

# **TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL OPEN MEETING** **TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

**Present:** Mr NB Bayne (Chairman), Mr B Hillier (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Leachman (Finance Officer), Mr J Smith, Mr BW Peaty, Mrs Elizabeth Palmer and the Clerk were present. 22 members of the public were also present.

**Guests:** Lt. Colonel Tony Cattermole representing Westdown Camp; Councillor Ian West from Wiltshire Council; Mrs Elizabeth Anson Secretary PCC & Newsletter Editor; Lisa Murray Treasurer STAB Nursery School; Mr Jason Miller Coordinator Community First Responders; Mr Bernard Kyte Tilshead Baptist Church, Major Michael Teale Friends of Tilshead Church; Mr Andy Williams Chairman SCAP; Colonel Peter Sweet Chairman Shrewton Parish Council; Mrs Carole Slater Till Valley Link and PC Alan Day Community Beat Manager.

**Apologies were received and accepted from:** Lt. Colonel Nigel de Foubert – Westdown Camp; Mrs Sue Curran TDWI, Mrs Diana Bowley Head Teacher, STAB Primary School, Mrs Helen Mockeridge Chairman, Nursery School, Mr Sam Shepherd Chairman, Orcheston Parish Council and PCSO Shona Maycock Amesbury Rural.

The meeting commenced as numbered on the Agenda.

- Chairman's Opening Remarks:** The Chairman welcomed all those present and offered Cheese & Wine on behalf of the Parish Council. He welcomed all the official guests and explained their various functions. He asked for the Parish Council's good wishes to be passed to Colonel de Foubert on his retirement. He thanked those present for attending. He thanked Councillor Ian West for his help during the past year, and particularly since the formation of the new Wiltshire Council. He thanked Mrs Elizabeth Anson for producing the Minutes in the Newsletter. He thanked Mr Robert Leachman for his work as Finance Officer and to the Clerk for her input. He also warmly thanked the Vice Chairman for standing in for him during his absence from meetings, the Parish Councillors and the Clerk.
- Military Matters:** Lt. Colonel Cattermole said that he would pass on the good wishes of the Parish Council to Colonel de Foubert. He stated that the relationship between Westdown Camp and the Parish Council were very good. He asked that if there were any problems regarding the MoD, however small, to contact him. He explained future activities on the Plain. He then left the meeting with the agreement of the Parish Council.
- Police Matters:** PC Alan Day informed the meeting that Tilshead was considered "one of the safest" villages in Wiltshire. **Questions from the floor:** (1) It was reported that parents from the school are parking on the pavements. He said that he would write to the school about the problem. Failing that, he would have official leaflets put on the screens of the cars, and failing that car owners would be open to prosecution. The Parish Council informed PC Day that they had suggested a walking bus scheme which had been refused by the parents. PC Day said that he would mention the scheme again. (2) Landrovers on Back Lane during weekends. Berry Road is restricted access. PC Day said that he would be in touch with Highways and report back to the meeting. **Speeding:** A question was asked if speed indicators could be put back in the village. He said that Wiltshire Council now has a speed group. There being no further questions PC Day then left the meeting with the agreement of the Parish Council.
- Stonehenge Community Area Partnership:** The Chairman, Andy Williams, gave a presentation explaining the purpose of the Stonehenge Community Area Partnership.

After his report he left the meeting and there followed a 10 minute break for Wine & Cheese.

5. **Village Reports:** Representatives of various village organisations gave a report. These were from: STAB Primary School, STAB Nursery School, the PCC, Tilshead Newsletter, Community First Responders, The WI and the Village hall & Playing Field. The hard copies of these reports will be kept with the Minutes and appear on the Tilshead Web Site.

6. **Wiltshire Council:** County Councillor Ian West and the Parish Council Chairman gave a report which included the Amesbury Area Board and the South Wiltshire Core Strategy.

7. **Parish Council Reports:** (1) Planning Applications: The Chairman informed the meeting that Glebe Farm was still under construction and that the Parish Council were keeping a watching brief on this development. (2) Highways: Cllr. Peaty explained the parish steward's function within the village. He asked for any problems that might arise within the village regarding highways to be reported back to him. Flooding: Cllr Peaty reported that there had not been any flooding this year and to date none expected. (3) Environment: The Vice Chairman reported that the allotments within the village were up for review in April. He asked for names of anyone interested in allotments. (4) Finance: Cllr Leachman reported that the books had been audited and were in "good repair". The Precept worked out to be £50 per house per year.

8. **Any Other Business:** A question was asked from the floor of which organisation within the village insured the village signs. (2) A question was asked from the floor as to who was responsible for cleaning the bus shelters. (3) It was reported that there were a number of rats seen within the village.

The Clerk then said that she would like to thank the Chairman and the Parish Council for all the hard work that they do, and said that they required another member. She also thanked Cllr Robert Leachman for taking on the responsibility for finance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Minutes signed as approved by: Barry Hillier (Chairman)

Dated: 13 April 2010