



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7th April 2026 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

Ms Karen Holm-Powell who had submitted an application for co-option to the Council spoke in support of her application.

No report was received from Wiltshire Councillor Gerry Murray due to him being on holiday.

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

Those present:

Councillors S Davison (Chairman), M Carlile, E Coyle-Camp, N Errington, K Gamm, K Holm-Powell, J Mason - 7.

Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

No members of the public

260.25 Co-option

To receive and consider an application for co-option to fill a Council vacancy from Ms Karen Holm-Powell:

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

261.25 Apologies

Councillors unanimously accepted the apologies received from Councillors Beattie and Murray due to holiday commitments and Councillors Cradock and Crouch due to personal commitments.

262.25 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: Councillor Coyle declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application PL/2026/01639.
- c. Dispensations: None.

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263.25 Resolution of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2026: - **Approved; KG/JM.**

264.25 Planning and Tree Works Applications

PL/2025/09782 North Cottage, Tisbury Row, Tisbury - Two storey porch extension:

- **Support on the grounds that the application was compliant with Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy; NE/MC; unanimous.**

PL/2026/01639 Hoddinotts House, Hindon Lane, Tisbury - Demolish fire damaged wing and erect new extension:

- **No objection on the grounds that the application was compliant with Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy; KG/LCC; unanimous.**

PL/2026/01696 Squalls Farm, Squalls Lane, Tisbury - Change of use of land to form a private 4 plot burial ground:

- **No objection but the Council wished to point out that from the measurements shown in the plan, the plot appeared to meet the stated requirements for biodiversity net gain which was contrary to the box ticked on the application form; NE/KG; unanimous.**

PL/2026/01722 Grove Cottage, Nightingale Lane, Wardour, Tisbury - Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 15 (Change of Material) relating to application PL/2025/07914:

- **Resolved to accept the recommendations made by the Conservation Officer; NE/MC; unanimous.**

PL/2026/01723 97 Court Street, Tisbury - H1 - Leylandii hedge - remove and replant with native hedge set back from the road 1 x Hazel tree - Coppice 1 x Ash tree - fell - signs of acute dieback 3 x Lime trees - Tag No 190, 191, 193 - annual prune to knuckles to promote new, healthy growth of pollarded shoots 8 x Alder trees - fell - within area of planned development reference 15/11990/FUL Condition 4. No replacement as development will take over this space 2 x Ash trees - fell - within area of planned development reference 15/11990/FUL Condition 4 with signs of ash dieback. No replacement as development will take over this space:

- **Resolved to raise no objection to the proposed works to the leylandii hedge, the hazel, lime and ash trees. However, the Council requests that if the alders are felled and no development takes place that they be replaced; MC/JM; unanimous.**

265.25 Application Decisions

None.

266.25 Consultations

To consider a response to Wiltshire Council's survey on future waste and recycling services:

- **Resolved that councillors will complete the survey as residents and encourage fellow residents to complete the survey; Chair.**

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267.25 Village Fete

To consider preparations for the Village Fete on Saturday 13th June and to confirm the appointment of any other councillors to the Working Group in addition to Councillors Cradock, Mason and Davison:

- **Resolved; JM/LCC that:**
 - a. **Councillor Holm-Powell be elected to the Working Group; and**
 - b. **A meeting be convened as soon as possible with the Community Engagement & Events Officer to start the process of organising the Village Fete with alternative venues being considered in addition to the Lower Recreation Ground.**

268.25 Finance 1 - April Financial Information

To approve and note the following reports:

- a. Retrospective approval of payments made from 01/03/2026 to 31/03/2026
 - £16,618.44

Payee	£	Reason for Payment
Ticket Tailor	2.88	Sales Fees
Canva	12.99	Monthly subscription
Asda	197.50	Community Larder food
Dunelm	345.00	Pavilion cooking/maintaining equipment
LS Electricals	60.00	Replacement heater point in Reading Room
A Jackson	698.38	Painting and materials for pavilion
Time2Display	135.60	Tisbury Community Hub' sign for pavilion
SR Fire Safety Consultancy	330.00	Fire Risk Assessment for Pavilion
Beeline Coaches	700.00	Transport for 3 schools to StarFest
Suttons	54.47	Plug plants for High Street & Square
J Parker (Wholesale) Ltd	134.42	Plug plants for High Street & Square
Amazon	15.95	Fire Signage for Pavilion
Amazon	19.50	Star projector (StarFest)
Amazon	65.26	Skewers, Fire bucket, gloves, toilet roll holder, Star projector (StarFest)
In-Excess	34.22	Cleaning materials & bucket for pavilion
Asda	269.99	Community Larder food
RLSS UK	40.51	2 CPR masks for first aid kits
Co-op	32.25	Refreshments for stargazing events
C Snook	45.00	Cleaning of pavilion post refurbishment
Tisbury Methodist Church	95.00	Hire for Symphony Orchestra Concert
New Vic@Tisbury	401.30	Hire for schools programme & films
Shaftesbury Symphony Orchestra	440.00	Fee for concert
Space Detectives	1,215.25	StarFest activity provider
Salisbury Glass	5,238.73	Public Toilets window replacement
Wilton Maintenance	5,770.00	Final payment for pavilion refurbishment
LS Electricals	198.00	Emergency light in pavilion
Microsoft	66.24	Annual Licence
	16,618.44	

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b. Approval of April Easter Payment transactions – £18,161.77

Payee	£		Reason for Payment
Staff Salaries, Pension & HMRC	5,660.00		Salary standing orders and reconciliations
Microshade VSM	162.10		Cloud services and hosting
K Hooper-Closier	244.20		Locum Youth work for March
Wiltshire Council	780.00		Nadder Close annual garage rent
Wiltshire Council	2,986.52		Non Domestic Rates for car park
Wiltshire Council	1,862.00		Non Domestic Rates for Reading Room
AndyVan	58.62		Toilets supplies
Wiltshire Assoc of Local Council	1,017.74		Annual subscription
Society of Local Council Clerks	300.00		Annual subscription
Parish Online	81.00		Annual subscription
Rialtas	367.20		Alpha Software Annual Support and Maintenance Licence
CBB Services	111.00		Payroll & year end services Jan-March
Playground Inspection Co	378.00		Quarterly inspections
E J Bryant	1,875.00		StarFest Storytelling for schools & community
Hewlett Packard	678.90		Laptop, 3 year care package & accessories for new officer
Louise McKenna	150.00		StarFest fee (astrophotographer)
Josh Dury	366.41		StarFest fee (astrophotographer)
Zoom	16.79	DD	Monthly subscription
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	420.67	DD	Waste service
West Mercia Energy	395.65	DD	Reading Room & Toilets
	18,161.77		

- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 31st March 2026 - £3,509.88
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 31st March 2026 - £107,382.51
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 31st March 2026 - Deferred
- f. Budget to Actual Report to 31st March 2026
- g. Earmarked Reserves to 31st March 2026 - £69,173.44
- **All reports approved except for the Petty Cash report; LCC/KG; unanimous.**

269.25 Finance 2 – Earmarked and General Reserves

To consider proposals from Councillor Murray that funds are set aside for:

- a. A partnership project with local parish councils to install river level gauges upstream on the Nadder River:
 - **Resolved to set up an Earmarked Reserve for £750 as a contribution towards the project along with other local parish councils; JM/MC; unanimous.**

- b. The implementation of a residents parking scheme:
Resolved to set up an Earmarked Reserve for £6,000 and to await the outcomes from the research being undertaken by the Parking Working Group; NE/MC; unanimous.

270.25 Playground Inspection Reports

To receive and note the quarterly inspection reports from the Play Inspection Company for the King George's Field and Lower Recreation Ground:

- **Noted and resolved to set up a meeting of the Play Area Working Group to consider the long term use of the play area in the Lower Recreation Ground; NE/JM; unanimous.**

271.25 Representative Reports

Parking Working Group: Councillor Errington gave a brief report on the early discussions before the Group is set up proper with the co-option of members of the public which will take place at a meeting being held at the end of April. Matters discussed included tackling Church Street parking as a test case, initially by use of 'Care and Courtesy' signage and then assessing its effectiveness, conducting a systematic audit of the usage of the Nadder Close car park to include occupancy rate, assessing the length of stays by number plate recording and by taking verbal evidence from car park users as to their use of the car park.

Tisbury Footpath Club: Councillor Errington gave a brief report on the activities of the footpath club over the last month which primarily included the installation of way markers on a number of footpaths.

Alice Combes Trusts: Councillor Errington gave a brief report on a recent meeting. He said that the trusts had not received many applications for grants over the last year despite advertising widely.

Arundell Trust: Councillor Davison gave a brief report on a recent meeting and advised that grants could be available for the Community Larder and potentially to fund a further evening for the Youth Group, in addition to its current Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project: Councillor Carlile gave a brief report on an online meeting held with Wiltshire Council's Electric Charging project team to seek local knowledge on locations for on-street and off-street charging points as part of a countrywide project to install more chargers. Most of the locations identified by Wiltshire Council were deemed unsuitable but one of the locations was the Nadder Close car park which was discussed as a potential location for standard and rapid charger points. Further feedback can be provided in August once a final list of locations is circulated to town and parish councils before the project goes out to tender in January 2027. It will then be up to the company which wins the tender to determine whether any of the sites are suitable.

StarFest 2026: Councillors Carlile, Gamm and Mason gave reports, both on what went well and what didn't go so well, on the week-long festival. Councillor Carlile said that from the schools' and Cranborne Chase National Landscape's perspectives

it had been a great success and the general feedback within the community had been positive. A resident had since contacted the Council about setting up an astronomy club and Wardour School had asked for details of the Space Detectives and Storyteller so that they could provide activities for other students at the school.

All three councillors said that special thanks should go to Councillor Emma Procter of West Tisbury Parish Council, who supported the schools programme, and whose knowledge and practical experience as a teacher had been invaluable in ensuring the schools had the best possible experience.

Councillor Mason said that the Cranborne Chase National Landscape would like to hold StarFest in Tisbury again in the future. A brief discussion was held on the potential to hold it again to celebrate Tisbury becoming a 'Dark Skies Village'. This could be achieved once further work had been done to communicate the importance of protecting nocturnal animals, insects and invertebrates.

Councillor Davison thanked all those involved and said that they should see it as a very positive project for Tisbury.

272.25 Items for Information

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

273.25 Items for next meeting

Draft Emergency Plan
Memorial to Felicity Corp
An update on the approved highways projects
Courtesy & Care project

274.25 Date of next meeting

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, as Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.15 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm.

275.25 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 and 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.**

b. Staffing

To approve the appointment of Miss Ellen Mercer to the post of Community Engagement & Events Officer on a contract term of one year.
- **Approved; LCC/MC.**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.29 pm.