



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4th November 2025 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

Two representatives of Serve On gave a detailed briefing and responded to questions from councillors on the organisation's purpose and the reasons it wishes to use the King George's Field and Youth Hub over the long weekend of 13th to 16th February 2026.

The Chairman of Tisbury Football Club spoke on the matter of the new Licence under negotiation with the Parish Council for use of the Lower Recreation Ground for another 10 years. He said that the Club accepted the proposed revised rent but asked that minor amendments be made to the Licence.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Gerry Murray

Councillor Murray gave a detailed report on the following matters:

1. The Full Council meeting on 21st October lasted 12.5 hours with some but not all of the business being intentionally trivial and time-wasting. The key decisions taken were as follows:
 - The Council's plan was passed and is now the strategic plan of the Council.
 - Blue badges - 3 hours of free parking was approved. This was a manifesto commitment for the Liberal Democrats.
 - The Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) document was adopted and published. Councillor Murray recommended that councillors read it as, in his view, it was an amazing document. He advised that it had been developed in collaboration with Swindon Borough Council, New Forest National Park Authority, and Natural England as well as a wide range of stakeholders, including environmental groups, landowners and managers and ecological organisations. The Strategy will help meet the Council's biodiversity duty, support planning processes (including Biodiversity Net Gain). Importantly, the LNRS does not impose requirements on landowners or managers; instead, it encourages voluntary action through funding and investment opportunities. It will be a contextual document in planning decisions.
 - The Air Quality Supplementary Planning Regulation was approved and adopted. Air quality is about to become much more important in planning

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applications. For now, Wiltshire Council is updating and upgrading their standards and requirements for regulated areas.

- Tisbury Old Sports Centre site: A meeting is being arranged during November between the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Thorne, and representatives of Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils and The Nadder Community Land Trust to consult on the future of the affordable housing project at this site.

MEETING MINUTES **(*responsibility for action)**

Those present:

Councillors S Davison (Chairman), R A Beattie, M Carlile (until 8.35 pm), E Coyle-Camp, K Gamm, J Mason, G Murray - 7.

Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Three members of the public

156.25 Apologies

Councillors unanimously accepted the apologies from Councillors Cradock, Crouch and Errington due to personal commitments.

157.25 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: None.
- c. Dispensations: None.

158.25 Resolution of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2025:

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

159.25 Planning and Tree Works Applications *Clerk

PL/2025/07914 Grove Cottage, Nightingale Lane, Wardour - Demolition of extensions on side and rear of cottage and detached outbuildings. Erect single and two-storey extension. Form new vehicular access and close-up existing access point:

- **Raise no objection with an endorsement of the comments on materials submitted by the Conservation Officer. The Council noted the Ecological Impact Assessment and specifically the destruction of several day roosts for two species of bats following the proposed demolition of the extensions and outbuildings. It asks that clear conditions and the proposed mitigation for that destruction is set out in the Decision Notice so that this cannot be ignored or overridden. KG/JM; unanimous.**

PL/2025/08164 Tisbury Police & Fire Station, The Avenue, Tisbury - T1 Lime -
Reduce overextended lateral spread over Tisbury Fire Station by 2.5m from the tips inwards, to reduce lever arm effect of compression union:
- **Support; MC/KG;** unanimous.

160.25 Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on recent applications:

PL/2025/05807 The Gables, Hindon Lane, Tisbury - Construct swimming pool and pool building, with adjacent plant room and air source heat pumps. Install new field gate access to western boundary. Convert garage to form staff accommodation for housekeeper.

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with Conditions

Parish Council Decision: Support on the grounds that the application was compliant with Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy but on the proviso that conditions be applied for all external lighting to be Dark-Sky compliant in order to reduce and mitigate any impact of the proposals on the International Dark Sky Reserve

The Decision Notice does not contain any reference to external light or the Dark Sky Reserve.

PL/2025/07345 Wild Rose Cottage, 115 Chicksgrove Lane, Tisbury -

T1 Robinia - Lift low hanging branches up to 4m above ground level. Thin crown by up to 20%. Remove all deadwood over 30mm in diameter. Selectively reduce the crown by up to 1.5m to create a balanced shape. Remove ivy.

Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection

Parish Council Decision: Support

PL/2025/07138 – Zion Hill, Cuffs Lane, Tisbury -T1 Yew - Crown lift up to 3m over car park. Crown lift to clear garage roof by up to 1.5m and cut back to clear building by up to 2m.

Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection

Parish Council Decision: Support

Following concerns raised by Councillor Beattie that Wiltshire Council planning officers were not taking account of some of the Parish Council's views on planning applications, the Clerk agreed to write to the Southern Area Team Leader for Development Management to seek explanations for officers not taking account of the Council's comments.

161.25 Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan

a. Councillor Murray gave a short verbal report on the outcome of the Referendum:

- The results were 486 (95.48%) people voted 'Yes', with 23 (4.52%) voting 'No' with a turnout of 22.28%.
- He said that confirmation had been received from Wiltshire Council that the Neighbourhood Plan was now regarded as 'made' (adopted), subject to a 6 week challenge period. The document and its policies would now be taken into when planning applications were being determined.
- It was one of only 5 re-adopted Neighbourhood Plans in Wiltshire.
- Once the Wiltshire Local Plan had been adopted in mid-2026 parts of the Neighbourhood Plan would have to be revised. The key issue for both parish councils for the revision, and any future revisions, was that all

government funding had been withdrawn. Tisbury and West Tisbury parish councils therefore would have to consider in their upcoming budget discussions how they could raise the funds needed for future revisions.

- b. To consider his proposal that the Council's responses to all future planning applications makes reference to the Neighbourhood Plan:
 - **Approved; GM/JM;** unanimous. It was also agreed that a press release be issued on the results of the Referendum and that the Parish Council stall at Tis the Season 2025 will have a display of the results and information on the Plan.
- c. To approve his proposal that a vote of thanks be recorded to the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for the large amount of work they did on the Plan over the last 4 years:
 - **Approved; GM/SD;** unanimous. The Chair, Councillor Davison, thanked Councillor Murray on behalf of the Council for the extensive amount of work he had done over the last 4 years to enable the Plan to be re-adopted.

162.25 Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Group

To appoint a councillor to represent the Council on the reforming of the 'WALPA' group which is a group formed originally from representatives of town and parish councils to advocate for and support Neighbourhood Plans:

- **Resolved that Councillors Carlile and Murray be appointed; JM/LCC.**

163.25 Statement for the Southern Area Planning Committee

To consider and approve a statement on Planning Application PL/2025/01804 for Variety Barn, Hindon Lane, Tisbury to be read out at the forthcoming meeting of the Planning Committee:

- **Approved in principle but with advice that it is revised to be shorter and more concise in the points it raises and includes references to the impact of the larger footprint on wildlife and nocturnal animals; RAB/LCC;** unanimous.

164.25 Permission to use the Youth Hub and King George's Field

To consider a request from Serve On (a charity which provides specialist crisis response and humanitarian aid in the UK and worldwide):

- a. To use a small area on the King George's Field from Noon on Friday 6th or 13th February to 1000 hrs on Monday 9th or 13th February 2026 so that it can pitch 3 large tents and conduct team building exercises; and
- b. To use the Tisbury Youth Hub overnight from Friday 6th or 13th to Monday 9th or 13th February 2026.
- **All approved subject to the receipt of a liability insurance certificate and risk assessments.**

165.25 Letter from Tisbury Surgery

To consider a letter from the GP Partner at Tisbury Surgery advising the Council that the Practice has reached capacity and to agree on a response and on any actions to be taken:

- **Resolved that the GP Partner be invited to meet with Councillors Carlile, Davison and Mason; Chair;** unanimous.

166.25 Tree Survey

To consider the Tree Survey Report from the Tree Management Company Ltd and to approve the recommended actions set out in the Report:

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

167.25 Public Toilets

To consider a report from the Clerk on quotes received to replace the windows at the public toilets and to approve one quote:

- **Resolved to approve the quote of £5,238 ex VAT from Salisbury Glass; LCC/JM; unanimous.**

168.25 South West Wiltshire Area Board Grant

To approve the submission of an application for a £1,000 grant for StarFest 2026:

- **Approved; LCC/MC; unanimous.** The Clerk advised that she had been advised to apply for a Youth Grant in view of the extent of the activities available to young people and four local primary schools during the festival.

169.25 Environment Committee

a. Meeting Report & Minutes

- i. Councillor Mason gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which had included a report on the success of Apple Day and the plans for StarFest.
- ii. To receive and note the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2025:
 - **Noted; JM/KG.**

b. Committee Recommendations

- i. A vote of thanks be recorded to the residents and councillors involved in the organising of a very successful first Apple Day:
 - **Approved, with particular thanks to Rosie Buck, Peter Shallcross, Councillors Cradock, Gamm and Davison and the Clerk; JM/KG.**
- ii. Apple Day becomes an annual event:
 - **Approved; JM/KG; unanimous.**

170.25 Finance - November Financial Information

- a. Retrospective approval of payments made from 01/10/2025 to 31/10/2025 - £718.19
- b. Approval of October Faster Payment transactions - £6,318.06

Payee	£		Reason for Payment
Staff Salaries, Pension & HMRC	3502.63		Salary standing orders and reconciliations
Andyvan	71.76		Cleaning supplies
Microshade VSM	127.18		Cloud services and hosting
Clyde Whittaker	77.94		Expenses for Zoom A/c for TisPlan2
Wiltshire Council	500.00		Contribution to Tisbury Pool for 2025
Wiltshire Council	500.00		Uncontested Election Costs for May 2025
D Godden	100.00		Apple Day fee
Ryman	11.99		Printer labels
In-Excess	23.94		Grit for planters
Castle Gardens	220.36		Plants & Compost for troughs and tubs
D Holley	180.00		Parish bin emptying
K Hooper-Closier	280.83		Locum Youth work for October
Ionos Cloud Ltd	56.40	DD	Email licences
Hewlett Packard	51.76	DD	Printer hire
Google Play	1.59	DD	Data Storage
Smart Numbers	140.22	DD	Telephone services
Biffa	334.49	DD	Waste service
West Mercia Energy	136.97	DD	Reading Room & Toilets
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- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 31st October 2025 - £11,501.78
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 31st October 2025 - £174,382.51
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 31st October 2025 - £24.67
- f. Budget to Actual Reports to 31st October 2025
- g. Earmarked Reserves to 31st October 2025 - £93,091.29
- **All approved; KG/JM; unanimous.**

171.25 Risk Assessments

To approve the Risk Assessments for the Tis the Season event being held on Saturday 29th November 2025:

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

172.25 Strategic Planning

To agree a verbal outline provided by Councillor Carlile for the Council's strategic planning morning being held on Saturday 22nd November 2025:

- **Approved following a brief presentation from Councillor Carlile; Chair.**

173.25 Representative Reports

To receive reports from councillors:

Tis the Season: Councillor Mason gave a detailed report on the arrangements for the day-long event. He said that both the Hinton Hall and Victoria Hall were sold out to stallholders and that there would be 'food court' in the High Street and Dentist's car park. Musical entertainment would be provided by the businesses. The road would be closed from 8 am to 5 pm with barriers at each end of the High Street operated by security marshals.

Winter Planting: Councillor Gamm gave a brief report advising that all the troughs in The Square and planters in the High Street had been planted up with winter bedding and spring bulbs over the weekend of 1st November. He said 13 volunteers had helped with the planting with Rosie Buck leading the team, along with Councillors Davison, Mason, himself and the Clerk. He expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to all involved.

174.25 Items for Information

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

175.25 Items for next meeting:

Budget and Precept for 2025/26

176.25 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

177.25 Exclusion of the Public and Press - that under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the LGA 1972), the public & accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the LGA 1972.

a. Resolution to exclude the press and public as above.

- **Approved, Chair;** unanimous.

b. Licence with Tisbury Football Club

- i. To receive an update from Councillors Mason and Murray following a meeting with representatives of the Club to respond to its comments on the Licence; and
- ii. To agree on next steps with regard to the approval of the Licence.
 - **Resolved that Councillors Mason and Murray relay the Council's response to the Football Club's comments to the representatives of the Football Club; Chair;** unanimous.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.