



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 15th August 2023 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

A member of the public asked whether a speed survey of Hindon Lane could be carried out by the police speed enforcement team in the evening to catch the speeding vehicles. The Clerk advised that she could contact the local policing team but with no safe areas for the speed enforcement officer to stand in Hindon Lane, she said this was unlikely to be allowed.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Budden gave a brief report on the following matter:

- He had sought further information on the potential increase in funding of the town and parish council funding contribution for the Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group. The unitary members of the South West Area Board had met briefly to discuss feedback from councils but as two members were away on holiday, a further meeting would be held before the next LHFIFG meeting and a decision taken at the next Area Board on 20th September.

MEETING MINUTES
(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors Murray (Chairman), R A Beattie, R Buck (from 7.20 pm), F Corp, N Errington, and J Mason - 6.

Also in attendance:

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

65.23 Apologies

Councillors unanimously approved the apologies from Councillors E Coyle-Camp, V Hillier and J Phillips (all personal commitments) and S Davison (holiday).

66.23 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 Beattie declared a personal and pecuniary interest in tree works applications PL/2023/06609 and PL/2023/06656.
Councillor Errington declared a personal and pecuniary interest in tree works application PL/2023/06545.
Councillors Buck, Corp, Mason and Murray declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in tree works applications PL/2023/06609, PL/2023/06656 and PL/2023/06545.
- c. Dispensations: None.

67.23 Resolution of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

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

68.23 Planning and Tree Works Applications *Clerk

PL/2023/06264 Quince Cottage, Duck Street Tisbury - Stabilising work is required to the garden boundary wall to Duck Street, involving a combination of a concrete slab with upstand and underpinning at the wall edge:

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

PL/2023/06545 The Old Vicarage, Park Road, Tisbury - 2 Conifers to be felled to ground level, 1 Acacia tree to be felled to ground level as having lost two large lower limbs leaves tree at risk of failing, 1 Acacia shorten lowest limbs by up to 3m and tidy up broken branch from storm damage in tree:

- **Leave to decision to the Tree Officer; FC/JM.**

PL/2023/06609 Gaston Manor, High Street, Tisbury - T1 Oak tree - To carry out an approximate 50% reduction/pollard to canopy to reduce risk of limbs failing at branch unions due to large area of decay:

- **Leave to decision to the Tree Officer; FC/JM.**

PL/2023/06656 Gaston Manor, High Street, Tisbury - T1 - Oak tree - 50% reduction/pollard to canopy:

- **Leave to decision to the Tree Officer; FC/JM.**

69.23 Planning Application Decisions

Councillors noted the following decisions on recent applications:

- a. PL/2023/00421 Ferndale, The Avenue, Tisbury - Formation of dormer to rear roofslope: Approve with Conditions and in line with the Parish Council's recommendation.
- b. PL/2023/04315 - Vale View, 17 High Street Tisbury - Reduce the height of three Leylandii and one Laburnum of similar height – 8 metres, in our garden. All 4 to be reduced by approximately two metres. Prune branches of the Laburnum over-hanging an unadopted road with right of way to several properties: No Objection.

70.23 Consultations *Clerk

- a. To reconsider a request from the Chair of the South West Wiltshire Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group to increase the percentage contribution from town and parish councils in order to augment the annual budget available to the Group:
 - **Resolved to object to the proposal; RAB/JM**; unanimous.
- b. To consider a response to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' consultation on proposed changes to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights>
 - **Resolved; Chair**; unanimous; that the Clerk will prepare a response for consideration at the next meeting.

71.23 Potential Closure of Boots Pharmacy *Clerk

Councillor Errington gave a short verbal report on his correspondence with Tisbury Surgery regarding the recent announcement by Boots UK that it will be closing 300 stores across the country over the next year and to agree on any actions.

- **Resolved; NE/FC**; unanimous; that the Clerk will send a letter to the Chief Executive of Boots to establish whether the Tisbury branch was one of the branches to be closed.

72.23 Reading Room Trust Insurance *Clerk

To approve the payment to Zurich Insurance of the renewal premium for the Reading Room Trust which will become due on 22nd August 2023 up to the value of £950.

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

73.23 Environment Committee

- a. Councillor Buck gave a short verbal report on recent meetings of the Committee and advised that recommendations on the Tree Warden Scheme, the retrospective approval of a greenhouse at the Children's Community Garden and the future management and maintenance of the Community Orchard would be considered at the next meeting of the Council.
- b. To receive and note the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2023.
 - **Noted; RB/JM**; unanimous.

74.23 Representative Reports *Clerk

- a. Councillors noted the Clerk's written report on the meeting held with representatives of Intelligent Land, Tisbury Community Homes and Wiltshire Council regarding the Station Works site. Councillor Murray gave a brief report on the suggested next steps following the meeting which were to write to the Chief Executive of Intelligent Land thanking him for attending the meeting and acknowledging Intelligent Land's proposed solution to the flooding issues identified by HM Inspector in his Decision Report following the Planning Inquiry. Councillor Murray also proposed that the Council submits an application to seek Community Infrastructure Level (CIL) funding from Wiltshire Council for a

crossing over the railway which would facilitate easier and safer pedestrian and cycle access to the village from the Station Works site if it were to be developed.

- **Resolved; RAB/NE;** with an abstention from Councillor Corp; that a letter be sent to Intelligent Land and that the Parish Council agrees in principle that an application be submitted to Wiltshire Council for CIL funding for a railway crossing as a means of demonstrating that the Council was willing to engage in finding solutions for the development of the site. However, it was appreciated that such funding would be conditional on the developer giving best consideration to complying with policy BL7 of the Tisbury and West Tisbury neighbourhood plan, known as TisPlan.

- b. Councillor Corp gave a short verbal report on the Commemorative Event held at the War Memorial to unveil a plaque to the airmen of B-24 Liberator BZ 740. She felt that the event was an appropriate commemoration of the lives lost, was well attended and well received by the community with many joining the invited guests for refreshments afterwards at the Hinton Hall. She asked that thanks be sent to all involved in organising the event but particularly to the resident who had designed the plaque and to the Royal British Legion.

75.23 Finance - Investment Funds *Clerk

Following a brief report from Councillor Buck on alternative investment funds Councillors reconsidered the report from the Clerk providing recommendations on short term investment funds to enable compliance with the Council's Investment Policy.

- **Resolved; JM/RB;** that an application be made to Cambridge and Counties Bank's 1-year bond to invest the sum of £20,000 at an interest rate of 5%.

76.23 Finance - Approval of August Financial Information

- a. Retrospective payments made from 01/07/2023 to 31/07/2023
- b. Faster Payment transactions for August - £6,433.92
- c. Current and Deposit Account bank reconciliations to 31st July 2023
- d. Petty Cash reconciliations to 30th June 2023
- e. Budget to Actual Report to 31st July 2023
- **All Approved; JM/RB;** unanimous.

77.23 Playground Inspection Reports *Clerk

To note the inspection reports from Sovereign Play for the Lower Recreation Ground and King George V playground.

- **Noted; JM/RB;** unanimous. The Clerk advised that she was obtaining quotes for the repairs identified in the reports.

78.23 Adoption of New Policies

Policy Statement of Internal Control and Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Control and Audit.

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

79.23 Items for Information

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

80.23 Items for Next Agenda

- a. Revised Risk Assessment for Children's Community Garden.
- b. Emergency Plan.

81.23 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Murray confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.