

# TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

**Present:** Cllr. Adam Harris (Chairman), Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer), Cllr. Pauline Collin, Cllr. Judith Moore, Cllr. Ted Basford and the Clerk. Invited guests: Melanie Baker and Dave Roberts.

**Apologies received & accepted from:** Cllr. Debby Potter, Cllr. Gillian Goldsmith & County Cllr. Darren Henry.

The meeting went into the closed meeting as numbered on the Agenda

1. **Opening remarks by the Chairman:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. With the approval of those present he signed the Minutes of the previous meeting being a true record of that meeting. The Chairman introduced to the meeting Melanie Baker the new web master for the Tilshead Village Web Site. She gave a very interesting talk and screening for her proposals for the new web site. She explained how it would be run. She said that she would not charge for her services. The Parish Council were delighted with what they had heard and she was thanked by the Chairman before leaving the meeting. The Chairman introduced to the meeting Dave Roberts the Community Engagement Manager who explained his role and responsibilities. He works with the Area Board. He informed the meeting that to commemorate the end of World War I (The Great War) it was proposed to plant trees to commemorate the local dead. It would be a national project. Suggested that the PC began looking for a suitable place to plant them. Planting would take place in autumn 2018, and if interested the Parish Council should express an interest as soon as possible. The Chairman thanked him for his visit and then Dave Roberts left the meeting. **Action:** To be discussed at next meeting.
2. **Clerk & Correspondence:** The Clerk had forwarded onto the Parish Council the letter that she had received from the Head Mistress of the Primary School. Contents of which had been noted. As requested the Clerk would send her the approved Minutes of the previous meeting. (NB. This has been done).
3. **Military & Police Matters:** **Military:** Cllr. Potter had sent an email in her absence to the Clerk. She reported that a villager had informed her that the army had shot off flares at the top of the village lighting up the fields close to the garage. It was agreed that this was normal procedure during a military exercise on military land. **Police:** No emails received expressing local concerns.
4. **Planning Application:** One received which would be discussed. The Chairman expressed an interest and took no part in the discussion that followed. Cllr. Potter had informed the Clerk in her absence, that she too expressed an interest and would not take part in any discussion. Application for: Full Planning. Proposal: Single storey extension to north-east elevation. At: 1 West End, Tilshead. There followed a discussion, and no objections to this Planning Application were raised.
5. **Finance:** Cllr. Leachman said that he had received an email from the auditors which he would answer. One cheque was presented for signature. AON for village hall insurance £759.59.
6. **Highways:** The Clerk reported that she had received an email from County Cllr. Darren Henry saying that hopefully in 2018 the A360 running through the village would be re tarmacked. The meeting was delighted to hear this!
7. **Flooding:** Cllr. Colin reported that the lets required cleaning out on Lodge Hill. **Action:** Chairman to report to the village stewards.
8. **Environment:** Cllr. Colin reported that Goddard's Lane is overgrown. It was also reported that dog fouling has now reached a disgusting state on the footpaths. People are obviously not using poo bags to clear up their dog's mess. Dog mess leads to disease in children, horses, cows and other dogs. It is against the law to allow dogs to foul public foot paths. **Action:** Signs will now have to be erected. Chairman to report back to next meeting on pricing. Clean up Tilshead: The Chairman reported that he

was delighted with how many people turned up for this event (24). The next one will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to email County Cllr. Darren Henry to thank him and particularly his two children for helping with the clean up. (NB. This has been done). The Chairman confirmed that the reflector tapes had been put on the railings.

9. **Village Hall & Playing Field Reports:** Cllr. Leachman reported that he had received two cheques from Wiltshire Unitary Council for (1) Local elections and (2) General Election. He is still waiting for an estimate for work to repair of the porch over the village hall.
10. **Any Other Business:** The Chairman said that he would be contacting Gill Taylor to discuss speeding through the village and how to prevent it.
11. **Forecast of Next Meeting:** It was agreed at the previous meeting that there would not be a meeting in August unless the need arose for one. In which event a meeting would be called. The next meeting is on WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> September at 7 pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45.

Minutes approved by:

Adam Harris (Chairman)

Dated:

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