

TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2018

Present: Cllr. Adam Harris (Chairman), Cllr. Debby Potter (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer), Cllr. Pauline Colin, Cllr. Gillian Goldsmith, the Clerk & one member of the public.

Apologies received & accepted from: Cllr. Ted Basford & Cllr. Judith Moore.

OPEN MEETING: As no questions or concerns were raised from the floor, 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 then signed the Minutes of the previous meeting with the full approval of those present, being a true record of that meeting. The Chairman gave each Parish Councillor a printed copy of Powers & Duties of Local Councils. He has a booklet on a Good Councillor's Guide for those who wish to borrow it.
2. **Clerk & Correspondence:** The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a reply from the CO of Westdown Camp in reply to her email. She had informed the CO of complaints received of low flying helicopters over the village boundaries during the last exercise on the Plain. The Parish Council's concerns had been noted, and that the MoD will continue in making all crews aware of the population within their Range Boundaries. The number for complaints is 01780 471558 and email swk-lowflying@mod.gov.uk.
3. **Military & Police Matters:** **Military:** A number of quad bikes reported on the Plain. **Police:** The Chairman reported that he had attended the Police Neighbourhood Watch meeting. Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) will soon be more visible. The Police are targeting off road vehicles on the Plain. The Police also have a target control of speeding through villages. Speed traps will now be at the beginning and end of villages – this has proved to be most successful. Signs have been put up in the laybys opposite the Lodge entrance warning of car thieves who break into vehicles.
4. **Planning Applications:** None received since the previous meeting.
5. **Finance:** Cllr. Leachman presented one cheque for signature £54 Wicksteed for inspection of the Hillier Playing Field.
6. **Highways:** The Chairman reported that the street light opposite the bus shelter is still out. This was reported on the 27th April. **Action:** The Chairman will report it being out, again. No action as yet has been taken about the rusty foot path sign pole by Imber. This was reported on the 27th March. On the 12th May the Chairman reported the pot holes by the garage. These have been filled in. It was reported that the man hole by Midsomer Cottage is becoming eroded. It was also reported that the man hole between the Village Hall and Church House is becoming very noisy. **Action:** Chairman will report to Highways.
7. **Flooding:** The meeting was informed that Cllr. Basford had received the email from the Clerk with regard to flood warden training.
8. **Environment:** It was reported to the meeting that dog fouling continues in Back Lane and close to the allotments.
9. **Village Hall & Hillier Report:** **Village Hall:** Cllr. Leachman informed the meeting that Mr. Derrick Potter has agreed to begin work on the Village Hall porch. Bookings are good. **Playing field:** Cllr. Leachman said that he had as yet not been able to contact the mole catcher.
10. **Any Other Business:** (1) **The Baptist Church:** It was reported that the building is falling into disrepair with broken windows, peeling paintwork and long grass behind the railings. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to email the owner expressing the Parish Council's concerns. (NB This has been done). (2) **Best Kept Village Competition:** The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been in contact with CPRE but no decision as yet had been made. **Action:** The Chairman will contact them again and report back

to the next meeting. (3) Parish Steward: Cllr. Potter has agreed to take on responsibility for the Parish Steward. (4) Area Board Meetings: It was agreed that as these meetings are open to the general public they should be on the Tilshead Web Site. (5) Village Party to commemorate the end of the First World War (Great War): It was agreed that a buffet lunch party would be held in the Village Hall to commemorate the end of the First World War after the Remembrance Day Service in November. Action: A sub-committee would be formed. (6) Allotments: Cllr. Potter said that the allotments were now looking wonderful. (7) Rose on the bus shelter by field: A request had been asked by a villager if a rose could be planted on the bus shelter, and they would meet the cost. This was agreed but the person concerned would have to buy the rose, plant it, water it and generally look after it. Also it must be planted at the side of the bus shelter and no foliage should be allowed to fall into the field. (8) Painting internally the bush shelters: It was reported that in some villages the insides of bus shelters had been painted white which had led to them looking much cleaner and less vandalism. This was agreed. The Chairman said that he would purchase the paint. A vote was taken regarding the cost and all agreed. An invoice would be given to Cllr. Leachman. (9) Everleigh: The Chairman suggested to the Parish Councillors that they log onto Everleigh and fill in the questionnaire. (10) Electoral Review: The Chairman reported to the meeting that because of the large amount of development within Wiltshire an electoral review was on going and that as a result Tilshead may be removed from the Till Valley. The Local Boundary Commission is looking at everything locally. (11) GDPR: It was suggested that instead of using Parish Councillor's personal emails, it would be more suitable to have a Parish Council email address.

11. **Forecast of next Meeting**: Tuesday 17th July in the Village Hall at 7 pm. It was agreed that there would not be a meeting – unless a Planning Application was received or the need arose – in August, being the summer break.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45.

Signed as approved:

Adam Harris (Chairman)

Dated:

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