

Tilshead Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9th November 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 and Wiltshire Councillor Kevin Daley. The meeting started at 7pm.

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 GC Gillian (GG)

2 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th October 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;**
None in attendance

4 **Update from Wiltshire Councillor Kevin Daley (brought forward as Cllr KD had an additional PC meeting to attend).**

Chair question; *Has Wiltshire Council monitored if there is any additional traffic flowing through Wiltshire in view of Bath City Green Zone – and has there been an additional impact through villages (as had noticed some increase of traffic within Tilshead)?* Cllr KD Yes, there is great concern at Wiltshire Council about the

repercussions their decision is having on our roads and villages. The leader Richard Clewer and Cabinet member for Transport Marc McClelland have had a meeting with Baths leaders, unfortunately Bath's Liberal Council do not seem to care about the effects their decision is having on neighbouring counties residents. WC have registered a complaint to Dept. For Transport (DFT) as well. I believe that DFT are not happy with the situation.

It was noted that the police were in Tilshead today (9/11/21) with a speed gun monitoring traffic speeds through the Village.

Cllr PCP asked about the progress of the Tunnel (for Stonehenge) and Cllr KD confirmed deliberation was still being undertaken about the decision. It was noted that locally there are still traffic problems at Larkhill and Shrewton with very large vehicles using inappropriate roads. There was a discussion about traffic issues and use of Speedwatch which the new Police Commissioner Philip Wilkinson is supporting and wanting to give more powers to and promoting the use of smart technology.

Cllr KD updated about a re-organisation being undertaken within Wiltshire Council; Current tier 2 and 3 staff restructure taking place, further updates will be available by December. Financial challenge for 22/23 are still being addressed and closely assessed by Council officers and Cllrs. He also reported about buses and how Wiltshire have secured significant funding for bus routes but that there is a current shortage of drivers for routes at present.

5 Planning Applications

1. PL/2021/09788 Skylark House High Street, Tilshead, SP3 4RZ

T1 – Sycamore tree (dead) – fell

T2 – 4 x Sycamore trees – crown reduce 20% & deadwood

T3 – 3 x Sycamore trees – fell

T4 & T5 -2 x Sycamore trees – fell

T6 – 2 x Sycamore trees – crown reduce 25%

After consideration Cllrs resolved “No objection”. **Action; Clerk to notify Wiltshire Council**

Clerk

6 Correspondence

(i) **Wiltshire Council Community Environmental Toolkit**; Clerk passed over the toolkit sent by WC, to be used as reference for any potential projects in the future for the Village. Electronic copies have also been distributed to all Cllrs.

(ii) **"Would you be prepared to pay more for local policing?" Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson consultation.** The new Police & Crime Commissioner (P&CC) is asking all who live in Wiltshire as part of the consultation encouraging the public to use their voice and influence the policing priorities he sets for Wiltshire Police. The average household (Band D) currently pays £231 towards the Police and we are being asked if you would support an increase and if so how much. After a discussion the Clerk was asked to write to the P&CC with the question that if the precept were raised by £15 per person what would the result be ; i.e./ in terms of new Police Officers, and for neighbourhood policing, road safety and cybercrime and similarly the affects from £10 per person and £5 per person. It was felt it was difficult to comment without this information. **Action: Clerk to write to PC&C.**

Clerk

(iii) **Wiltshire Renewable Energy Policy Consultation** ; Clerk outlined the planning policy for renewable energy; Wiltshire holds 11% of the operational ground mounted solar and battery installations in the SW region (compared to Cornwall 22%). However Wiltshire holds the majority of operational solar and battery installations over 25MW in the SW region at 33% (rising to 47% taking into account permissions and those under construction). The briefing note contains local policies (Core Policy 42). It was discussed a long term consideration maybe an electric charging point for the Village if there was demand and a suitable location.

(iv) **Letter to Army Liaison Officer regarding Depot Camp Buildings**; Lt. Col Kevin Cammack has written back to the Parish to confirm that the old depot buildings on Candown Road will be removed, no exact date yet but will be before the end of Spring 2022. The Chair has informed the neighbours to the buildings who had raised concerns over the poor condition of the buildings and drainage issues.

7 Governance & Procedures

(i) Two Parish Councillors vacancies

On-going vacancies, no new candidates as yet come forward for co-option. Anyone interested should please contact the Chair Debby Potter or the Parish Clerk Gill tilshead.pc.clerk@gmail.com

8 Military and Police Updates

- (i) **Update on Activity on Salisbury Plain (if any information available);** Cllr GCG unfortunately unable to attend the meeting nothing to report.
- (ii) **Update from Salisbury & Amesbury Neighbourhood Community Policing Team;** Reminder of Mary Carty 3693 Community Support Officer, holding an online teams meeting on November 11th 2021 at 6pm opportunity for catch up; it was felt no major issues for Tilshead so no one will participate. Reporting streams; to report crime or incidents <https://www.wiltshirepolice.uk/ro/report>, via 101 for non-emergencies and the drink drive hotline and via 999 for crimes in progress and immediate threats or danger. **Intelligence can also be reported locally to AmesburyAreaCPT@wiltshirepolice.uk or directly to Mary at mary.cary@wiltshirepolice.uk or Juliet.cox@wiltshirepolice.uk**

9 Projects/Activities – for next steps

- (i) **Tree for the memorial for the Late HRH Duke of Edinburgh;** Cllr RL will dig out the 2 trees on the allotments with Cllr DP on 17/11/2021. These to be then re-planted at the playing field. Chair confirmed that 2 young people have come forward who are currently working towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award to take part in the future planting ceremony and dedication. Cllr VH has got costs for a brass plaque (A5 Size) £50 (including the inscription). All Cllrs present agreed cost to go ahead and purchase. **Action: Trees to be dug up for re-planting at the playing Field. The young people to be invited at the time of planting to take place with the planting and dedication ceremony. Cllr VH to purchase plaque and circulate proposed wording for agreement to Cllrs.**
- (ii) **Tilshead Walking Routes Project;** Cllr GCG had forwarded proposed wording on the Interpretation Board to thank Forest Hunt Group for their sponsorship. Proposed wording is “Tilshead Parish Council would like to thank Hunt Forest Group for their kind donation towards the Village Map. Hunt Forest Group was founded in 1971 and the agricultural services company have been within Tilshead since 2005”. **Action: Wording to be sent to Cllr GCG to forward to Artist to complete the Interpretation Board ready to go to the Printer for next steps of production.**
- Clerk reported that Jacqui Abbott (Wiltshire Council Community Engagement Manager) has accepted the quote £254 for the 300 colour recycled Tilshead walking project leaflets (printing and design work) as part of the Paths4all project and would send invoice details. **Action: Clerk to supply financial Officer Cllr RL with the invoice details.**
- (iii) **The QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS** – the Clerk cannot yet register our event until further information from MOD, will diary to undertake this early next year after liaison with Lt. Col K Cammack at Westdown Camp. **Action: Clerk to diary registration requirement in early 2022**
- (iv) **CPRE awards – mounting for awards & location;** Ollie Beech (OB) is looking at re mounting the earlier 1998 award together with the recent 2021 award with a substantial wood surround so that they can both be mounted on the exterior of

Cllrs
RL/DP/VH

Cllr GCG

Clerk

the Village Hall. Cllr VH offered some tree wood that might be suitable for OB to use. **Action; Thanks to Volunteer Ollie Beech to undertake the mounting of the Best Kept Village Awards to then be erected on the exterior of the Village Hall with assistance from Cllr RL**

Cllr RL

10 Finance Update

(i) **Budget 22/23** Cllr RL reported he would be bringing the proposed figures to set next year's budget to our next meeting, to then agree the level of the Precept for submission to Wiltshire Council. He was expecting from this year's budget (20/21) expenditure for the SID (using monies from the Area Board Grant) and the bills for the Interpretation Board (using the donation from Hunt Forest Group towards these costs). He was also anticipating the purchase of a tree (flowering cherry? to be agreed) to replace the old diseased tree that had had to be dug out on the Village Green and the replacement to be dedicated for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

(ii) **Cheques to be signed;** Ch. No.707 £15.59 Fasthosts web hosting domain renewal, Ch. No. 708 Clerk Expenses £20.70, Clerk Salary Standing Order £218, Ch. No. 709 Witt Tree Services £450, Ch. No. 710 £12 Clerk Direct renewal, Ch. No. 711 North Newnton Parish Council laptop rental £50. Cllr RL also noted we have received £200 Best Kept Village award money.

11 Highways Update - for information

(i) **SID (Speed Indicator Device) Traffic Controls update;** No news from Wiltshire Highways Manager on the agreement for the location of the fixing pole for the SID at the Shrewton direction end of the Village. Cllr VH was requested to ask volunteer Adam Harris to liaise with Highways directly to try to agree the location. (The other agreed location is outside the Old Chapel). The order of the SID could then be undertaken with the necessary fixing pole.

Cllr VH

12 Environment Update

1. **Goddards Lane (Restricted byway) maintenance issues;** Cllr DP was thanked formally, together with Wiltshire Council Alistair Haggaty for undertaking this work Photos were presented showing the improved surface of the Lane. It was noted that there are still plannings left that can be used for other areas in the Village.

13 School update

Unfortunately the proposed visit to the school on the 15/10/2021 to meet the new staff had been cancelled. Cllr VH has; however, met with Chris Light (Interim Teacher) seconded 2 days a week at the School. He has highlighted the desire of the School to work with the Parish Council to help attract pupils. The current pupil number is 38 out of a capacity of 70 places. In the first instance the School would like to put up banners to promote the School. After discussion, it was agreed Cllr VH will cover in the Newsletter and ask for parishioner volunteers to place banners up at their properties, on a short term basis prior to the new class take in September 2022. The PC also suggested putting banners up outside of Tilshead, especially in nearby villages with no school and current pupils attending Tilshead such as Chitterne. Cllr PCP suggesting reminding the School to update its website on pupil numbers and Cllr RL suggested the

Village Hall as a local venue if required for school engagement activities in addition to holding specific open days at the School. All Cllrs fully supportive of promoting our School.

14 Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7pm Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Signed as approved: Chairman
Chairman Dated: Chairman 2021

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