



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

Four members of the public spoke in detailed and strong objection to application PL/2025/08707 Tisbury Motors Ltd, High Street, Tisbury.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Gerry Murray

Councillor Murray gave a detailed report on the following matters:

- A positive meeting had been held between the Wiltshire Council Leader, Councillor Ian Thorn, Tisbury Parish Council and the Nadder Community Land Trust (NCLT) to discuss the restarting of the affordable housing project at the Old Sports Centre site. A request was made by the NCLT to be given the opportunity to acquire the site with a new development partner and to restart the project, possibly as one with 100% affordable housing. Councillor Thorn recognised the commitment which had been made to the community and agreed to try to resolve the impasse.
- The C63 road and Hazledon Lane between Tisbury and Wardour had been recognised as needing repair by Wiltshire Council and its contractors. It was now on a list awaiting funding.
- A meeting had been held with a number of residents of Church Mead on the issue of flooding.
- A number of residents in Church Street had requested controlled resident parking and he was liaising with the Parish Clerk to see what action could be taken.

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

Those present:

Councillors S Davison (Chairman), M Carlile, J Cradock, S Crouch, N Errington, K Gamm, J Mason, G Murray - 8.

Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Four members of the public

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178.25 Apologies

Councillors unanimously accepted the apologies received from Councillors Beattie and Coyle-Camp due to personal commitments.

179.25 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests: Councillor Murray declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2025/08707 and did not vote on it due to being a member of the Southern Planning Committee as the local unitary member for Wiltshire Council.
- b. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests: None.
- c. Dispensations: None.

180.25 Resolution of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2025: - **Approved; JM/MC.**

181.25 Planning and Tree Works Applications *Clerk

Tisbury Motors Ltd, High Street, Tisbury - The proposed development involves the demolition of the garage, flat & workshop with the erection of eight houses and associated gardens over the plot:

- **Object; JM/JC; on the following grounds:**

1. **The application is contrary to the following policies within the Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan (made November 2025):**

Policy EB1 A, Paragraph 3 (a) & (b) – Protection of Employment Sites

It has not demonstrated that there is no reasonable prospect that it could meet any business need in the longer term, nor has it provided evidence to show that it has remained unsold and un-let for at least twelve months following genuine and sustained attempts to sell and let it on reasonable terms for employment use.

Policy DB7 Conversion and Retrofitting

The application provides no evidence to show that any attempt has been made to convert or retrofit the site to enable it to become commercially viable.

Policy HS1 Affordable Housing

The application makes no reference to or provision for affordable housing. Policy HS1 requires all schemes involving housing in the neighbourhood area to be required to deliver levels of affordable housing above 40% (subject to viability).

2. **National Described Space Standards 2025**

All the houses within the proposed development do not appear to meet the minimum internal space standards set out in statutory national guidance, with two of the houses being less than 75% of the minimum nationally described space standards. With the tiny outdoor space being provided for each

property, the Council considers this to be unacceptable and detrimental to the long term health and wellbeing of the occupants.

182.25 Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on recent applications:

PL/2025/07882 15 Lady Down View, Tisbury - T1 - Copper Beech tree - overall crown reduction up to 30%

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with Conditions

Parish Council Decision: No objection.

PL/2025/07914 Grove Cottage, Nightingale Lane, Wardour, Tisbury - 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

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with Conditions

Parish Council Decision: Raised no objection with an endorsement of the comments on materials submitted by the Conservation Officer. The Council also asked that clear conditions and the proposed mitigation for the destruction of several day roosts for two species of bats be set out in the Decision Notice.

183.25 Small Grants *Clerk

To consider the following small grant applications:

- a. **St John's Church** - a contribution towards the maintenance of the Church clock - £300: - **Approved; JC/SC**; with an objection from Councillor Murray.
- b. **TisBus** - a contribution towards the cost of the community bus service putting on an annual programme of special trips for members - £300: - **Approved; JM/MC**; unanimous.

184.25 Finance 1 - Budget and Precept *Clerk

a. Budget

To consider and approve the revised annual budget for the Council for 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29.

b. Earmarked Reserves

To consider and agree on any adjustments to the Council's Earmarked Reserves.

c. Precept

To consider and approve the Precept for the Council for 2026-27.

- **Deferred to the next meeting to enable a plan to be prepared for the role of the proposed new officer; Chair**; unanimous.

185.25 Finance 2 - Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2026-27 *Clerk

To re-appoint IAC Audit and Consultancy Ltd as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2026-27 at the cost of £420 to audit the Council's annual accounts and submit their report with the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2025/2026:

- **Approved for a term of 3 years starting in 2026-27; Chair**; unanimous.

186.25 Finance 3 - December Financial Information *Clerk

To approve and note the following reports:

- a. Retrospective approval of payments made from 01/11/2025 to 30/11/2025 - £890.

b. Approval of December Faster Payment transactions - £22,739.84

Payee	£		Reason for Payment
Staff Salaries, Pension & HMRC	3502.63		Salary standing orders and reconciliations
Time2Display	572.68		Stationery, Orchard Map, Corex Panels
L Bates	3,100.00		Plastering of youth pavilion
Wilton Garden Maintenance	5,000.00		Upgrade of youth pavilion part payment
LS Electricals	2,760.00		Part payment for work at youth pavilion
S McGrath	84.00		Refreshments for Xmas light installers
Event Sparks Ltd	577.44		Generator for TisTheSeason
Hinton Hall	80.00		Hall hire for TisTheSeason
New Vic@Tisbury	70.00		Hall hire for TisTheSeason
Elsworth Costumes	49.50		Santa Costume Hire for TisTheSeason
Salisbury Glass	1,309.68		Deposit for new Windows at Public Toilets
Tisbury Joint Burial Committee	1,400.00		Tranche 2 payment
Tisbury Footpath Club	1,430.56		Annual maintenance payment
R Pearce	840.00		Grasscutting in KGV field and play area
Microshade VSM	127.18		Cloud services and hosting
D Holley	160.00		Parish bin emptying
K Hooper-Closier	116.00		Locum Youth work for November
K Aylen	145.00		Strimming work
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	368.93	DD	Waste service
Water2Business	611.21	DD	Reading Room and Toilets (May-Nov)
West Mercia Energy	185.06	DD	Reading Room & Toilets
	22,739.84		

- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 30th November 2025 - £10,784.51
d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 30th November 2025 - £162,382.51
e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 30th November 2025 - £215.51
f. Budget to Actual Reports to 30th November 2025
g. Earmarked Reserves as at 30th November 2025 - £88,384.45
- **All approved; Chair; unanimous.**

187.25 Environment Committee

a. Meeting Report & Minutes

- i. Councillor Mason gave a brief report on the recent meeting and on the progressing arrangements for StarFest 2026.
- ii. To receive and note the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2025:
- **Noted; JM/KG.**

b. Committee Recommendations

To add a Dibond panel board with an apple design to the back of the Orchard noticeboard which will be designed by children at St John's Primary School:
- **A quote of £170 from Time2Display was approved; KG/JM; unanimous.**

188.25 Representative Reports

Tis the Season: Councillor Mason gave a detailed report on the recent event which went well and had operated from three locations – the Hinton & Victoria Halls and Tisbury Methodist Church, which had kindly offered to host some of the outdoor stalls at the last minute due to the adverse weather. Santa's Grotto and the wreath-making workshop had operated successfully from the Hinton Hall and there had been unannounced but very welcome “pop-up” events taking place in the High Street. Councillor Mason expressed his particular thanks to Councillors Crouch and Gamm for their work on the event.

The Chairman offered his thanks on behalf of the Council to Councillor Mason for his work in making the event a success.

Tisbury Footpath Club: Councillor Errington reported on the work of the Club over the last month. He said that the team of volunteers had cleared some short overgrown sections of paths in two areas of the parish - off Jobbers Lane parts of TISB53 and TISB55, on Lady Down parts of TISB8 running from Duck Street and TISB7 near Fonthill Lake.

Smart Waters Programme at Langford Lakes: Councillor Carlile gave a detailed report on a meeting of landowners with Wessex Water at Langford Lakes to learn about its hugely complex new Smart Waters programme to continually monitor the quality of water in rivers, estuaries and coasts. This is a requirement under Section 82 of the Environment Act and is part of the largest project in the world with 500 sites for testing water.

Wiltshire Area Localism Planning Alliance (WALPA): Councillor Carlile gave a brief report on a meeting which was the first meeting of WALPA for around 2 years. This first meeting was largely given over to listening to participants concerns.

Wiltshire Council Local Transport Plan Consultation: Councillor Cradock gave a detailed report on the consultation event she had attended in Salisbury. She said she had raised a number of concerns about the various parking issues in Tisbury.

189.25 Items for Information

Councillors noted the following reports from the Clerk:

- a. Clerk’s report providing information on agenda items, recent issues and work completed.
- b. Report on the Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group meeting.

190.25 Items for next meeting:

A report on options for higher interest earning accounts.
Parking

191.25 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

192.25 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. Staffing matters

- i. Councillor Errington gave a detailed report on the Clerk’s annual appraisal which had been very positive.
- ii. To confirm an additional salary award level for the Clerk from 1st April 2025 in accordance with her contract and following a satisfactory appraisal:
 - **Approved; Chair; unanimous.**
- iii. To confirm the budget proposals for an additional officer to be recruited to start from 1st April 2026 and to confirm their role:
 - **Deferred to await a detailed plan of the role with input from Councillors Carlile, Davison, Gamm and Mason; Chair;** unanimous.

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