

Tilshead Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th July 2021 7.00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Cllr. Deborah Potter (Chairman) (DP), Cllr. Pauline Colin-Peaty (Vice-Chairman) (PCP), Cllr Robert Leachman (RL) (Finance Officer) and Cllr Vicki Harris (VH). In attendance; Gill Tatum Clerk, 1 Parishioner and Wiltshire Councillor Kevin Daley. The meeting started at 7.00pm.

1 **Absence apologies and Declaration of interests** Members are bound by the provisions of the Code of Conduct and are required to declare either personal or prejudicial interests; Apologies: Cllr Gilly C Gillian.

2 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 22nd June 2021.** The minutes were agreed by all Councillors present and signed on behalf of the Council by the Chair as a true record.

3 **Adjournment for Open Meeting;**

There was 1 member of public in attendance, who was interested in the Tilshead Walking Routes Project.

4 **Planning Applications - None**

However; 1)the Clerk emphasised the planning Application that the Parish Council has submitted VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, TILSHEAD, SALISBURY, SP3 4RZ : Consultation PL/2021/07088 for the removal of the cherry tree (on the village green) consultation replies due by 6th August direct to Wiltshire Council. This is the link to the application details <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z0000163QBT>

The tree is diseased and will be replaced by another tree and expected to be dedicated for the Queens Platinum Jubilee next year.

2) Rose and Crown Public House; have completed the request by Wiltshire Conservation Officer that the windows have since been replaced under the Grade Listed Building Consent.

5 **Update from Wiltshire Councillor Kevin Daley**

Wiltshire Cllr KD gave a brief update. Amesbury Area Board will now be known as the Stonehenge Area Board. A new highways engineer has been appointed covering our area; Rhianna Surgenor. Cllr KD is still question the A360 closure; if the contractors work continuously day and night the contract could be cut in half, and if only work at night it will take about 5 months – still waiting for feedback from Highways England. He mentioned the Wiltshire Council new Green Verge Policy; delaying cutting of verges until Sept. to enhance diversity (key road junction visibility splays will be cut).The Head of Wiltshire Council met with Highways England to discuss a bypass for Salisbury in 2030 and in the short-term will look at Southampton Road how to reduce traffic delays. A new report is due on the Police Commissioner; the new election will take place on the 19th August at present the current commissioner has stayed on.

6 **Correspondence**

(I) Glider Pilot Regiment Society; next year 80th Anniversary and wish to plant a tree and provide a memorial bench within Tilshead; Jane Barkway-Harney is the Chair of

the Glider Regiment Society formed in 2017 when the old regiment was disbanded. There are over 300 members and General Neil Sexton is its patron. In 2022 it will be the 80th year anniversary of the founding of the Regiment (John Nicholls is arranging a founders day service at the Stones scheduled at present for the 26th February 2022). The organisations wants to present the Village with a memorial such as a plaque or a bench/Tree has been suggested but they are open to ideas from the Parish Council. Cllr DP commented that we have 2 memorial benches in the Village. Cllr VH suggested a memorial planter(s) instead that “matched” the bench and could be positioned on the Village Green or next to the Village Hall. Pictures of planters reviewed showed how an inscription can be added to show the commemoration. All Cllrs present liked the idea and thought if wanted a separate plaque this could be put on the outside wall of the Village Hall to formally celebrate the regiment.

Clerk

Action: Clerk to notify the Glider Pilot Society of Cllrs ideas to follow up

(ii) Request by Wiltshire Citizens Advice after year with COVID-19 impacts seeking donation; Tilshead Parish Council has a very small budget and unfortunately not in a position to give a donation to this worthy charity. Cllr VH suggested the Clerk invite the charity to contribute an article to the newsletter to highlight their work and any fund raising initiative. **Action: Clerk to contact Wiltshire Citizen Advice**

Clerk

(iii) Wiltshire Council Guidance on Verge Mowing Policy; already covered by Cllr KD, a copy has been put on Tilshead Website.

7 Governance & Procedures

(i) Two Parish Councillors vacancies

On-going vacancies, no new councillors as yet come forward for co-option.

(ii) Annual Meeting of the Parish in line with COVID-19 requirements post 19th July 2021 date to be agreed; although restrictions have been lifted it was recognised that parishioners are still wary of attending meetings. Cllr VH suggested instead of a formal meeting the idea of the Chair (and others) writing a critique of the last 18 months about Parish Council activities including our getting to grips with virtual meetings and the re-vamp of the playground during one of the restricted periods. This to go in the September Newsletter. This may also increase the knowledge about the Parish Council and may help recruit additional Councillors. **Action: Cllr DP to draft Chairman’s report, other Cllrs to contribute and pictures so Cllr VH can produce for the newsletter, deadline mid –August for the text.**

Cllr DP & VH

8 Military and Police Updates

(i) Update on Activity on Salisbury Plain (if any information available)

No updates from Camp as Cllr GCG not present. It was noted however that more heavy vehicles were driving through the village and during unsociable hours (late at night and early morning). Indeed during the meeting a convoy of 7 vehicles drove past the Village Hall.

(ii) Update from Salisbury & Amesbury Neighbourhood Community Policing Team; a new format of report had been circulated by the Clerk but more general details and not giving local incident reports per se anymore. Cllr RL requested Clerk to ask them for a report on any incidents in the vicinity of Tilshead. **Action: Clerk to follow up request.**

Clerk

9 Projects/Activities

(i) Tree for the memorial for the Late HRH Duke of Edinburgh; the planning application has been submitted to Wiltshire Council to remove the Cherry Tree (diseased) to be replaced by, following grinding of its stump with a new tree. A quote has been obtained for the removal works once permission is granted (Tree is within a Conservation Area) and although the costs were thought reasonable Cllr RL stated it was normal practice to gain a second quote. A costing has been obtained for the replacement tree circa £75 and it was hoped that this may be donated. It was discussed and decided that a tree to remember the late HRH D of E might be better suited at the playing field (due to his connection with promoting outside activities) and the tree at the Village Hall be to commemorate HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee next year. **Action: Await planning result and commission works for the tree's removal, look at correct time of year to plant replacement and decide on siting once former tree has been removed and who to commemorate with the tree.**

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(ii) Tilshead Walking Routes Project; Clerk reported update provided by Cllr GCG who has met with the artist and the amendment from the last PC meeting has been completed. The artist is sorting a final map and Cllr GCG will be going for a further meeting with the artist. Cllr GCG has also visited the sponsor Hunt Forest Group to liaise with the wording for the board to be presented to the Parish Council at its next full meeting for approval. Cllrs asked if the artist could send by a photo (by email) of work to date so they could see progress. **Action: Clerk to notify Cllr GCG and if required direct to the Artist to request this.**

Cllr
GCG/Clerk

(iii) CPRE Wiltshire and the Hills Best Kept Village Competition entry; no news yet, judging for the second round is anytime the whole month of July and no one had seen any judges. Cllr DP will be informed once the judging has closed.

(iv) Imber Day Pop up Café & Display at the Village Hall 21st August 2021; Cllr DP had met with Cllr VH & Adam Harris to discuss the event which is hoping to raise funding for a Village celebration event (in lieu of the cancelled VE event) for 2022. A separate committee (to the Parish Council) will be set up to plan the 2022 event in due course. Cllr VH outlined that there will be no parking at Imber this year and access by bus only, giving the opportunity to provide parking in the Village with another revenue stream from parking charges. The playing field was suggested, although more volunteers would be needed to manage this. Cllr VH will put details in the next newsletter asking for volunteers on the day, cake makers etc. It was noted that the memorabilia shop has asked to take part again this year.

10 Finance Update

(i) Budget 21/22; no issues, the new lease for the allotments not yet received and 1 allotment holder payment still due. Fire Certificate service will be carried out shortly and Cllr RL reported it is likely that some will need replacing due to health and safety legislation and so costs incurred.

(ii) Cheques to be signed; None Clerk salary by standing order.

11 **Highways Update - for information**

(i) SID (Speed Indicator Device) Traffic Controls update, Adam Harris, Cllr DP and the new Highways Engineer had met on the High Street to review locations for the pole to fix the SID; due to the constraints and requirements for sight lines 2 locations were identified; by the Chapel (before the School sign) and by Judith Moore's bungalow as you enter the Village. The poles will be "tucked down" when not in use. Highways are now reviewing the proposed locations to make sure they comply with regulations and will report back to us. AH is keeping the new SID volunteer updated. Whilst mentioning the Chapel Cllrs raised their dismay that it had had to be excluded from the Best Kept Village competition and its continual decaying condition. No word had been heard from a letter written to the owner. **Action: Clerk asked to contact Wiltshire Planners on advice on a derelict building and any measures to improve the situation possible.**

Clerk

(ii) Goddards Lane (Restricted byway) maintenance issues; Cllr DP has written to Wiltshire Rights of Way (Alex Howden) to ask for the planings stored within Tilshead (James Kyte yard) to be used to improve the byway, some strimming and vegetation clearing work has already been undertaken (Derek Newland) but Cllr DP will ask if the other side of the Lane can also be cut. **Action: Cllr DP following up with Wiltshire Council.**

Cllr DP

(iii) Report back from CATG meeting (Community Area Transport Group); Cllr DP had virtually attended. They have asked Parish Council's to identify their top 1 priority project (and can have 5 others in total) but resources will mean likely only first project may be considered. Following a discussion it was agreed; top project is for a footpath for the High Street for the southern entrance of Tilshead for the existing houses (Pembroke Farm to Tilshead House which will encompass usage of Brades Acre Camp site with an extra street light to make it safer for parishioners and users of the camp site (plus staff/soldiers from Westdown Camp) to walk into Tilshead. The 30 MPH sign has in the past been moved to the start of the Village but there is no footpath or lighting to match this and drivers are approaching still at speed making walking along this route dangerous. A footpath and lighting here will provide the missing link for the Village. Additional projects identified; 2; footpath serving two Flood Cottages needs refurbishing, 3; at entrance and leaving Tilshead to look at road markings "slow" needs repainting. It was noted for any initiative the Parish Council needs to contribute 25% of the cost towards the work. **Action: Cllr DP will feedback to next CATG**

Cllr DP

12 **Environment Update**

Cllr DP

Depot Camp complaint still with Landmarc, Cllr DP will chase response if answer not forthcoming.

13 **School update**

Cllr VH has been in touch with the School. Lisa Meredith the head teacher is leaving at the end of term and being replaced with Katie Scaplehorn (Head of School) and an interim Head Teacher Chris Light who will be working with her for two days a week. The new Chair of Governor's is Jardine Broom.

Cllr VH

14 Next Meeting

Planning meeting only provisional Tuesday 17th August 2021

Tuesday 14th September 2021 (2nd Tuesdays of the month) full Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm. Signed as approved: Chairman

Chairman

Dated:

2021