

# TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

**Present:** Cllr. Adam Harris (Chairman), Cllr. Debby Potter (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer), Cllr. Pauline Colin, Cllr. Gillian Goldsmith, Cllr. George Murray, County Cllr. Darren Henry and the Clerk.

**Apologies were received and accepted from:** Cllr. Judith Moore.

As no members of the general public were present the meeting went straight in the closed meeting as numbered on the Agenda.

1. **Opening remarks by the Chairman & Action Points:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and signed the Minutes of the previous meeting with the full approval of those present. **Advertisement for a new Clerk:** The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had advertised in the relevant publications for a new Clerk. To date there were two applicants, and the closing date was the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. **Action:** It was agreed to form a sub committee made up of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Leachman to carry out the interviews.
2. **Clerk & Correspondence:** The Clerk showed the meeting the Christmas card that had been sent to them by John Glen MP (Salisbury). This would be put on file.
3. **Military & Police Matters:** **Military:** No concerns. **Police:** It had been reported on the 26<sup>th</sup> January that a suspect had smashed a window of a parked vehicle and taken a bag from the foot well.
4. **Planning Applications:** One received since the previous meeting. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 247. Proposed stopping up of highway at former Pipe Factory, 19 Candown Road, Tilshead SP3 4SJ. OS grid reference: E: 403704 N: 147990. No objections were raised. However, the Clerk had informed the Planning Office that they had given the incorrect address for the Rose & Crown as High Street, Salisbury instead of Rose & Crown, High Street, Tilshead in which to view the Planning Application.
5. **Finance:** **Playing Field cut:** A discussion took place on the cutting of the playing field. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council was responsible for land that it owned within the village. Cllr. Leachman (Finance Officer) said that it was a contribution by the whole village if the Parish Council paid for the cutting of the playing field. Four cheques were presented for signature. (1) £1,000 for grass cutting of the playing field. (2) £290 = £40 bus shelter land £250 allotments, (3) £200 Tilshead Village Hall rental for meetings and (4) £950 to Salisbury Plain Benefice for grass cutting donation for the church yard. **Action:** It was agreed that Cllr. Leachman as Finance Officer, would write to the Rector to explain the reduction of the Parish Council's contribution.
6. **Highways:** County Cllr. Henry in reply to a question said that the High Street may be resurfaced in 2019/20. **Speed Bumps:** In answer to a written question to the Parish Council, speed bumps cannot be installed on a main road which the A360 is. **Packway:** County Cllr. Henry informed the meeting that there are temporary traffic lights on the Packway which will cover half term and again at Easter.
7. **Environment:** **Cherry Tree by the Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that the Wiltshire Council Tree Surgeon had inspected the Cherry Tree, and reported that there was no immediate need to remove the tree. However, he suggested cutting down the dead branch. If the tree had recovered by the end of the summer then there would be no need to remove it at all. Planning Permission was required to cut down the branch as it was in the Conservation Area. **Action:** The Chairman would apply for the necessary Planning Permission. **Best Kept Village Competition:** It was decided to enter the competition. **Action:** The Chairman would enter the village into the competition. **Great British Spring Clean:** The proposed dates were the 13<sup>th</sup> April or the 11<sup>th</sup> May. **Action:** Cllr. Leachman to book the Village Hall.
8. **Village Hall & Hillier Playing Field Reports:** Nothing to report. No concerns.

9. **Urgent Matters:** (1) Flood Plan: The Chairman reported on the meeting that had been held with Renate Molton from Wiltshire Council. It had been a good meeting, however there was still work to be done. It was agreed to form a sub committee for the flood plan which would consist of Cllr. Colin, Cllr. Goldsmith and the Chairman. Action: There would be a meeting of the sub committee before the next meeting. (2) Bridle Path past the Allotments into the Wood: It was reported to the meeting that this had been cleared and was opened up. Thanks were asked to be minuted to Lt. Colonel Nigel Linge (retired), Norman Beardsley from WC Bridle Paths and Green Lane Association a four by four association who came to help. The work was overseen by Derick Newlands from WC. Cllr. Goldsmith informed the meeting that the bridleway was now safe for riders and was very grateful for the work undertaken. (3) Painting of bus Shelters: Thanks were asked to be minuted to Cllr. Murray for painting the bus shelters, they look very good. A question was asked if the paint would prevent the swallows from nesting as they had done for many years in the bus shelters. Cllr. Murray confirmed that the paint has not been painted up to the nests and would not harm the birds. (4) Proposed new bench: Cllr. Murray reported to the meeting that he would be discussing with Major Raison proposed funding on behalf of the Para Regiment for the new bench and would report back to the next meeting. He suggested that perhaps plastic seating could be provided for the elderly members of the Glider Pilot Regiment that would be attending the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their formation, when they attended the wreath laying at the Memorial Stones on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. This was agreed. (5) Woodland Trust: The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had received a letter thanking the village for partaking in the commemoration of World War I (Great War) by planting trees. Cllr. Potter suggested that the trees could have a commemoration plaque. This was agreed but that it would be sensible to do that in a few years time for the trees that had survived. (6) Boundary Consultation: County Cllr. Henry confirmed that Tilshead would not be affected by the new boundary consultation. (7) Chairman: The Chairman stated that he would not be standing as Chairman at the AGM. However he would remain on the Parish Council which was greeted with delight but sorry that he would not be standing as Chairman. (8) Parish Council Meeting Dates: It was agreed that meetings would take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Village Hall. No meetings in August or January.
10. **Forecast of Next Meeting:** This will be the Annual Open Parish Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall. A closed meeting will follow.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45.

Signed as approved:

Adam Harris (Chairman)

Dated:

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