

TILSHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DECEMBER 2016

Present: Cllr. Brian Peaty (Chairman), Cllr. Robert Leachman (Finance Officer), Cllr. Judith Moore, Cllr. Gillian Goldsmith, Cllr. Adam Harris, Cllr. Andrew Reed, Cllr. Debby Potter, the Clerk and the prospective County Councillor Darren Henry. No members of the public present.

Apologies were received & accepted from: County Cllr. Ian West.

As there was not an open meeting, the closed meeting commenced as numbered on the Agenda.

1. **Opening remarks by the Chairman:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He asked Cllr. Reed to sign the two Forms of Acceptance (one copy held by the Clerk) and was given a copy of the Code of Conduct. With the approval of those present he signed the Minutes of the previous meeting being a true record of that meeting.
2. **Clerk & Correspondence:** The Clerk handed out the magazines received since the previous meeting. She informed the meeting that Norman Bayne wished to retire from producing the Tilshead Web Site. The PC expressed their appreciation for all the work that he had done for the Web Site. **Action:** The Clerk to email the Newsletter advertising for a new producer of the Web Site. (NB This has been done) She informed the meeting that they had received a Christmas card from John Glen MP (Salisbury). She had sent one on their behalf in return.
3. **Military & Police Matters:** **Military:** The Clerk informed the meeting that the CO of Westdown Camp had said that flying drones (and kites) on Salisbury Plain and all MoD land was illegal and if seen to inform the Police immediately. **Action:** Clerk would write an article for the Newsletter. (NB: This has been done). **Police Matters:** The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email asking if the Police were requested at every meeting. It was decided to ask for a Police representative if there was a matter of serious concern but asked if they would send a representative to the Annual Open Village Meeting. **Action:** The Clerk was asked to answer the email on their behalf. (NB: This has been done).
4. **Planning Applications:** None received since the previous meeting.
5. **Finance:** Cllr. Leachman as Finance Officer went through the proposed Precept for the year 2017 to 2018. This was discussed and unanimously agreed. Cllr. Goldsmith declared an interest with regard to upkeep of the church yard as she is on the TCC. A vote was taken on the amount proposed for the upkeep of the church yard for £950. This was carried by three votes to two. **Action:** Cllr. Goldsmith to enquire how much the church pays towards the upkeep of the church yard. Three cheques were presented for signature. (1) Signs of the Times £1,047.42. (2) Alastair Haggarty £125. (3) Clerks Direct £12. Cllr. Leachman was thanked for all the hard work that he puts into the Precept on behalf of the Parish Council. It is much appreciated.
6. **Highways:** The Clerk reported to the meeting on the accident that had occurred to three cyclists on the A360 running through the village. NB: Since the meeting the Highways have informed the Parish Council that they do not propose repairing any parts of the A360 despite being requested to by County Cllr. Ian West and the Parish

Council. Street Lights: Cllr. Moore reported to the meeting that despite reporting six times to CLARENCE the two street lights out of action entering the village and the one down Candown Road nothing has happened. (NB: Since the meeting Cllr. Potter has reported the out of action lights on telephone number 0300 456 0105. When reporting also give the letter/number on the street light pole to identify it). Pavement leading to Westdown Camp: It was felt that this should be extended. Action: Clerk to email County Cllr Ian West requesting extension of this pavement. (NB This has been done).

7. **Flooding**: No concerns.

8. **Environment**: It was reported that there are rabbits on the allotments.

9. **Village Hall & Hillier Field Reports**: It was reported that a considerable number of mole hills have appeared on Hillier Field. Action: Cllr. Reed to liaise with a mole catcher and report back to next meeting. Cllr Leachman reported that 41 rabbits had been shot in the last six months. It was agreed to have a “sort out” of the containers in the spring or summer.

10. **Any Other Business**: (1) A Frame: Cllr. Harris produced an A frame. It was decided to ask for half a dozen. (2) Community Speed Watch: Cllr. Harris informed the meeting that the scheme was available for the village but would need volunteers. Approximately 6 to 8 people would require training. Action: Cllr. Harris to draft a statement for the Newsletter. (3) Allotments: It was reported that the allotments were in a bad state. Action: Cllr. Potter agreed to take over responsibility for the allotments, and would look into the Lease. (4) Defibrillator: Nothing to report. (5) Parish Stewards: The Chairman agreed to take over responsibility of the Parish Stewards as he was in the village. (6) Old Post Office: It was reported that the path outside The Old Post Office required clearing of leaves. (7) Candown Road Drains: It was reported that the drains in Candown Road were blocked with leaves. Action: The Clerk was asked to report it to County Cllr Ian West. (NB: This has been done). (8) Bonfire Night: Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Nicola Moore and her excellent team of helpers including Cllr. Harris, for a very successful bonfire/fireworks evening. It was enjoyed by all that attended it.

11. **Forecast of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2017** at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05.

Minutes approved by:
(Chairman)

Brian Peaty

Dated:

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