

**SWALLOWCLIFFE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

held at

**Swallowcliffe Village Hall**

on

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. D Atkins (Acting Chairman) (DA)  
Cllr. Y Harris (YH)  
Cllr, S Banas (SB)  
Cllr. N Cooke (NC)  
Cllr. J Green (JG) County Councillor

**In Attendance:** 31 members of the public

**Apologies for absence:** Sue and David Bright, Jim and Fee Carless and Paul Arnold

<u>Item 1. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting 16 Apr 14:</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>The Chairman welcomed the villagers who were present.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16 Apr 14 were passed for adoption, all present agreed.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 2. Wiltshire County Council Report by JG:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Jose Green thanked all for attending the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Paperless WCC.</u></b> WCC has gone paperless, giving a predicted saving of £100,000, of which this saving has gone towards the youth service.</p> <p><b><u>Changes to Youth Appointments,</u></b> There have been changes to the youth appointments at Tisbury, Wilton and Mere who have all secured places for youth clubs.</p> <p><b><u>Vulnerable elderly and children.</u></b> A programme is in place for the 'deliver at home' scheme, working with the service provider HTLAH [Help to live at Home]. £800m per year is spent on Health services across Wiltshire. Demand increasing due amongst other things to an ageing community. Currently, there are NO 'delayed discharges' patients in Salisbury Hospital due to the social element of getting provision for their care package outside of the hospital.to ensure the suitability of the services.</p> <p><b><u>Transport Costs.</u></b> £25M has been spent on transport for schools, rural buses etc. Forthcoming scrutiny on these services is due to establish further costs etc.</p> <p><b><u>Car Parking Consultation.</u></b> Carparking consultation across</p>	

Wiltshire but in Salisbury City road side parking to be increased to half an hour rather than 15 mins at present. Gigant Street car park is to remain Free after 3pm. There will be small changes to the remaining car parks and it is proposed to have an improved service to the Park and Ride sites starting imminently.

**Changes to Green Waste Collection.** As from 1 June 2015 WCC will be charging £40 per green waste bin, all home occupiers should receive notice of this change via post. More information is available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste) or by calling 0300 456 0102.

**Cost of Services.** WC does indeed spend £900m to provide 350 services. £30m will need to be found in savings this next FY. £25.5m was saved last year. The Government cut of their grant this year of a further £15m necessitates this. WC receives £103.8m from Government. Last year it was £119 million.

**Core Strategy.** Due to the Inspectors Inquiry. An *Increase from 39k to 42k* housing units to be found up until 2025, The Core Strategy was adopted by WCC in Jan 15, a copy of the policy can be reviewed at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/southwiltshirecorestrategy.htm> . Since 2006 16,000 of the 42,000 have been built and there are commitments for around 20,300 to be built by 2026. As well as the 90 pitches for G&T's, the re-basing of the 4,000 armed forces personnel and their families will have to be provided for. 39,000 properties are expected to be built of which 16,500 are already constructed with another 2,300 currently going through the planning application process.

**20MPH Scheme.** WCC have selected Tisbury and Broad Chalke to be considered for a 20MPH zone, Fovant High Street and Quidhampton are also under consideration.

**Highways (SB).**

£21M has been spent on highways with £8M used to repair potholes. Another £21M has been earmarked for highways for the next four years.

**Council Tax.** There will be a 0 % increase to WC share of the C Tax for the 5<sup>th</sup> Year whereas the Police, Fire and Rescue and PC's element of the C Tax has been increased.

**Litter.** There is a problem with litter throughout WCC with a number of areas in need of clearing, WCC are willing to provide the equipment to anyone who may wish to get involved in litter clearing.

**Item 3 – Chairman's and Councillors Reports**

The Chair spoke of the late Cllr Grania Little and the

hard work she had put in for the Council, especially on the Footpaths. She is greatly missed.

**Fire Brigade Amalgamation.** DA informed the meeting that the amalgamation of the Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Brigades has been given the approval.

**Campus Project.** NC updated the meeting on the Tisbury Community Campus project is designed to produce services for the local community in one location. It is one of 3 flagship sites in the County, the other 2 being Calne and Melksham. The Campus will be on the old Nadder Middle School site, using the existing building envelope with some extension and a complete renovation split over 2 phases.

The project is being driven by the Tisbury Community Operations Board (TisCOB), which includes Wiltshire Councillors and local volunteers.

The Scheme includes a sports hall and fitness suite, a library and children's library, a variety of multipurpose spaces for activities such as adult learning classes, drama performances, events and aerobic classes, a children's centre, pre-school, facilities for the Neighbourhood Police team, business incubation units, meeting rooms, hot desking, public IT provision, a coffee / snack bar and provision for Tisbury History Society. In parallel the swimming pool is to be renovated and improved.

Rydon is the firm doing the construction which started in January 2015. Phase 1 will be completed by the end of this year and Phase 2 will be completed in late April 2016. The proposed opening for the Campus is the Spring/Summer next year.

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**Footpaths and Right of Ways.** NTR.

**Highways (SB).**

Loders Lane and Barbers Lane were resurfaced in October 2014.

Signpost repairs on the green opposite Post Office Cottage were completed in December 2014. Total cost was £294.00 paid for by a grant from Wiltshire Council.

SB informed the meeting of the availability of the Tisbury and District Link Scheme offering transport assistance. This is

based on volunteer drivers and user donations. Flyers were made available.

SB also informed meeting that a number of hedges growing next to the roads were in need of cutting back, SB will make contact with the occupants of the houses.

During Q&A considerable interest was expressed by the meeting in ways to reduce speeding in the village.

### **Village Hall.**

The Annual Audit return was completed and submitted in time.

The 50/50 club will commence running for another year.

**Item 4. Village Hall Committee** The report was submitted by David Bright and read by DA.

**Hall Facilities.** The hearing loop system is working reasonably well. The hall now has a fridge and microwave.

**Maintenance.** The outside and inside maintenance is in good order, thanks to David Morrison and Sam Turner. All insurances, fire extinguishers checks and licences are now up to date.

**Bookings.** Bookings are through Caroline Willis. There are a number of birthday parties booked and the sewing club is gaining in popularity. Village meets have been sporadically held during the year with every Friday in March booked, making a small contribution to the finances.

### **Finances**

Cash in bank £5,830.77

**50/50 Club.** The 50/50 club is making a serious contribution to the hall finances and David Bright would like to thank everybody in the village for taking part. £2,200 has been raised, with half of the costs going back to the participants and the other half goes towards the village hall. David Bright also thanked David Bowden and Pauline Rose for running the club for a number of years and also thanked Neil and Chrissie Rogers who have now taken over the running of the club.

### **Future Events.**

A BBQ is planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> August to be held in the Field House garden if fine and in the barn if weather is good or the barn if wet, tickets will be £10 each.

There a plans for a function around Christmas time,

<p>depending on how well the pub is doing.</p>	
<p><u>Item 5 Alms Houses and Relief in Need Charity.</u></p> <p>Report presented by David Morrison.</p> <p>Trustees: Paul Arnold, David Morrison and Fee Carless.</p> <p>FC informed the meeting of the trustees responsibilities; the care and maintenance of two houses in the village, Goldhill and Sandhills, along with some land and woodland.</p> <p><b>Goldhill.</b> Mary Ellis continues to live in Goldhill, Mary is an active member of the village, who devotes much of her time to the benefit of others. David Bright helps Mary maintain her garden and work is being carried out to improve the drainage from the property.</p> <p><b>Sandhills.</b> After the voluntary departure of the tenant in 2013, the trustees were able to access the property and a survey carried out. The survey has shown that the cottage is in bad condition and did not meet current building regulations and requirements. The trustees original ideas for refurbishment are no longer adequate and we have approached the village architect David Gregory to draw up plans, looking at the best to modernise the property and to bring up to the current building regulations. The planning permission was submitted and was granted on 22 August 2014. The plans have now been sent to three local builders and we are awaiting their quotes. It is expected that the new costs will more than likely exceed the original costs.</p>	
<p><u>Item 7 The Swallowcliffe Society</u></p> <p>Presented by Mrs Sara Cooke.</p> <p>At the Swallowcliffe Society AGM in November Dr David Bowden retired as Chairman. At present there is no chairman so Sara Cooke agreed to take this on, Janet Fenton kindly agreed to remain as Secretary and Mrs Chris Rogers kindly agreed to take on Sara's old role as Treasurer.</p> <p>On the historical side Sara has been in extensive contact with a Mr Don Wright who has kindly provided the society with extra documentation for our archive. There is now a possibility that the Wrights originated in Shaftesbury. The society also continue to receive queries through Chris Standbury's Swallowcliffe.com. David Bowden also finished a computerised index of the archive</p>	

together with the extensive help of Barry Fitzpatrick. This has been a very long job to take on. David Bowden is now going to produce a street map. Sara and Janet also took the map to the record office in Chippenham on behalf of the church.

The society has now decided the programme for this year:

- In August we shall be visiting David and Sue Bright's wild flower garden at Field House.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> September Mr John Smith is coming to talk on the Battle of Britain as it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- In November Martin Shallcross is coming to speak, which will be combined with the societies AGM.

Sara will be continuing to contact those who have not paid their subs for this year.

### **Item 8 Open Forum**

The floor was open for open forum and a number of questions were raised.

1. With the encouragement to carry out litter clearing, how were those carrying out the litter clearing to dispose of bottles etc.

It was suggested that the litter could be taken back to with the litter pickers house and disposed of in their recycling bins, or taken to the nearest recycling centre.

2. Has the WCC considered how it could dispose of obsolete laptops.

The purchase of the obsolete laptops are available from the WCC IT office at a cost. JG to investigate.

3. Jeremy Little gave an update of the Royal Oak clarified concerns over the possibility of a bridge being built at the rear of the Royal Oak. This has been proposed before but was never approved by the PCC. NC suggested that the PCC should review this again.

4. **Transparency**. CJ informed meeting that under the Transparency Regulations items such as finance, agendas and minutes of meetings must be available to the public. CJ has spoken to owner of Swallowcliffe Website and these items will be able to be published through the website and therefore fall within the regulations.

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