

# **TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Mr NB Bayne, Mr B Hillier, Mr R Leachman, Mr J Smith, Mr BW Peaty, Mrs E Palmer and the Clerk were present. Two members of the public were also present.

**Apologies were received and accepted from:** County Cllr. Ian West, the MoD and Police Representatives.

**Opening remarks and welcome by the Clerk:** The Clerk welcomed those present to the meeting and outlined the responsibilities of the Parish Council and its members. She thanked them for their hard work during the past year.

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:** Cllr. Norman Bayne said that he did not wish to put his name forward for Chairman. Cllr. Barry Hillier was asked if he would be prepared to put his name forward as Chairman. He agreed. Cllr. Smith proposed Cllr. Hillier as Chairman and was seconded by Cllr. Peaty. A vote was taken. It was unanimous that Cllr. Hillier become Chairman. He then took the chair. He asked for names for Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Bayne was asked if he would be prepared to stand as Vice-Chairman. He agreed. He was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Peaty. A vote was taken. It was unanimous that Cllr. Bayne become Vice-Chairman.

**Open Meeting:** A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all that they do for the village and expressed his appreciation. He asked that the Parish Council be aware of the Housing Plan that was due to be published in the summer. **Vermin Control:** A question was asked from the floor whether Wiltshire Council is charging for removing vermin. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to write to County Cllr. Ian West asking if Wiltshire Council were charging for removing vermin.

There being no further questions the open meeting then closed and the closed meeting commenced as numbered on the Agenda.

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** The new Chairman thanked the Councillors for electing him as Chairman. He thanked Cllr. Bayne, the previous Chairman, for all that he had done for the Parish Council during his time as Chairman. The Parish Councillors also wished their thanks to be minuted. The Chairman then signed the Minutes of the Annual Open Parish Council Meeting as a true record of that meeting, and also the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting that followed the Annual Open Parish Council Meeting.

2. **Military Matters:** No report. No concerns. The Parish Councillors reiterated that it is a privilege that the village and general public are allowed on MoD land and must not be abused. Dogs must be kept under control at all times, and civilian vehicles are not allowed at any time to enter MoD land.

3. **Police Matters:** Cllr. Leachman reported that he had attended the last Amesbury Area Board Meeting. **Speeding:** Concern was expressed at that meeting about speeding on the A360 through Tilshead particularly past the school. The Area Board will support villages on A360 issues.

Average Speed Cameras: A request was made for an average speed camera for Tilshead. County Cllr. Ian West had given a presentation on the proposed A344 closure.

4. **South Wiltshire Core Strategy:** No report. The Parish Council agreed that Back Lane must remain a Restricted By-Way.
5. **Wiltshire County Report:** Cllr. Bayne had requested speed indicators to be put in the village again. He stated that speed indicators are now the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and not the Police. The Parish Council stated that they will not be responsible for work that had been carried out by Salisbury District Council.
6. **Planning Applications:** None received since the last meeting.
7. **Finance:** Cllr. Leachman presented one cheque for signature: £408.75p for insurance of the playing field. He said that at the May meeting he would ask the Parish Council to approve the accounts for the year ended March 2010.
8. **Highways:** Cllr. Peaty stated that the parish stewards would not be in the village this month. **Bus Shelters:** The Parish Council stated that they would make sure that the bus shelters were kept clean.
9. **Environment:** The Chairman stated that seven families in the village were interested in having an allotment. He would report again at the next meeting. The Parish Council would not be responsible for the allotments.
10. **Village Hall & Playing Field Report:** Cllr. Leachman reported that they were searching for another grass cutter along with the school. He said that the new playing field equipment had been put on the playing field. He wished to have minuted his thanks to Emma Fairbanks for her support of the playing field.
11. **Any Other Business:** (1) **Back lane:** The Parish Council agreed that Back Lane was in a bad condition and hoped that once building work had been completed Back Lane would be restored to its natural condition along with the damaged banks. (2) The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors for their confidence in him as Chairman and that he would work hard for them and the village. He again thanked Cllr. Bayne for his period as Chairman.
12. **Forecast of next Meeting:** Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Minutes signed as approved by: B Hillier (Chairman)

Dated: 11 May 2010