



**Tisbury Parish Council – Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting
Held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4th August 2026 in the
Reading Room, High Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LD**

Questions or Statements:

A member of the public asked whether they could borrow the apple press and whether there would be a charge. The Clerk asked that they contact her separately to arrange a date for it to be collected for a £15 deposit.

Wiltshire Councillor Report:

Councillor Gerry Murray gave a detailed report as follows:

1. Station Works Development - At a meeting held recently the developers advised that they are preparing a revised planning application and have sought pre-application advice from Wiltshire Council. The revised scheme addresses all of the principal concerns previously raised:
 - The proposed number of dwellings has been reduced from 85 to 60. For comparison, the Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan allocates approximately 70 homes on the site.
 - The proposed care home has been removed from the scheme.
 - The proposed pedestrian access ramp at Three Arch Bridge has also been dropped. Instead, the developers intend to take advantage of Network Rail's evolving approach to level crossings and are proposing a new pedestrian route via an enhanced level crossing.

The developers also informed Council representatives that they will be promoting the development site in The Avenue through Wiltshire Council's forthcoming Call for Sites process as part of the new Local Plan.

Hallam Land is also likely to promote its land adjacent to the Wyndham Estate through the same process.

2. South Western Hotel - The hotel has submitted a planning application (PL/2026/03879), which is expected to become publicly available after 4 August. The application will be considered by Tisbury Parish Council in the usual way. However, the forthcoming changes to the planning delegation system, outlined below, means that it is unlikely that applications of this nature will be capable of being called in for scrutiny and Committee decision.
3. Changes to Planning Decision-Making - The Government's new National Scheme of Delegation will come into effect on 31 October 2026 and will significantly change the way planning applications are determined. Local

councillors will lose the ability to call in planning applications for determination by a planning committee. Applications will broadly fall into two categories:

Schedule 1 Applications: Mandatory Officer Decisions

These applications must be determined by planning officers and cannot be referred to committee. They include:

- Householder applications.
- Minor residential developments of up to nine dwellings.
- Minor commercial developments.
- Discharge of conditions and other routine planning matters.

Schedule 2 Applications: Presumed Officer Decisions

Larger applications are also presumed to be delegated to officers. However, they may be referred to committee if both the Chief Planning Officer (or nominated senior officer) and the Chair of the Planning Committee agree that the proposal raises significant planning, economic, social or environmental issues. Although major applications can still be considered by elected members in some circumstances, the presumption is now firmly in favour of officer decision-making.

These changes have generated considerable concern among councillors across the political spectrum. However, Wiltshire Council is legally required to implement the new system and is currently considering how it will operate in practice.

4. Former Sports Centre Site - After several years of prevarication, the future of the former sports centre site finally may be approaching a positive resolution for Tisbury residents. Working in partnership with Aster Housing Association (one of the largest not-for-dividend housing associations operating across the south of England and London), Nadder Community Land Trust has submitted a bid to acquire the site to the Board of Stone Circle as the landowners of the site. The proposal would deliver a scheme consisting entirely of affordable housing, supported by Homes England funding. The previous developer, Stone Circle, was unable to access this funding because it is not a registered housing provider. The involvement of Aster Housing Association changes that position and creates a potentially viable route forward. The Land Trust's previous registered provider, White Horse, has withdrawn as a 13-house development is beyond their resources.

Before leaving the meeting to fulfill a personal commitment, Councillor Murray commented on the agenda item on the Speed Indicator Device for Court Street. He urged councillors to await sight of the bigger picture in that area of the village with the publication of the planning application from Fonthill Estate which will provide highway detail on the proposed footway across to Place Farm. He said that the Council may be able to apply for substantive bid funding through the Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group to provide a comprehensive scheme for that area of Court Street.

MEETING MINUTES
(*responsibility for action)

Those present:

Councillors Beattie (Chairman), M Carlile, J Cradock, N Errington, K Gamm, G Murray (until 7.15 pm) - 6.

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Also in attendance:

B Cornish (Clerk)

Three members of the public

73.26 Apologies

Councillors unanimously approved the apologies received from Councillor Coyle-Camp due to a personal commitment, Councillors Crouch and Davison due to holiday commitments and Councillor Holm-Powell due to a work commitment.

74.26 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.

75.26 Resolution of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026:

- **Approved; KG/JC;** with abstentions from Councillor Carlile.

76.26 Planning and Tree Works Applications ***Clerk**

PL/2026/03959 Grove Cottage, Nightingale Lane, Wardour, Tisbury - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) and wording of Condition 4 (Restriction on use of Garage) relating to application PL/2025/09724:

- **Object to the Variation of Condition 2 on the grounds that:**
The Design and Access Statement for application PL/2025/09724 describes the outbuilding as '*a modest, single-storey outbuilding*'. The stated design approach is: '*subordination, sustainability and sensitivity to the heritage dwelling*' and the siting and scale of it '*ensures the main dwelling retains primacy in the landscape*' and '*does not create visual competition with the heritage asset*'.
The revised plans of the outbuilding (now described as a garage), which the Council had to request from the architects, shows a height of 5.695 metres, an increase of 1.695 metres. As its stated location is within 20 metres of the host dwelling, it is the Council's view that the garage will no longer be a modest, subordinate building which is sensitive to the non-designated heritage asset and as a result the main dwelling will no longer retain primacy in the landscape. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Core Policy 58 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
- **Object also to any change to the wording of Condition 4 on the grounds that it correctly expresses/represents the Council's stated intention to restrict the use of the outbuilding so that it could '*not form part of the living accommodation*'. Again, the Design and Heritage Statement for application PL/2025/09724 makes it clear that the building will contain '*a plant room (housing the air source heat pump), a general store and a garage*' and it was therefore reasonable for the Council to request such a condition.**
As the architect's letter for the revised application states that the reason for the increased height of the garage is '*so that use can be made of the*

***attic space for storage purposes'*, there is no reason for the Council to amend its view.**

- **NE/KG; unanimous;**

PL/2026/04127 Hilltoft, Vicarage Road, Tisbury - Roof over existing two car port with sedum cover:

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

77.26 Planning Application Decisions

Councillors noted the decisions on recent applications:

PL/2026/02158 Tisbury Post Office, High Street, Tisbury

Application to consider the change of use of the first floor of Post Office House from residential (C3a) to planning class E (offices). The second floor will remain as residential use (C3a) and on the ground floor alterations will be made to ensure the post office is made more secure.

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions

Parish Council Decision: Support

PL/2026/02997 - Apartment 1, Wardour Castle, Wardour, Tisbury - Relocation of Ground Floor and First Floor kitchens from the south side of the building to the north side, draught-stripping of first floor windows, minor reconfiguration of layout, installation of new dumb waiter, restoration of stone floor in the Garden Room at ground floor level, fitting of new bathrooms, removal of non-original joinery and / or fitting of new joinery, refurbishment of existing radiators and some new radiators, installation of salvaged period fireplace in the first floor Saloon and Main Bedroom, new mechanical and electrical services

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions

Parish Council Decision: Accept decision of conservation officer

PL/2026/03200 May Cottage, Church Street, Tisbury - 1st floor extension and single storey ground floor extension.

Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions

Parish Council Decision: No objection

PL/2026/03257 Gaston Manor, High Street, Tisbury - T1 Scots Pine - Fell.

Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection

Parish Council Decision: No objection

78.26 Premises Licence Application No. PR202607-610032 *Clerk

To consider a premises licence application for the South Western Hotel, Station Road, Tisbury, SP3 6JT and to consider whether to make a representation:

- **No objection; MC/JC; the Clerk was asked to seek clarification on an inconsistency in the application in relation to recorded music.**

79.26 Tisbury Carnival Committee

- a. To consider a request for permission to place advertising banners on the Lower Recreation Ground fence and the railings of the Reading Room for 28 days prior to the 2026 Carnival:

- **Approved; NE/JC; unanimous.**

- b. To consider an application for a small grant of £300 to assist with the purchase of the insurance for the 2026 Carnival:
 - **Approved; NE/MC; unanimous.**
- c. To consider a request for permission to use the King George's Field as a location for the Fun Fair for the 2027 Carnival:
 - **Deferred for further information; Chair.**

80.26 Weaveland Road Allotment Society

- a. To note the Chairman's Report for 2026:
 - **Deferred to seek clarification on the accounts; MC/KG.**
- b. To approve the Society's proposal to increase the rent for a full plot to £60.00 for the year 2027/28:
 - **Approved; KG/JC; unanimous.**

At this point in the meeting Councillor Beattie proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to allow a resident to speak in support of the installation of a speed indicator device in Court Street.

The resident said that whilst he acknowledged the results of the connected vehicle data from Wiltshire Highways and the benefit of having a bigger picture from the impending planning application for the Place Farm footway, he asked councillors to consider the results with caution and to maintain its approval for a speed indicator device in Court Street which was needed now. He said that several residents had offered for the pole for the device to be installed on their land.

81.26 Speed Indicator Device for Court Street

To consider a report from the Clerk on the speed data recently received from Wiltshire Highways for speeds recorded in Court Street and to reconsider whether to retain the Earmarked Reserve for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device for Court Street:

- **Resolved that the Earmarked Reserve be maintained and that a speed indicator device be ordered without waiting for the Place Farm planning application; NE/KG with an objection from Councillor Carlile.**
This decision was contrary to the advice of the Clerk as the Council's Responsible Finance Officer.

Councillor Beattie closed the meeting to participation from members of the public.

82.26 Memorial to Felicity Corp

To reconsider a memorial to Felicity Corp in light of confirmation from Wiltshire's Library Service that it does not display tributes or plaques for former staff, volunteers or individuals in the community in its libraries:

- **Resolved that a memorial plaque with photograph be installed in the Reading Room providing information on Felicity Corp's contribution to the community of Tisbury; NE/MC; unanimous.**

83.26 Playgrounds

- a. To note the quarterly playground inspection reports received from the Playground Inspection Company for the King George's Field and Lower Recreation Ground play areas:
 - **Noted; NE/KG; unanimous.**

- b. To approve a quote of £788.30 +VAT from Ava Recreation to replace the 2 sets of swing seats, chains, shackles and bushes in the Under 5s section of the King George's play area:
 - **Approved; JC/MC;** unanimous.
- c. To approve a quote of £279 +VAT from Ava Recreation to patch and repair the damaged area of wetpour under the junior swings in the main section of the King George's play area.
 - **Approved; JC/MC;** unanimous.

84.26 Tree Works

To approve a quote from Evolve Tree and Garden Services to carry out the tree works in the King George's Field identified in the Tree Inspection Report prepared by The Tree Management Company in October 2025:

- **Resolved to approve a quote of £1,300; NE/JC;** unanimous.

85.26 Joint Burial Committee

- a. To approve the revised fees for Tisbury Burial Ground:
 - **Approved; KG/NE;** unanimous.
- b. To note receipt of £1500 being a grant from Wessex Water's Environment Fund to create a wildflower meadow in an area of the Burial Ground:
 - **Noted; NE/KG;** unanimous.
- c. To approve the following expenditure to be funded from the grant:
 - i. The purchase of wildflower seeds from Brightseeds Ltd at a cost £648 +VAT.
 - ii. A quote from Dick's Contracting of £350 +VAT to carry out the drilling of the seed.
 - iii. A quote from Peter Shallcross of £100 +VAT to cut and take away the grass before the drilling.
 - **All approved; NE/MC;** unanimous.

86.26 Shipping Container for the King George's Field

To consider a report from the Clerk on quotes received for the purchase of a shipping container to be installed beside the Community Hub in the King George's Field to provide storage for the Council's equipment:

- **Resolved to accept the quote of £2,265 from Budget Shipping Containers and to approve additional expenditure of £235 for the preparation of the site; KG/MC;** unanimous.

87.26 Gazebo

To consider a proposal from Councillor Gamm that the Council purchases a branded gazebo for community engagement and use at events and to consider a report from the Clerk providing quotes:

- **Resolved to accept the quote of £853.37 from Gala Tents and approved expenditure up to £1,000, subject to the final branding and design being approved by Councillors Carlile and Gamm; KG/NE;** unanimous.

88.26 Laptop for use by the Clerk

To consider a report and recommendations from the Clerk providing quotes for the purchase of a new laptop and ancillary equipment:

- **Resolved to approve expenditure up to £1,262 for the best price laptop from either Dell or HP plus power supply, smart hubs, cables, monitor and keyboard for the Reading Room; NE/JC; unanimous.**

89.26 Future Events

- a. **Community Hub Opening** - To approve that an official opening be held on Tuesday 18th August 2026 at 5 pm for the newly refurbished Community Hub and to allocate £100 from the 'festivals' budget to meet incidental costs.
 - b. **Skatepark Disco** - To approve the holding of the annual Skatepark Disco in the King George's Field on Tuesday 18th August 2026 from 5.45 pm – 8.00 pm
 - c. **Apple Day** - To approve the holding of another Apple Day in the King George's Field on Sunday 18th October 2026 from 10 am to 1 pm and to allocate £250 from the Environment Committee budget line to meet incidental costs.
 - d. **Tis the Season** – To approve the date for Tis the Season as Saturday 12th December 2026.
- **All events were approved; NE/MC; unanimous.**

90.26 Letters to the Chief Fire Officer and Local

To ratify the letters sent to the Chief Officer of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and Rt Hon John Glen MP reiterating the Council's concerns about fire station closures and to note the Chief Fire Officer's prompt response:

- **Ratified; NE/MC; unanimous.**

91.26 Risk Assessments

To approve the following Risk Assessments:

- a. For the Community Hub's official opening on 18th August.
 - b. For the Skatepark Disco on 18th August.
- **Approved subject to minor amendments; MC/KG; unanimous.**

92.26 Reading Room Trust Insurance

To approve the renewal premium from Zurich Insurance of £537.21 for the Reading Room Trust which becomes due on 22nd August 2026:

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

93.26 Finance – August Financial Information

To approve and note the following reports:

- a. Retrospective approval of payments from 01/07/2026 to 31/07/2026 - £153.95
- b. Approval of August Faster Payment transactions - £10,752.35
- c. Current Account bank reconciliation to 30th June and 31st July 2026 - £60,064.26 and £46,408.35
- d. Deposit Account bank reconciliation to 30th June and 31st July 2026 - £85,248.81
- e. Petty Cash Account reconciliation to 31st May, 30th June and 31st July 2026 - £294.18, £87.56 and £23.95

Payee	£		Reason for Payment
Staff Salaries, Pension & HMRC	7,314.43		Salary standing orders and reconciliations
Microshade VSM	162.10		Cloud services and hosting
K Campbell	330.46		Locum Youth work for July
Andyvan	185.44		Bags, cleaning materials, toilet seat
Replay Maintenance	435.96		Quarterly Maintenance of MUGA
The Play Inspection Company	312.00		Quarterly inspections
B Ford	364.70		Pay & Expenses in June and July 2026
Tisbury Carnival	300.00		Small Grant
Zurich Insurance	537.21		Tisbury Reading Room Trust
Wiltshire Council	57.53		Quarterly Electricity at Community Hub
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	372.58	DD	Waste service
West Mercia Energy	113.18	DD	Public Toilets & Reading Room
	10,752.35		

- f. Budget to Actual Reports to 30th June and 31st July 2026
- g. Earmarked Reserves to 30th June and 31st July 2026 - £70,157.69 and £71,512.69
- **All reports were noted and approved; NE/KG; unanimous.**

94.26 Representative Reports

The following reports were received and noted:

Tisbury Footpath Club: Councillor Errington reported on the work of the Club in July. He said the volunteers should be congratulated on clearing overgrown vegetation from sections of the following eight footpaths to the east of Tisbury:

- TISB10 Chilmark Road towards Vicarage Barn Farm
- TISB12 Cuffs Lane to Duck Street
- TISB15 Tisbury Row towards the station – enclosed section below embankment
- TISB24 Mill Farm towards Haredene Farm
- TISB31 Upper Chicksgrove towards Chilmark Road – enclosed section
- TISB32 Chilmark Road towards Ridge through woodland
- TISB39 Chicksgrove Road to Mill Farm
- TISB61 North end off Chilmark Road

Station Works Development: A report was provided by Councillor Murray at the start of the meeting which is minuted on page 1.

95.26 Items for Information

Councillors noted the following reports:

- Clerk's report providing information on agenda items, recent issues and work completed.
- Clerk's report on the recent Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Seminar.

96.26 Items for next meeting:

Emergency Plan

97.26 Date of next meeting:

Councillor Beattie confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7 pm at the Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury.

98.26 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 approve the appointment of Mrs Bev Ford to the permanent post of Burial Clerk to the Tisbury and West Tisbury Joint Burial Committee with Tisbury Parish Council as the Lead Authority for the Committee being her employer.

- **Approved; Chair;** unanimous.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.13 pm.