To consider a request from a resident for the Council to take on the ownership and management of the Poetry Library contained in the former phone box in the High Street as the charity which used to manage it is no longer able to do so:

- **Agreed to seek guidance from the resident on whether they would be happy for the Council to take over its ownership and management only if it could change it to being a library with a shelf for poetry along with other books; and**
- **If this is acceptable, to seek volunteers to maintain it.**
RB/LCC; unanimous.

217.23 Community Resilience/Emergency Plan *Clerk

To consider the following requests from West Tisbury Parish Council:

- a. For a Community Resilience/Emergency plan to be prepared jointly with Tisbury Parish Council:
 - **Not approved; RB/JM.**
Tisbury Parish Council would like to work in partnership with its neighbouring parish but as West Tisbury is a more rural parish, sharing an Emergency Plan would be unworkable.

- b. For Tisbury Parish Council’s Village Warden also to act as the Flood Warden for West Tisbury Parish Council at the time of flooding:
 - **Not approved; RB/JM**
On the grounds that it would be unworkable with West Tisbury being a more rural parish and the fact that one person is not able to be in two places at once.

218.23 Lower Recreation Ground *Clerk

- a. To consider a proposal from Councillors Mason and Murray to approve a quote from the Playground Inspection Company to carry out an inspection of the Zip Wire to provide the Council with a ‘second opinion’ on its condition and future use:
 - **Approved; to accept a quote for £255 for the inspection to be completed within the next four weeks**
JM/GM; unanimous.

- b. To note the Playground Inspection Report from Sovereign Playgrounds for the Lower Recreation Ground:
 - **Noted; Chair; unanimous.**

- c. To approve the Clerk’s expenditure under her delegated powers of £1,298 for Redlynch Leisure to replace the bearing in the Hip Hop as recommended in the Playground Inspection Report.
 - **Approved; NE/VH; unanimous.**

219.23 Wiltshire Towns Programme 2023-24 *Clerk

To approve the signing of a grant agreement with Wiltshire Council to enable the £5,000 in funding allocated to Tisbury Parish Council through the Wiltshire Towns Programme to be paid:

- **Approved; NE/FC**; unanimous; to be signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

220.23 Environment Committee *Clerk/RB

- a. Councillor Buck gave a detailed report on the recent meeting and on the progress of the rain garden outside the public toilets. Work had been delayed due to the inclement weather and an area of the new garden which was currently not draining and needing further investigation. She also advised that the Dark Skies and Bat Walk would be held on Thursday 25th April from 7.45 pm until 9 pm.
- b. To consider a recommend from the Committee that a willow hedge/screen is planted between the Community Orchard and the Skatepark formed from free willow cuttings:
 - **Approved; RB/JM**; abstention from Councillor Murray.
- c. To receive and note the Minutes of the Environment Committee for the meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2024.
 - **Noted; RB/JM**; unanimous.

221.23 Finance - Approval of April Financial Information

- a. Retrospective payments made from 01/03/2024 to 31/03/2024 – £12,362.09
 - **Approved; JM/VH**; unanimous.
- b. Faster Payment transactions for April 2024 - £8,855.20
 - **Approved; JM/VH**; unanimous.

Payee	£		Reason for Payment
Employee Salary, Pension + HMRC payments	5,400.55	SO	Salary standing orders & reconciliations
Wiltshire Council	1,642.58		Annual Non-Domestic Rates for Reading Room
Parish Online	81.00		Annual Subscription
Society of Local Council Clerks	235.42		Annual Membership shared with Godshill Parish Council
Karen Hooper	270.92		Locum Youth Work
Andyvan	53.22		Public Toilet supplies
CBB Services	111.00		Quarterly Payroll Services
Hope2Grow	50.00		Work to spread top soil outside public toilets
Hewlett Packard	51.76	DD	Printer hire
Google Play	1.59	DD	Data Storage
Smart Numbers	140.22	DD	Telephone services
Biffa	134.54	DD	Waste service
Biffa	168.18	DD	Waste service
West Mercia Energy	49.89	DD	Public Toilets
West Mercia Energy	368.35	DD	Reading Room
Sovereign	95.98	DD	Playground Inspection
	8,855.20		

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222.23 Policies *Clerk

To approve the following policies:

- a. Training and Development Policy
 - **Approved; RB/JM**; unanimous.

- b. Capability Policy and Procedure
 - **Deferred; Chair**; unanimous.

223.23 Representative Reports

To receive verbal reports from Councillors:

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Councillor Murray gave a detailed report on the Regulation 14 Consultation for TisPlan 2. He said that the consultation had received an excellent response with over 330 responses. The Steering Group would be working on sending responses to some of the comments raised by consultees and also produce a report on all comments made by the end of May before the plan proceeds to its Regulation 16 consultation.

Meeting with Intelligent Land: Councillor Murray gave brief report on a recent meeting which he had attended with the Clerk at which the Council had been asked to join a meeting which Intelligent Land were arranging with Network Rail to discuss the Chantry Crossing. He said that representatives could tend as observers.

Tisbury Footpath Club: Councillor Errington advised that in the last month the Club had done some work to install some steps on a section of Footpath WestTIS16 to Oddford Vale which was often muddy.

Tis The Season: Councillor Mason gave a brief report on a meeting which he and Councillor Coyle-Camp had organised and attended to discuss ideas for putting on a new Christmas event. It was well-attended with representatives from local organisations and businesses and the general view was that this should be a mid-afternoon to evening event rather than one held during the day. The current plan was for the businesses to be open together with some stalls and entertainment and the switching on of the Christmas lights all done under a road closure. A further meeting will be held in late April.

224.23 Items for Information

Councillors noted the following report:

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

225.23 Items for Next Agenda

Emergency Plan

226.23 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9.05 pm.

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