

TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2017

Present: Cllr. Brian Peaty (Chairman), Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer), Cllr. Judith Moore, Cllr. Gillian Goldsmith, Cllr. Adam Harris, Cllr. Andrew Reed, Cllr. Debby Potter, the Clerk & one member of the public.

Apologies were received & accepted from: County Cllr. Ian West.

OPEN MEETING: A question was asked from the floor as to when the next defibrillator training course would take place. Cllr. Moore replied there would be one when the nights were lighter. There being no further business the meeting went into the closed meeting as numbered on the Agenda.

1. **Opening remarks by the Chairman:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He signed with the full approval of those present the Minutes of the previous meeting as being a true record. He then read to the meeting Information for Parish Councillors and their Responsibilities.

2. **Clerk & Correspondence:** The Clerk handed out the magazines received. No correspondence received.

3. **Military Matters & Police Matters:** Military: Dog walkers are reminded to keep their dogs well under control while walking on MoD land. It was reported that a dog had killed a sheep and one was so severely wounded it had to be destroyed. Police: It was reported that a car had been stolen from Tilshead. It was believed to have been unlocked but had no keys within the vehicle.

4. **Planning Applications:** None received since the previous meeting.

5. **Finance:** Cllr. Leachman presented six cheques for signature. (1) Cllr. Adam Harris for village tidy up tools £584.22. (2) Grass cutting for Hillier Field £1,000. (3) Frolcon Workshop Supplies £24.90 and mole traps £7.08 = £31.98. (4) Landmarc rent for bus shelter £40.(5) Allotments £250.

6. **Highways:** It was reported that it would cost £150 per square metre, with the Parish Council asked to make a substantial contribution towards costs, to extend the pavement on the A360 close to Tilshead House. A discussion followed. Action: Cllr. Reed was asked to accept responsibility for firmly costed proposals as to what could be done for extension of the pavement. This he agreed to do. Street lights: Cllr. Moore reported that she had thirteen times reported the street lights out of order and had not had a response from various departments. Cllr. Potter also reported that she had reported the out of action street lights. Action: Cllr. Moore was asked to contact County Cllr Ian West about this matter and to inform John Glen MP over the lack of action on behalf of the Parish Council. Railings: Cllr. Leachman reported that the railings by Hunts had been repaired but not the other broken railings. Action: Clerk was asked to contact County Cllr. Ian West to ask why the railings had not been repaired. (NB. This has been done).

7. **Flooding:** No concerns.

8. **Environment:** Cllr. Moore reported that a new defibrillator with a case would be arriving soon. Berry Road: Cllr. Goldsmith reported that Berry Road had been very rutted by 4x4 vehicles and bikes making it almost impossible for riders and dog walkers. Action: Cllr. Goldsmith to contact the Byways Officer of WC to ask for a visit to Berry Road and to report back at the next meeting. Village Tidy Up: Cllr. Harris said that there was a National Spring Clean on the 1st March but suggested a village tidy up on the 11th March. This was agreed. Action: Cllr. Harris to write an article for the Newsletter.

9. **Village Hall & Hillier Field Reports:** Village Hall: Cllr. Leachman said that everything was under control. Hillier Field: Moles: Cllr. Leachman reported that Cllr. Reed had contacted a mole catcher who would charge between three hundred and fifty pounds to four hundred pounds for visits, mileage and disposal of the moles. A discussion followed as to whether to agree to killing the moles by laying traps. A vote was taken. Five for killing the moles and two for not killing the moles so the decision for killing the moles was taken. Action: Cllr. Reed agreed to lay the mole traps but would put up relevant notices warning the public before laying the traps. Rabbit Shooting: It was agreed that warning notices would be put up before shooting the rabbits.

10. **Any Other Business:** (1) Cllr. Reported to the meeting that Landmarc had agreed to repair the allotment fencing along the path. (2) The Clerk reported that no volunteers had come forward to run the web site.

11. **Forecast of next meeting:** The Clerk informed the meeting that the next closed meeting would take place after the Annual Open Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th March at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Minutes approved by:

Brian Peaty (Chairman)

Dated:

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