

# Tilshead Parish Council Meeting

## Tuesday 8th February 2022 7.00 p.m.

### Minutes

**Present:** Cllr. Deborah Potter (Chairman) (DP), Cllr GC Gillian (GG), Cllr Robert Leachman (RL) (Finance Officer), Cllr Vicki Harris (VH) and Cllr. Pauline Colin-Peaty (Vice-Chairman). In attendance; Gill Tatum Clerk, Wiltshire Councillor Kevin Daley, Lt Col Vance Worsley and 1 Parishioner.

**The meeting started at 7.05pm.**

- 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; None Declared. Apologies: None
- 2 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.** The minutes were agreed by all Councillors and signed on behalf of the Council by the Chair as a true record.
- 3 **Adjournment for Open Meeting;**  
**1 Parishioner present but no questions.**
- 4 **Planning Applications**
  1. **PL/2021/11167 Installation of 14 Solar Panels on roof of garage, Church House, High Street, Tilshead, SP3 4RZ;** it was discussed that this was in fact a retrospective planning application as the solar panels are already in place, however no objections to the development. Clerk  
**Action: Clerk to inform Wiltshire Council**
  2. **PL/2022/00528 THE ELMS, HIGH STREET, TILSHEAD, SALISBURY, SP3 4RY 1 x Ash tree - fell, 1 x Sallow tree - fell two stems;** ash needs to be removed due to die back, no objections to the proposal.  
**Action: Clerk to inform Wiltshire Council**
  3. **PI/2022/00527 PEMBROKE FARM, HIGH STREET, TILSHEAD, SALISBURY, SP3 4RX, 2 x Ash trees - fell and reduce stems on 1 x Ash tree, 1 x Sycamore tree and 1 x Hawthorn tree;** again Ash needs to be removed due to die back, no objections to the proposal. Clerk  
**Action: Clerk to inform Wiltshire Council**
- 5 **Update from Wiltshire Councillor Kevin Daley (KD)**

KD reported back from the CATG meeting (which Chair DP had attended) and about Wiltshire StreetScene who are producing a new contract for grass cutting works and will want to know directly from Parishes what level of grass cutting services they will require across the Parish. This will consist of options for amenity cutting (playing field at a set cost), wildflower cutting (maybe only 2 cuts a year) or more intense grass cutting. StreetScene will have a virtual meeting, chaired by Cllr KD around the second week of March to discuss requirements, and in the interim Tilshead PC should review what types of grass cutting is required to seek options on costs from Wiltshire Council at this meeting.

He was asked by Cllrs present on the progress of Stonehenge – A303 proposals; he is anticipating an answer shortly after a meeting in March 2022. Chair DP to also email him about a reported street light bulb malfunction on Candown Road that has still not been dealt with despite reporting via MyWilts App.

## 6 Correspondence

- (1) **Appointment of Lt Col Vance Worsley** Commandant at HQ SPTA Westdown replacing Lieutenant Colonel Kev Cammack MBE RA who was welcomed to the post and to the meeting.
- (2) **Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**; request for a donation and publicity of their home security service. Cllrs were very supportive of the organisation and 2 had already had direct experience of using their services. The Trust exists to visit homes to advise about security to enable people to feel safe in their own home (some are victims of house crime, some domestic abuse and some elderly and vulnerable people). They also run a stay safe online service to support those victims of cybercrime and clients who wish to work proactively and improve their knowledge by phone or video calls. Whilst very supportive, as a very small Parish with limited funding it was agreed to put the posters on the Notice board, on the Website and information in the Newsletter for Parishioners, and suggested that Parishioners on using the service could provide a small donation individually for their work. See [www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk)
- (3) **Change of contact for Wiltshire Association of Local Councils** (due to resignation of Katie Fielding County Secretary), the temporary contact is Karen Winchcombe Interim WALC Adviser [kwinchcombe@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:kwinchcombe@communityfirst.org.uk)
- (4) **CPRE WILTSHIRE AND CCM TECHNOLOGIES BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2022**; As a winner last year we cannot enter the “normal” competition but are eligible to enter for the Laurence Kitching Award (sent to the 6 villages who won at County level in 2019 and 2021). It was decided however, after all the work last year, to have a 2 year rest and re-enter the competition when eligible again in 2024.
- (5) **Glider Pilot Service 26th February at 11.30am at the Memorial Stones**; This years' service embraces the 80th year of the formation of the Glider Pilot Regiment and Airborne Forces and the AAC have agreed to add a small contingent of junior troops along with the AAC Standard for the occasion. As always we welcome the attendance of Tilshead residents both to meeting at the Village Hall from 10am for coffee/tea prior to the service at the Memorial Stones at 11.30am.
- (6) **Back Lane Complaint update**; Chair Cllr DP had met with Alex Howson (Wiltshire Rights of Way Officer), he will double check the Land Registry on ownership and if (as is believed) that the land is not in their ownership he will write to them to inform that their garden cannot be extended onto the public right of way.

## 7 Governance & Procedures

- (i) **Resignation of Parish Clerk & Appointment of new Clerk**; the present Clerk Gill Tatum has given her resignation and will leave on 28/02/2022. 2 applications\* have been received and it was agreed that Cllrs Chair DP, Finance Officer RL and Cllr VH will be on the interview panel. \* 1 application was received after the meeting with the source from the newsletter, but as it was acknowledged that this had been distributed later than usual, that the application would be accepted to gain a second applicant. Interviews will be scheduled at the Village Hall in February 2022. Gill will prepare hand over notes especially passwords for access to the generic email address so that Parishioners can continue to contact the parish council using the Clerk address of

[tilshead.pc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:tilshead.pc.clerk@gmail.com). In the interim Cllr VH will check email correspondence sent to this address.

**(ii) Two Parish Councillors vacancies**

On-going vacancies, again no new candidates as yet come forward for co-option. Anyone interested in the new year should please contact the Chair Debby Potter or via the Parish Clerk address [tilshead.pc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:tilshead.pc.clerk@gmail.com)

**8 Military and Police Updates**

- (i) Update on Activity on Salisbury Plain; Lt Col Vance Worsley Commandant at HQ SPTA Westdown attending the meeting gave an update;** he was conscious of lots of illegal off roading in the centre and east of Salisbury Plain and confirmed a lot of fixed penalty notices have been issued by his teams. He was also aware of the detrimental impact of motorbikes riding on unfit routes (such as through woods not on rights of way) and how his staff were successfully using drones to track where these are accessing the Plain. He was pleased that many have been prosecuted. Many of these were unauthorised motorbike riders due to the lack of MOT/insurance documentation. He welcomed any information or problem areas to be passed onto his team. He was also aware of Lamping (hunting at night) and Hare coursing and if Parishioners had any information on this to contact Wiltshire Police. He has a Deer Management team that manages deer across the Plain. Cllrs were keen to maintain dialogue and will also put information in the newsletter of any messages from the MOD to the Parish. He was asked about the redundant buildings at the depot camp at Candown Road and confirmed that this area had now been sold (he presumed the buildings will be removed and in the future there could be planning proposals for the area). The Parish Council has not received any planning notification. **Online firing times** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/Salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-firing-times>

**(ii) Update from Salisbury & Amesbury Neighbourhood Community**

**Policing Team;** Clerk outlined the latest information from Mary Carty 3693 Community Support Officer; meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm for catch up. Incidents for January 2022 for the Amesbury area were outside of the Tilshead.

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](mailto:AmesburyAreaCPT@wiltshirepolice.uk) or directly to Mary at [mary.carty@wiltshirepolice.uk](mailto:mary.carty@wiltshirepolice.uk) or [Juliet.cox@wiltshirepolice.uk](mailto:Juliet.cox@wiltshirepolice.uk)

## 9 Projects/Activities – for next steps

(i) **Tilshead Walking Routes Project; update & feedback from virtual meeting 03/02/22;** Clerk reported back from the meeting she attended on behalf of the Parish Council; Chaired by Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (Vice-Chairman of Stonehenge Board and Chair of Paths4all Initiative). £5k has been allocated for funding of which we have secured £254 for leaflets to accompany the Walking Routes Board to be placed on a lectern outside the Village Hall. Other neighbouring parishes are interested in the initiative (including Shrewton) and we were asked to put the completed leaflet on the Pewsey Walkers are welcome website <https://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome/>. There will be regular meetings. It was also suggested that someone from the initiative might like to be invited to the unveiling of the walking routes board and launch of the leaflet in the future. Cllr GCG had received an email with a copy of the plan in digital format (which she showed to the meeting). Cllr VH will now be able to commission the leaflets with the digital artwork. She was also meeting with the Head teacher shortly and will look at a trail “look out for idea” for schoolchildren on one side of the leaflet. **Action: Cllr VH to finalise the leaflets, Cllr GCG to circulate the plan and get date for completion for the lectern**

Cllrs VH &  
GCG

(ii) **The QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS** –Lt Col Vance Worsley confirmed that the football pitch at Westdown Camp will be suitable for the beacon. Unfortunately the Parish must provide the Risk Assessment, be responsible for lighting and managing the beacon and also have fire- fighting equipment. He is aware of other Parishes on the Plain having beacons and will liaise with them to find out what they are doing. No vehicles will be allowed on site, but Parishioners can either walk up or view the beacon from the Memorial Stones/Playing Field. The PC will also be responsible for clear up (ashes etc.). It was clear more work now needs to be done having secured the location (a purpose built beacon could be purchased but in the order of £500) and it was proposed by Cllr VH to look at seeking a grant from the Area Board for this and other elements of proposed celebrations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. It was discussed that it might be difficult to secure a piper but investigations will be undertaken, anyone in the Parish knowing a local piper to please contact us. **Other celebrations;** Cllr VH reported on a meeting (also attended by Chair Cllr DP) along with a group of parishioners to discuss ideas to celebrate over the bank holiday period in June. “Save the Date” 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 will appear in the next newsletter. Ideas discussed and planned; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – the beacon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday open gardens in Tilshead, and Scarecrows and outside sales for re-use/recycling, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday evening party at the playing field, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Procession through the Village , bring your own picnic/ afternoon tea. Everyone thought it was a great series of proposals and wished all the committee members well who would help from wider parishioners nearer the celebrations.

## 10 Finance Update

Cllr RL

- (i) **Budget 21/22** Cllr RL reported expenditure and income from December.
- (ii) **Cheques to be signed;** Ch. No.718 Clerk Expenses £45.72 , Ch. No. 717 advert for Clerk vacancy £120 NALC, Ch. No. 719 Derek Newland Playing Field grass cutting £1000, Ch. No. 720 Tilshead Village Hall Annual Rent £200, Ch. No 722 Salisbury Plain Benefice donation for grass cutting churchyard £500, Ch. No 716 Jubilee 50% deposit for bouncy castle /games £127.63. Income this month £254 Wiltshire Council Paths4all and £750 Area Board Grant (from previous year) for celebration event.

## 11 Highways Update - for information

- (i) **SID (Speed Indicator Device) Traffic Controls update;** a meeting has been undertaken and a proposal is now required to be submitted to the next CATG meeting due to the cost of the shallow foundations work that will be required for the site (in the ownership of Wiltshire Council adjacent to Tilshead House) to house the pole to support the SID. **Action: Cllr DP will follow up**
- (ii) Cllr GCG commented that since the new Highway Code she had found a better experience riding her horse through Tilshead, a real noticeable improvement.

## 12 Environment Update

1. **Back Lane complaint** – Cllr DP met with Alex Howson (Wiltshire Rights of Way) about the poor condition of the BOAT (byway open to all traffic) due to the use by 4x4 vehicles/motorbikes excessive rutting and mud. A temporary closure sign has been erected due to the poor condition of the right of way. It was hoped that “visitors” will respect the Notice and allow the byway to recover from the excessive ruts and mud caused by 4X4 vehicles and motorbikes.
2. **Parish Council Climate or Environment representative;** this request had come from Wiltshire Council, it was agreed that Cllr VH will be our Climate Change (Strategy/Carbon representative) and Cllr GCG will be our physical on the ground Environment representative. **Action; Clerk to notify Wiltshire Council.**

## 13 School update

Cllr VH is meeting the Head Teacher on 10/02/22 to discuss the proposed Jubilee plans for the Schools involvement and the proposed Tilshead Walking leaflet.

## 14 Next Meeting

Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7pm Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25pm. Signed as approved: Chairman  
Chairman Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022