



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

Questions or Statements:

A member of the public spoke in support of the request to replace the bench in The Avenue in memory of a resident for which the local community was raising money.

Wiltshire Councillor Report:

Councillor Gerry Murray gave a detailed report as follows:

1. Shaftesbury Household Recycling Centre – Cross-Border Access

Discussions are ongoing between Wiltshire Council and Dorset Council regarding potential access for Wiltshire residents to Shaftesbury's Household Recycling Centre. A recent meeting between officers was held and further work is underway to assess the available options. Key considerations include projected usage levels, financial implications and the operational arrangements needed to enable cross-border use. No final agreement has been reached but the objective remains to secure a practical and cost-effective solution to improve local access to recycling facilities.

2. Police and Crime Commissioner – Community Action Fund

The Community Action Fund has opened and continues to offer grant funding to parish councils, community groups and voluntary organisations working to improve community safety and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. These are steered towards youth initiatives. He suggested that the Council should consider making an application on behalf of its Youth Group before the closing date of 17th August.

3. New Guidance on Roadside Signage

Wiltshire Council has issued updated guidance on the use of roadside signage for local events and community notices. The guidance sets out:

- What types of signage are permitted
- Where signage can be placed
- When permissions may be required

The aim is to improve consistency across the county, reduce street clutter, and ensure that signage does not create hazards for road users or pedestrians.

Notably, event organisers are no longer required to submit signage schemes for approval, provided they comply with the published guidance.

4. Wiltshire Council Budget Position (2025/26 Outturn)

Wiltshire Council has delivered its first budget under the current administration broadly on target, reporting a year-end underspend of approximately £800,000. The underspend is expected to support priority areas, particularly Children's Services, where demand pressures remain high.

A successful VAT appeal to HMRC produced a one-off windfall of £3.8 million and this has been allocated to the reserves for use by Adult Social Care and SEND.

5. New Local plan: Vital that parish councils engage in initial consultation

On 24 June Wiltshire Council's Cabinet agreed to begin work on a new Local Plan setting out how Wiltshire will grow and develop over the coming years. This follows national planning changes requiring councils to produce plans within a faster 30-month timeframe.

An early consultation will take place in September giving residents, businesses and stakeholders a chance to shape the plan. HM Government policy means planning for around 3,500 homes a year which is a significant challenge.

However, Wiltshire Council's aim is to meet it by working with its communities.

6. Fire station outcome (for now)

All 8 fire stations are saved for now but if central government funding isn't forthcoming by February 2027, all 8 will be closed next year and the decision will be automatic with no further discussion.

Following Councillor Murray's report, the Clerk agreed to contact the Chief Officer at Tisbury Fire Station to request a meeting with the Council and also to write to both the Chief Officer of Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Service and the Rt Hon John Glen MP to reiterate the Council's concerns about the closures.

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

Those present:

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

Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Three members of the public

58.26 Apologies

Councillors unanimously approved the apologies received from Councillor Carlile due to a holiday commitment.

59.26 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.

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60.26 Resolution of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026:

- **Approved; RAB/JC;** with abstentions from SC, SD, KH-P and NE.

61.26 Planning and Tree Works Applications *Clerk

PL/2026/03836 12 Morrison Avenue, Tisbury – Rear single storey garden room

- **Resolved to provide no comment other than to request that mitigation is provided for the impact of the extensive glazing on the International Dark Sky Reserve; NE/RAB.**

PL/2026/03812 The Old Vicarage, Park Road, Tisbury - 5 Lawson Cypress - Fell to ground level:

- **No objection; GM/KG;** unanimous.

62.26 Planning 2 *Clerk

To consider a resident's request for an update on the progress of the implementation of the Court Street Bridge footway and to agree any actions:

Since the publication of the agenda, a response had been received from the Managing Agent to the Fonthill Estate that a planning application had been submitted to Wiltshire Council and was awaiting verification, with plans in line with the proposals put to the Council at a meeting held in December 2024.

Councillors resolved to note the response and agreed to await the application and the Clerk was asked to pass the information onto the resident; Chair.

63.26 Planning Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on the following planning applications:

PL/2026/02751 The Elms, High Street, Tisbury – Thuja Western Red Cedar - Fell

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions

Parish Council Decision: Didn't come to the Council as outside meeting timetable

PL/2026/02515 103 Court Street, Tisbury - Willow tree - remove two south facing overhanging branches

Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection

Parish Council Decision: No objection

64.26 Tisbury Village Fete

To receive a verbal report on the success of the Village Fete from the Council's Community Engagement and Events Officer, Ellen Mercer:

Following receipt of an apology from the officer, Councillor Davison relayed her brief report to councillors advising that all in all the Tisbury Fete had been very successful. All feedback received had been very positive.

The date for next year's event is Saturday 5th June 2027 so that it doesn't coincide with a large local wedding on the second Saturday being held at the South Western Hotel. Plans for next year should include the recruitment of more volunteers, especially to stand at the Nadder Close entrance and to manage traffic control and the relocation of the classic cars to the road side of the Lower Recreation Ground.

65.26 Permission to Replace a Bench in The Avenue *Clerk

Following the approval of a request from a resident in 2024 to place a memorial plaque on the refurbished 'Happy to Chat' public bench in The Avenue in memory of a well-known resident, Will Erdmann (Minute 41.24), the Council is asked to consider further requests from the same resident for:

- a. Permission for a locally funded and donated bench to be installed instead with a 'Happy to Chat' sign and memorial plaque;
 - **Approved; NE/SC; unanimous.**
- b. The installation cost to be being funded by the Council.
 - **Approved; NE/SC; unanimous.**

66.26 New Joint Burial Committee *Clerk

- a. To consider and approve the Terms of Reference for the new Joint Burial Committee with West Tisbury Parish Council which will operate under the governance of Tisbury Parish Council as Lead Authority following guidance received from the Council's Internal Auditor:
 - **Approved with the revisions suggested by Councillor Little of West Tisbury Parish Council; RAB/KG; unanimous.**
- b. To elect councillors to the new Committee:
 - **Resolved to elect Councillors Beattie, Carlile and Gamm; NE/SC; unanimous.**

67.26 Finance - July Financial Information

To approve and note the following reports:

- a. Retrospective approval of payments from 01/06/2026 to 30/06/2026 - £336.09.
- b. Approval of July Faster Payment transactions - £12,704.33

Payee	£		Reason for Payment
Staff Salaries, Pension & HMRC	7,385.71		Salary standing orders and reconciliations
Microshade VSM	162.10		Cloud services and hosting
K Hooper-Closier	247.84		Locum Youth work for June
CBB Services	144.00		Payroll fees first quarter
R Pearce	1,550.00		Grasscutting first quarter
G Knight	250.00		Music and PA system for Fete
J Gilbert	100.00		Music for Fete
R Cooper	100.00		Music for Fete
T Hughes	100.00		Music for Fete
Rob Beale	162.00		Accessible toilet at Fete
Castle Gardens	173.85		Compost and compost bin
Salisbury Glass	829.01		Interim payment for side door at pavilion
20i	30.00		Website domain renewal tisbury-pc.gov.uk
S Cowell	50.00		Rain Garden Maintenance
Roland Hemming	174.00		Brushcutter Training Course for Warden
Sydenhams	40.78		Brooms
Adobe	238.75	DD	Annual subscription
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	372.71	DD	Waste service
West Mercia Energy	326.82	DD	Public Toilets
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- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 31st May 2026 - £69,406.36
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 31st May 2026 - £85,248.81
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 31st May 2026 - Deferred
- f. Budget to Actual Report to 31st May 2026
- g. Earmarked Reserves to 31st May 2026 - £70,157.69
- **All approved except for item e. which was deferred; GM/RAB; unanimous.**

68.26 Representative Reports

Nadder Centre Liaison Group: Councillor Davison gave a brief report on a recent meeting with the Area Manager for the Nadder Centre. He said that further work had needed to be done at Tisbury Swimming Pool costing nearly £100k. The Nadder Centre is doing well with more members joining, the coffee shop doing really well and all the business units occupied.

69.26 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. The Clerk's report on a recent meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.

70.26 Items for next meeting:

Emergency Plan

71.26 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Davison confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

72.26 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.
Resolved; Chair.

b. Staffing Matters

To consider a report from the Clerk on staffing matters following guidance received from the Council's Internal Auditor:

Resolved to:

- i. **Approve the recommendations contained in Section 1 of the report and to delegate their implementation as necessary to the Clerk in line with HR guidance from WorkNest and support from Councillors Beattie and Gamm; GM/RAB, unanimous.**
- ii. **Approve the Clerk's backpay of £203.41; Approved; Chair; unanimous.**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.