

TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JULY 2018

Present: Cllr. Adam Harris (Chairman), Cllr. Debby Potter (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer), Cllr. Pauline Colin, Cllr. Gillian Goldsmith, Cllr. Ted Basford, Cllr. Judith Moore, the Clerk and three members of the general public.

Apologies were received & accepted from: County Cllr. Darren Henry.

OPEN MEETING: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and asked for any concerns or questions to be raised from the floor. (1) Concern was expressed about the postal delivery to incorrect addresses in Imber Place and North Croft. It was felt that this may be due to the duplicated postal code. **Action:** The Chairman said that although he felt this was not really a matter for the Parish Council, he would take this matter up with the Post Office and report back to the next meeting. (2) Concern was expressed of live firing over the village which may have caused fires on the Plain. The Chairman explained that Tilshead is actually in the impact area, and that the CO of Westdown Camp in his last email to the Clerk explained that the MoD do take care to avoid disturbance where possible to the village. (3) It was reported from the floor that three vehicles are parked on the junction from Candown road to the A360 which makes access difficult for other vehicles. The Chairman informed the meeting that this had already been raised with the Highways Enforcement Department. There being no other business the meeting then went into the closed meeting as numbered on the Agenda.

1. **Opening remarks by the Chairman:** With the full approval of those present the Chairman signed the Minutes of the previous meeting as approved. Future Agendas were discussed. It was agreed to remove item 10 Any Other Business and replace it with "Urgent Matters". Items wished to be discussed would be sent to the Clerk ten days before the meeting, who would put them on the Agenda and on the notice board a week before the meeting. Would also go on the web site.
2. **Clerk & Correspondence:** The Clerk informed the meeting that as requested she had written to the owner of the Baptist Church but had not received a reply. She had received an email from the Clerk of West Lavington asking where the village had purchased the railings on entering the village. Mr Frank Druce kindly answered this email giving the relevant information.
3. **Police & Military Matters:** No report. No concerns.
4. **Planning Applications:** One received since the previous meeting. **Proposal:** Construct new first floor extension and change of use of ground floor to create a new dwelling. **At:** 17-19 Candown Road, Tilshead. This was discussed and no objections raised.
5. **Finance:** Cllr. Leachman (Finance Officer) presented two cheques for signature. (1) Allied Westminster for Village Hall insurance £701.86 year ending 17.7.2019 and (2) WALC £14.99 for Local Councils Explained Book.
6. **Highways:** The Chairman reported that the street light by the bus shelter had been repaired. It was reported that the restricted byway path by Primrose Cottage and The Black Horse was now so overgrown that vehicles were unable to use it. **Action:** The Chairman reported that the vegetation would be cut back during the summer. The pole for the by way sign at Imber Place had fallen down and rotted and this had been reported to the Rights of Way Department on the 27th March. Also the pole on the triangle had fallen down and was also rotten. This had been reported to the Rights of Way Department on the 29th May.
7. **Flooding:** No concerns. However the flood warden Cllr. Basford announced his resignation to the Parish Council as he and his wife were leaving the village for a new home. The Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council and Clerk for all the work that he had carried out on behalf of the

village which had been greatly appreciated, and wished him and his wife well for the future. Ted Basford then left the meeting.

8. **Environment:** The Chairman informed the meeting of the change to the blue bins on the 30th July. He asked the Clerk to put up the relevant poster that he gave her. (NB. This has been done). He also gave the Clerk a poster about warning people not to pick up items that they had not themselves discarded. This related to the Novichok poisoning in Salisbury and Amesbury. (NB. This has been done). The Chairman informed the meeting that Wiltshire Council had banned all Chinese lanterns and helium balloons from all council land. The meeting thought that this was such a good idea that they took a vote on banning Chinese lanterns and helium balloons on Hillier Playing Field. A vote was taken and all were in favour.
9. **Village Hall & Hillier Playing Field:** Village Hall: No concerns. Hillier Playing Field: Cllr. Leachman reported he had not been informed that there was a wasps' nest in the playing field. This should have been reported to the Hillier Playing Field Committee.
10. **Any Other Business:** (1) Cllr. Potter reported that the allotments were looking lovely. (2) **Best Kept Village.** The Chairman had asked about the Best Kept Village but informed that Tilshead's application had not been registered despite the Chairman being able to prove that he had entered the village in the competition. This was greeted with annoyance and confidence expressed in the Chairman. (3) **Cllr. Ted Basford's resignation:** The Chairman asked the Clerk to inform the Elections Department of Wiltshire Council of the resignation by Ted Basford. (NB. This has been done, and relevant information received now on both notice boards and on the web site). (4) **Shrewton Shines Memorial Book:** This will be ready by early November. (5) **Proposed painting of the bus shelters:** This has not yet been done. (6) **World War I (Great War) Memorial Bench:** The Chairman showed the meeting a booklet on benches to commemorate the First World War. All liked what they saw. Would cost £695 plus £100 delivery. The Parish Council agreed to pay £400 towards the cost. The Parish Council was reminded by Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer) that the Parish Council can claim back the VAT. It was decided to take a vote. The Chairman proposed the purchase of the bench with £400 towards the cost. Seconded by Cllr. Pauline Colin. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** The Chairman would ask for an invoice. (7) **Village Notice Board:** It was reported to the meeting that posters for the village notice board are being fixed outside the notice board with selotape and blue tack. This is leaving horrible marks which have to be removed. Posters for the notice board should be given to Gill Murray at Waylenfield or Trudie James at Church House for insertion inside the notice board. The notice board is updated each weekend.
11. **Forecast of next Meeting:** MONDAY 3rd September at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed as approved by:

Adam Harris (Chairman)

Dated:

2018

NB. It was noted on the way out of the Village Hall directly after the meeting that there were low lying branches on the roof and on the roof of the porch. These would need to be removed before Mr. Derek Potter would be able to carry out building work. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the owner of the Lime trees asking if the relevant branches could be removed. Also the branches over hanging the wall. (NB. This has been done).

