

TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Tilshead Parish Council held at Tilshead Village Hall on Tuesday the 12th December 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Deborah Potter, Pauline Colin-Peaty, John Hathaway-White, Robert Leachman

In attendance: Adam Sturges (Clerk), one member of the public.

Public Participation 7pm

The Member of the Public raised an issue regarding work taking place at Corner Cottage and the public land in front of Primrose Cottage. The contractor's vehicles have caused damage to the grass area, and the member of the public would like assurance that the land will be put back right after work has been completed. Cllr. Potter will speak with the owner of Corner Cottage to request the use of boards or mats to protect the ground.

The Council was made aware of the boundary changes to affect Tilshead and surrounding villages. Tilshead will no longer come under Salisbury, rather Devizes/Pewsey/Marlborough. The Member of the Public felt that we have never had a relationship with these areas and was not in support of the decision.

The Member of the Public was concerned about the reduction in the number of Council Meetings to take place. They enquired about the frequency, as they are worried that parishioners could miss attending. They have asked if it can be bi-monthly. Councillors will discuss the frequency in due course.

Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.15pm

Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Cllr G.C Gillian and Kevin Daley.

Minutes. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 10th of October 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Colin-Peaty, Seconded Cllr Leachman, voting unanimous in favour.

Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: None

Consultation on Planning Applications (Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as a consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding body).

Application Ref: PL/2023/09817 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Address: The Old Vicarage, High Street, Tilshead, SP3 4RZ

Proposal: (T1) 4x Lime trees - Reduce to a frame at 9m from ground level.

Application Link: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001BDrpi>

No objection was raised against the application.

Chairman's Report.

Cllr. Potter welcomed the new Clerk, Adam Sturges to the Parish Council.

Some good news from Transport Executive Lord Peter Hendy of Richmond Hill and Imber, who has kindly donated £1500 to Tilshead in recognition of the Imber Bus Day, held in August. The money will be used towards any improvements to the Village Hall.

Cllr. Potter has received the Action Notes from the Stonehenge LFHIG regarding the Speed Indicator Device. A work package will be finalised by the end of the financial year.

Cllr. Potter had an impromptu liaison with Andrew Minting, Conservation Officer from the Planning Department, regarding the state of the Baptist Chapel. Andrew Minting will write to the owner to ensure no further deterioration of the building occurs.

Governance & Procedures. Cllrs are asked to note that there are 2 on-going Parish Councillor Vacancies.

Accounts for Payment:

Payments Ratified

Clerks Direct Magazine: £15.50

Superior Plants (Christmas Tree): £172.00 (from the Imber Bus Day funds).

SID: £2747.91

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Potter, seconded Cllr Colin-Peaty, voting unanimous in favour.

Parish Precept

Cllr Leachman explained what the Precept is, for the benefit of the new Clerk and Member of the Public.

Cllr Leachman itemised each sub-heading relating to Council business, for example grass cutting of the Playing Field, the Village Hall, the bus shelter, etc. It was noted that there will be an increase of 1.1% on the current expenditure. The figures are to be sent to Wiltshire Council in the new year.

Updates and items outstanding from previous meetings, to include: -

a) Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Updated in Chairman's Report.

b) Playground Zip Wire – Cllr. Leachman and Mr. Lee will be attending the Stonehenge Area Board Meeting on 13th December to apply for further funding of £5000.

Local Updates –

a) Environment – Cllr. Potter had written to the Right of Way Officer re Berry Road, but no reply as of yet to give an update.

Cllr. Leachman keeps a record of annual water levels and gave an update on the current levels. The levels are high for this time of year, 97.01. Cllr Leachman mentioned that the first indication of high levels is water running from the well at Church House. Cllr Colin-Peaty mentioned that we will take action once we have heard the Environment Agency. Cllr Potter asked Cllr Colin-Peaty to inform the people renting Primrose Cottage, in case they have not been made aware by the letting agency.

b) Police – Cllr. Hathaway-White hasn't yet received an update.

c) Military – Depot Camp - Cllr Potter had written to Samantha Candy of the MOD re Dispersals. Samantha Candy then replied giving the name of the person in charge of Dispersals, namely Sean Thomas. The Depot site is considered surplus to operational need. Ecological surveys need to be completed over a series of months. However, the site will initially be cleared of any fallen trees.

Cllr Potter asked Sean Thomas whether the Parish Council could purchase the allotments, and brought his attention to land behind the school laying empty. The School have expressed interest in using the land for a Forest School.

d) School – Cllr. Potter has obtained and shared with all Councillors, a list of all the term and holiday dates for 2024.

Correspondence –

None received.

Partnership Meetings to consider attending: -

- i) LHFIFG – February 2024 – Cllr Potter may attend.
- ii) Stonehenge Area Board – 13th December 2023 – Cllr Leachman will attend.

Items for the Parish Newsletter/Village Notice Board/Social Media

Resolved: Cllr Potter will draft a piece for the Newsletter regarding the rising water levels affecting Tilshead.

Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of The Council will be Tuesday 12th March 2024 at Tilshead Village Hall

Meeting closed at 19:44

The minutes of this meeting will be available to all members of the public from the village website www.tilsheadvillage.com, the Parish Notice board or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Signed.....

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