

December 2023



NEWSLETTER

Ready for Spring

On a late November day, Councillor Rosie Buck and the Clerk cleared the planters in The Square and replanted them with winter bedding and spring bulbs including daffodils and tulips. Many thanks to Tisbury Supplies for their kind contribution.



Chairman's Update

As usual this has been a year of lots of behind the scenes work which doesn't generally get noticed. But there was one event which was very visible: Carnival day. It was great to see the whole village out and having a great time. Tisbury at its best! So a big thank you to the Carnival team. Less visible is the huge amount of work done on the Station Works Inquiry (see the update on page 3) and on the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have to renew it to ensure it has full impact on planning decisions. I'm pleased to say that it will be available for residents to have their say in the new year.

Other priorities are flooding, and pollution in the River Nadder. There is no quick fix for such complex problems, so the Parish Council is working with several groups to create a long term plan. Having said that, one aspect you can expect to be hearing about is septic tanks. Strong evidence shows that old and poorly maintained septic tanks are a problem in the Nadder headwaters and one which needs to be dealt with. These are some of the issues we've faced this year but many more include all the planning applications, public toilets, playgrounds, clearing litter, the youth hub etc. Once again we are under pressure due to the economic situation and inflation eroding the value of our precept and budget.

As I say every year, the Parish Council provides a very efficient and effective use of the money allocated to us – not least because so much work is done on a voluntary basis.

However, at some point we have to increase the precept just to maintain a basic level of services. Please understand that we don't want to increase it and every aspect of the budget is being scrutinised. So a challenging year ahead but we have a strong and committed Parish team and I'm optimistic that Tisbury is actually becoming a better place to live in. Thanks everyone, we should be really proud of what we have achieved as a village this year.

Have Your Say on the Neighbourhood Plan Tisplan 2



After 2 years of hard work by volunteers, the revised Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan is ready for examination by residents and members of the public. It will be released in January 2024 and over a period of 6 weeks there will be many opportunities, both online and face-to-face, for you to comment on it. Tisplan 2 is an update of Tisplan 1, passed by local referendum in 2019. The Plan's vision is unchanged and no new sites have been allocated. However, following feedback given in last year's survey from over 450 residents, the following changes have been made:

- Various policies contained in it have been strengthened.
- The lists of local green spaces and heritage assets have been refreshed.
- The Plan's two existing site allocations policies have been clarified.
- A new Character Area Statement for Tisbury is included setting out what is unique about our village.

At its heart TisPlan is about what we as a community want for our neighbourhood and the issues it deals with are practical ones which affect us all. Its purpose is to ensure that all development in our area takes place in a sustainable way which enhances our lived experience and protects the things we value. The essence of neighbourhood planning is local control. This Plan has been produced by the local community for the local community. It's a testament to the strength of our community, our shared commitment to shaping the future of our neighbourhood, and our determination to create a more sustainable future for the next generation. Look out in the New Year for your opportunity to have your say.

Environment Committee Initiatives

The Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Reading Room. Its vision is 'to ensure that the impacts of any decision or actions taken by Tisbury Parish Council do not contribute to further climate change and seek to protect local biodiversity.

Its work this year has included:

- Organising various events and activities for the Great Big Green Week - more planned for 2024.
- Liaising with Wessex Water to set up a water quality testing regime at the storm overflow in Tisbury.
- Joining Wiltshire Council's Tree Warden Scheme.
- Adopting a Dark Skies and Light Pollution Position Statement.
- Agreeing to complete a tree audit of the parish in 2024 and exploring more locations for trees.
- Running a fruit tree pruning workshop in the Community Orchard.



A Date for your 2024 Diary Wessex Water at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.30 pm



The Parish Council has arranged for Ruth Barden, Director of Environmental Solutions at Wessex Water, to give a presentation on:

- The latest data from the storm overflow in Tisbury and overflow sampling
- Business Plan up to 2030
- Work with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Wessex Rivers Trust



MyWilts App - Report It!

It's quick and easy to report issues like potholes, highway issues, graffiti, fly-tipping and street lighting by downloading Wiltshire Council's MyWilts App. It only takes a few minutes to register. Once you've joined, you can add the location and send photos and keep track of your reports which will tell you when the work has been completed.

Your Tisbury Parish Councillors

Chairman: Simon Davison

Vice Chairman: Gerry Murray

Supported by: Richard Beattie, Rosie Buck, Felicity Corp, Liz Coyle-Camp, Victoria Hillier, Nick Errington, Jerry Mason and Julie Phillips.

Parish Clerk: Bev Cornish

Unitary Councillor: Councillor Dick Budden

Contact: richard.budden@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Parish Council's Tree Warden is Andrew Graham who advises on all works to trees in the conservation area and also works to those with Tree Preservation Orders.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Would you like to do something positive to help your community? Becoming a Parish Councillor gives you a great opportunity to get involved and influence issues which directly affect Tisbury and the surrounding area.

How Do You Become a Parish Councillor?

You need to be 18 years old or over to stand as a councillor, be either a British, Commonwealth or an EU citizen, be on the electoral register and have lived or worked in the parish for a year. Come along to a Parish Council Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Reading Room to find out more or contact Bev Cornish, the Parish Clerk, on 01747 260088.

New Accessible Ramp for Public Toilets

The Council has approved the construction of a new DDA compliant accessible ramp at the public toilets. Work is scheduled to start in late January 2024.

Station Works Update

The key issue for the Parish Council this year has been the Planning Inquiry and Inspector's decision on the Station Works site. The developers appealed for 'non-determination' by Wiltshire Council, and after a long and intense hearing in February and March and then further delay, the decision was made in June with the appeal being dismissed. The main reason for the refusal was the flooding issue around the access to the site. This is not the end of the story and the Parish Council is working on finding a new solution.

South Western Hotel Update

The Council has made contact with The Co-op regarding a revised planning application. The company advised that it was waiting to hear from the owner of the site, West Coast Developments Ltd, as to its plans for the site. Once these are known, the Council has asked for a meeting with the parties prior to any planning application being submitted.

New Council Website Coming Soon

The Council has commissioned the construction of a new website to enable residents and others to keep more up-to-date with the Council's work. This will go live in early 2024. We would love some great photos of Tisbury parish to create a gallery. If you are out and about in Tisbury, please send your photos to tisburypc@tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk.

Thank you. www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk.



Coronation Mugs Still Available

Coronation mugs are still available to purchase at £3 each for those last minute Christmas gifts/stocking fillers. Contact the Parish Clerk on 01747 260088.

Wiltshire Household Recycling Centres

Wiltshire Council is encouraging people to 'Let's Sort It' by asking residents to sort their materials before visiting the county's Household Recycling Centres. If this is not possible, designated sorting areas have been provided at all Centres to give people the opportunity and space to sort out their materials, helping to ensure that as many items as possible are recycled. Staff are on hand to provide any advice to those who need it.

Youth Club

The Tisbury Youth Hub continues to be open on two evenings a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and run by Zita Wickenden. All young people are welcome from Year 5 upwards. The last day this term will be Thursday 14th December and it opens again on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Community Larder



Zita Wickenden and the Local Youth Network continue to work hard to keep the Community Larder open and stocked with food, with fresh fruit and vegetables also being provided by the team at the Children's Community Garden over the summer and autumn seasons. Donations continue to be welcomed, particularly daily essentials and Christmas food and goodies. It's located in the King George V Field behind the old cricket pavilion and is open daily. Please help yourself to anything you need. There is also a collection/donation box at the Co-op for the Larder. Zita and Councillors thank everyone for their continued support.

Children's Community Garden



The garden had another successful year and the volunteers have recently installed a greenhouse on the site ready for next year. More volunteers are needed, particularly at peak times in the early spring and mid-summer, so if you are able to help, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01747 260088.

Emergency Plan and Community Resilience

The Parish Council revised its Flood Plan in 2022 and on the advice of the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council's Flood & Community Resilience team is currently working on an Emergency Plan. For the plan to be effective, in addition to parish councillors, more volunteers are needed to help in times of emergency. If you can help, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01747 260088.

High Street Disabled Parking Bay

Wiltshire Council's contractor has installed the long-awaited disabled parking bay outside the Dental Surgery in the High Street.



20mph Limit Extension - Update



Wiltshire Council has advised that the 'works order' for the 20 mph extension in Tisbury will be completed by the end of December. This will be sent to Milestone, the Council's contractors for highway works, to add to their works schedule. It is hoped that the signage and roundels will be in place by spring 2024.

Warm Spaces & Coffee Angels at the Nadder Centre



To support Wiltshire Council's winter Warm Spaces initiative, the Parish Council has approved a monthly contribution towards Coffee Angels setting up a coffee/hot drinks concession in the Nadder Centre for an initial trial period of 3 months starting in early 2024. It is hoped that this will provide a more inviting offer for residents as the temperature drops and also increase visitors to the Centre and library.

Locations for More Bulbs in 2024

The Parish Council has agreed to fund an annual bulb planting project to help brighten up areas around the village. If you have any suggestions for locations, please get in touch. We would also welcome volunteers who would like to help with planting next year.

Wiltshire Council promises to spend more money on roads in 2024 and 2025

Wiltshire Council announced in September that £10 million will be spent on preventative maintenance to upgrade and renew the worst roads in the county. A programme is being prepared that will be discussed with Area Boards in the new year, to run from April 2024 through to 2025.