



Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 in the Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD

Questions or Statements:

A member of the public commended the work of the new Village Warden who they said had done a good job in tidying and clearing the High Street.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Gerry Murray

Councillor Murray gave a report on the following matters:

- **Budget** - The 2026/27 Wiltshire Council budget was approved on 24th February 2026 (Total budget £567,000,000).
- **Flooding measurement and warning** - Following the recent severe flooding in The Donheads, there is a proposal that four parish councils consider group funding of a flood measurement station on the River Nadder upstream of Tisbury in The Donheads.
- **Local Authority SEND Debt** - HM Government has made its long-awaited announcement on the accumulated Local Authority SEND debt. It will pay off 90% of the debt built up until the end of 2025/26 in 2028 provided there is a credible plan for future SEND services. Local authorities will have to pay off the other 10%. In Wiltshire's case there is enough in the Dedicated Schools Grant reserve to cover this.
- **Road maintenance**
There has been a remarkable recent deterioration in our roads due to the heavy rainfall. This has exacerbated an already poor situation on our C-class and unclassified roads. Councillor Murray had a recent meeting with Unitary Councillor Martin Smith, the Cabinet member for highways, to highlight some particular problem areas locally. Councillor Smith insisted officers were aware of the importance of local reporting on C-class and unclassified roads. He wasn't clear on how this reporting could be done productively outside of the MyWilts app.

MEETING MINUTES (*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors J Mason (Chairman), R A Beattie, E Coyle-Camp, M Carlile, J Cradock, S Crouch, N Errington, K Gamm, G Murray - 9.

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Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Six members of the public

237.25 Apologies

Councillors unanimously accepted the apology received from Cllr Davison due to a holiday commitment.

238.25 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.

239.25 Resolution of Minutes

- a. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026:
 - **Approved; NE/KG.**
- b. To approve the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2026:
 - **Approved; NE/JC.**

240.25 Planning and Tree Works Applications *Clerk

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Mason proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened for members of the public to speak on the planning application.

Four members of the public spoke in objection to the application.

PL/2025/08707 Tisbury Motors Ltd, High Street, Tisbury - Demolition of the garage, flat and workshop with the erection of seven houses and associated gardens over the plot:

- **Resolved to object on the following grounds:**
 - 1. **The application is contrary to Core Policies 57 and 58 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and 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.

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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 still do not appear to meet the minimum internal space standards set out in statutory national guidance and with the tiny outdoor spaces being provided for each property, the Council considers this to be unacceptable and detrimental to the long term health and wellbeing of the occupants.

3. Poor quality design within the Conservation Area.
4. Increased traffic in the narrow lane also accessed by other properties which are not part of the application.
5. There continues to be inadequate parking and turning circles. No changes appear to have been made to the underground garage in light of the comments from Wiltshire Highways. Consequently, these spaces will be unable to be accessed and exited with ease and sufficient visibility with a consequent risk of the garage being an additional hazard to all users of the High Street and garage, as confirmed by Wiltshire Highways.

Councillor Mason closed the meeting to public participation.

241.25 Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on recent applications:

PL/2024/02779 - Listed building consent

Wardour Castle, Wardour

Installation of 3no. roof access hatches within modern flat roofs of the Chapel of All Saints, Wardour Castle.

Decision: Withdrawn by Applicant

PL/2026/00205 Pot House, The Avenue, Tisbury

T1 Ornamental Plum tree - Reduce by 3m. T2 Apple tree - Prune by 1m.

Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection.

Parish Council Decision: No objection.

PL/2025/09724 Grove Cottage, Nightingale Lane, Wardour - Erect garage and store

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions - *The proposed garage hereby approved shall only be used for purposes incidental to the residential use of the dwelling known as Grove Cottage and shall not at any time be occupied for overnight accommodation and it shall remain within the same planning unit as the main dwelling of Grove Cottage.*

Parish Council Decision: Support but that a condition be applied that the building remains ancillary to the dwelling house and does not form part of the living accommodation.

242.25 Consultation *Clerk

To consider a response to Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority's consultation on proposed Fire Station closures:

- **Resolved that a response to object to the closures be submitted; LCC/JC.**

243.25 Risk Registers and Risk Assessments *Clerk

- a. To review and approve the Council's Risk Registers: **Approved; SC/NE.**
- b. To approve the Risk Assessments for StarFest 2026:
 - **Deferred to Extra-Ordinary meeting to be held on Thursday 12th March at 10 am; MC/GM.**

244.25 Tisbury Community Hub *Clerk

To approve a quote from Wessex Fire & Security to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment of the refurbished pavilion in the King George's Field:

- **Resolved that an alternative quote be sought. If this is unable to be found within a reasonable timeframe that the quote of £710 be accepted; NE/MC.**

245.25 Statement of Internal Control

To review the Council's Statement of Internal Control and Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Control and Audit:

- **Approved; LCC/RAB.**

246.25 Asset Register

To approve the Council's Asset Register as at 31st March 2026:

- **Approved; KG/LCC.**

247.25 Policies

To approve a Data Protection Road Map to meet the requirements of the new Assertion 10 as part of the Council's Annual Governance Statement:

- **Approved; RAB/NE.**

248.25 Finance 1 - March Financial Information

To approve and note the following reports:

- a. Retrospective approval of payments made from 01/02/2026 to 28/02/2026 - £2,416.83
- b. Approval of March Faster Payment transactions - £22,857.25

Payee	£	Reason for Payment
Staff Salaries, Pension & HMRC	5,174.54	Salary standing orders and reconciliations
Microshade VSM	162.10	Cloud services and hosting
K Hooper-Closier	146.62	Locum Youth work for February
SJH Carpets	951.25	50% remaining balance for pavilion flooring
Marshall's Tisbury Ltd	311.07	Repairs Reading Room & public toilet
AndyVan	89.28	Toilets supplies
New Vic@Tisbury	139.40	Hall and Film hire for StarFest
LS Electricals	10,755.60	Electrical works to pavilion (incl VAT)
Wessex Fire & Security	308.78	Replacement Reading Room fire equipment
Replay Maintenance	420.00	Quarterly maintenance of MUGA Surfacing
Wiltshire Council	2,500.00	Contribution to LHFIF Scheme 20 mph limit
Viking	69.49	Stationery
Time2Display	336.00	Banners and signs
TEEC	374.40	Website hosting
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	368.93	DD Waste service
West Mercia Energy	483.03	DD Reading Room & Toilets
	22,857.25	

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- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 28th February 2026 - £5,705.30
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 28th February 2026 - £142,382.51
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 28th February 2026 - £89.34
- f. Budget to Actual Report to 28th February 2026
- g. Earmarked Reserves to 28th February 2026 - £91,734.43
 - **All approved; JC/SC.**
- h. To note the receipt of £15,000 in Section 106 monies from Wiltshire Council set aside for the refurbishment of the pavilion in the King George's Field:
 - **Noted; Chair.**
- i. To approve the Clerk's expenditure under her delegated powers:
 - i. £241.80 to the Cartridge People for the purchase of printer cartridges.
 - ii. £159.50 to Ebay for the purchase of easels for the StarFest astrophotography displays.
 - iii. £951.25 to SJH Carpets being the deposit for laying a latex floor and then a vinyl floor in the refurbished pavilion.
 - iv. £573.00 to AO for the purchase of an electric cooker and chimney cooker hood for the refurbished pavilion.
 - **All approved; KG/JC.**

249.25 Finance 2 – Earmarked and General Reserves *Clerk

To consider a Report from the Clerk and to:

- a. Consider proposals from Councillor Murray that funds are set aside for:
 - i. A partnership project with local parish councils to install river level gauges upstream on the Nadder River:
 - **Deferred to the next meeting following receipt of views from neighbouring councils; Chair.**
 - ii. The implementation of a residents parking scheme:
 - **Resolved to allocated CIL Earmarked Reserve of £1,255.90 and LHFIF Earmarked Reserve of £1,677 and to consider additional monies in new financial year.**
- b. Agree on any additional funds to be allocated to either new or existing Earmarked Reserves for the Council's projects in 2026/27:
 - **Councillors approved the reports from the Clerk on the financial outturn for 2025/26 and the costs for the Youth Pavilion project. No additional reserves were approved. LCC/JC.**
- c. Approve the predicted General Reserves as at 31st March 2026:
 - **Approved £68,469; LCC/JC.**

250.25 Representative Reports

StarFest 2026: Councillor Mason gave a detailed report on the final plans for the week-long StarFest event being hosted by the Council in partnership with the Cranborne Chase National Landscape. He said it comprised 20 events and a daytime programme of activities for four local primary schools.

251.25 Items for Information

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

252.25 Items for next meeting

Draft Emergency Plan

River Nadder gauges

Tisbury Courtesy and Care project

253.25 Date of next meeting

Councillor Mason confirmed the date of an Extra-ordinary Meeting being held on Thursday 12th March at 10 am and the date of the next Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.