

Minutes

Meeting of: Western Area Committee

Meeting held in: Bishopstone Village Hall, Bishopstone, Salisbury.

Date: 13 October 2005

Commencing at: 4.30pm

Present:

District Councillors

Councillor Mrs C A Spencer – **Chairman**
Councillor Mrs J A Green – **Vice Chairman**

Councillors J A Cole-Morgan, T F Couper, E R Draper, P D Edge, J B Hooper, G E Jeans and Mrs S A Willan.

Parish Councillors

G Bone (Donhead St. Mary), R Frankland (West Tisbury), C Hazard (Mere), G Medley (Tisbury) and Mrs Moreland (Wilton).

Officers

J Ferguson (Legal & Property Services), J Howles (Development Control), S Hughes (Forward Planning) and A Rose (Democratic Services).

Prior to the commencement of Public and Councillor Statement Time the Chairman advised the committee that she realised the subject of the possible closure of Tisbury and District Sports Centre as outlined in the council's Medium term Financial Strategy was an emotive subject, but, although she would allow those people who had registered to speak prior to the meeting to do so, there would not be a debate on the subject at the meeting today. Instead, a full agenda item will be included in the November meeting.

490. Public Questions/Statement Time:

Ms. Jane Bacon, a resident of Tisbury, made a statement in relation to the potential closure of Tisbury and District Sports Centre as an option within the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the District Council. The main comments made by Ms Bacon were as follows:

- Tisbury Sports Centre is well attended and the facilities are very much used by many children
- The centre provides a service to the whole community
- Its future should not be decided from a purely financial aspect
- Salisbury District Council is responsible for setting the prices for the sports centre and the users realise that it costs them less to visit than other such facilities in the district.
- The sports centre is not just a centre for children, in fact, the oldest known user is 82 years old.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Parish Councillor Roy Frankland (speaking in his capacity as Chairman of the Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body) made a statement in relation to the potential closure of Tisbury and District Sports Centre as an option within the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the District Council. The main comments made by Councillor Frankland were as follows:

- Attended the Cabinet meeting of the District Council the day before today's meeting.
- Was disappointed at the financial justification being given for the possible closure of the sports centre.
- The centre provides a wonderful service to its users.
- Its closure would cause the district council to lose quite a lot of respect in the area.
- In the past few days there has been a massive response to the possible closure.
- Central government is very much committed to sports and fitness for all ages.
- Do not know of anyone who has travelled from Tisbury into Salisbury to take part in sports activity. This is also unlikely to happen if Tisbury Sports Centre is closed so the residents of the local area will have very little sports facilities available to them.

George Medley made a statement in relation to the potential closure of Tisbury and District Sports Centre as an option within the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the District Council. The main comments made by Councillor Medley were as follows:

- Also attended Cabinet yesterday.
- The sports centre is used by people of all ages and is necessary for those people who live in the rural areas.
- Residents in Tisbury would find it very difficult to travel to Salisbury due to poor public transport links.

Councillor Hooper made a statement in relation to the potential closure of Tisbury and District Sports Centre as an option within the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the District Council. The main comments made by Councillor Hooper were as follows:

- At the Cabinet meeting it was advised that there was going to be meaningful consultation.
- Appreciate that the Council needs to balance its budget but it is unfair to discriminate against the rural areas of the district.

Councillor Cole-Morgan (as Portfolio Holder for Community and Housing) informed those present that the majority of people in Salisbury District, approximately 80,000 people, live in the rural areas and 40,000 people live in urban areas. He also informed those present that Salisbury District Council provided a £5.59 subsidy per visit to users of Tisbury Sports Centre. He emphasised that this very high level of subsidy needed to be addressed as it was a council policy to provide equitable sports provision right across the District.

492. Minutes:

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2005 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

493. Declarations of Interest:

- Councillor Edge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application S/2005/1614 as the applicant is a business client. The councillor left the meeting during consideration of this item.
- Councillor Mrs Willan declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 as she is both a voting member of the Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body and a regular user of the Tisbury and District Sports Centre.
- Councillor Hooper declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 as he is a voting member of the Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body.
- Councillor Green declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 as she is a voting member of the Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body.

494. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made two announcements:

1. The Chairman has received correspondence from Dr Andrew Murrison MP regarding bridle paths and rights of way. Democratic Services will distribute a copy of the correspondence to all Western Area Councillors and Parish Councils.
2. Andrew Rose, Democratic Services Officer, is leaving Salisbury District Council on Friday, 14th October to relocate to Scotland. On behalf of the whole committee the Chairman thanked Andrew for his work and wished him best wishes for his future life.

495. S/2005/1713 – FULL APPLICATION - GARAGE AND EXTENSION TO SIDE AT 4 DOVES MEADOW, BROADCHALKE, SALISBURY SP5 5EL FOR MR & MRS R GULLIVER

Mrs Ingram, of 2 Doves Meadow, spoke in objection to the above application.

Mr Gulliver, the applicant, spoke in support of the above application.

Following receipt of these statements and further to a site visit held earlier that day the committee considered the report of the Head of Development Services (previously circulated) together with a schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting:

Resolved – that

- (1). For the following reasons:

The scale, design, siting and materials proposed are appropriate to the locality in accordance with the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan policies;

The above application be **approved** subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension and garage hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing dwelling.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed extension will satisfactorily harmonise with the external appearance of the existing building.

3. The garage doors shall not open out over the public highway.

Reason: In the interest of Highways Safety.

- (2). The applicant be informed that this decision has been taken in accordance with the following policies of the Salisbury District Local Plan:

G2	-	General Criteria for Development
D3	-	Good Design
H16	-	Housing Policy Boundary
CN8	-	Preserving or enhancing Conservation Areas
CN11	-	-New development in Conservation Area
C4 & C5	-	-AONB Landscape Conservation

- (3). That a letter be sent on behalf of the Western Area Committee to Housing Services at Salisbury District Council requesting that a hardstanding area be constructed outside 5 Doves Meadow to be used by the disabled and elderly lady who lives there.

496. S/2005/1614 - FULL APPLICATION - CONVERSION OF OFFICE/STUDY AND GAMES ROOM IN GARAGE BUILDING TO SELF-CONTAINED UNIT OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION at 44 WEST STREET WILTON SALISBURY SP2 0DG for MR AND MRS CAMISA

Mrs Moreland, of Wilton Town Council, advised the Committee that the Town Council supported the above application.

Following receipt of this statement and further to a site visit held earlier that day the committee considered the report of the Head of Development Services (previously circulated) together with a schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting:

Resolved – that

(1). For the following reasons:

1. The development provides a small unit of accommodation within the Housing Policy Boundary and , if tied by a section 106 Agreement not to sell separately from 44 West Street complies with policy H16 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan

And subject to the applicant and any other interested parties entering into a Section 106 legal agreement within three months of the date of this resolution for :

- (1) The unit of accommodation shall not to be sold separately from the main house, known as 44 West Street
- (2) The provision of outdoor amenity space for this unit within the land edged blue in accordance with details which shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.
- (3) The provision of an R2 contribution

Then the above application be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The development for which permission is hereby granted must be commenced not later than the expiration of five years beginning with the date of this permission.
2. Should the S106 Agreement not be completed within 3 months the decision is delegated to the HDS to refuse for non compliance with its provisions.

497. S/2005/1371 – FULL APPLICATION - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT AND ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING FORESTRY BUILDING TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STORAGE AND REST FACILITIES AND OCCASIONAL USE AS A BASE FOR RECREATIONAL/LEISURE PURSUITS ON THE ADJOINING LAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPOST TOILET BUILDING AT DONHEAD CLIFT GUTCH COMMON SHAFTESBURY SP7 9BG FOR Mr & MRS LOCKYER

Mr P Dance, agent to the applicant, spoke in support of the above application.

Mr Lockyer, the applicant, spoke in support of the above application.

Mr Dance and Mr Lockyer split the 3 minutes permitted to them between themselves.

Gerald Bone, of Donhead St Mary Parish Council, advised the committee that the parish Council objected to the above application.

Following receipt of these statements and further to a site visit held earlier that day the committee considered the report of the Head of Development Services (previously circulated):

Resolved – that

- (1). Subject to the applicants and any other interested parties entering into a Section 106 legal agreement to
- limit the buildings' use (particularly for overnight accommodation) to educational/recreational uses or woodland management uses for no more than 2 nights per month
 - limit the buildings' use (particularly for overnight accommodation) for forestry groups to 4 nights per year
 - Occupation by the owners is limited to 40 nights per year
 - A register of occupancy be maintained
 - The building not to be let, sold or otherwise alienated from the woodland edged blue:

Then the above application be **APPROVED** for the following reasons:

1. The buildings as built, in light of the planning history of the site, their materials and colour, and provided that their use (particularly for overnight accommodation) is limited to leisure/recreational uses or woodland management uses, do not cause harm to the open countryside or the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB or to highway safety that would justify refusal;

And subject to the following conditions:

1. Within one month of the date of this permission, a Travel Plan (including number of movements) shall be submitted to and approved in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The site and buildings shall be used and occupied solely in accordance with the approved Travel Plan unless other wise agreed, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of sustainable development, highway safety, the character and appearance of the countryside and AONB and the amenities of neighbouring properties.

2. No alteration shall be made to the external appearance of the buildings (including painting or staining) hereby permitted unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: in the interests of the character and appearance of the countryside and AONB

3. Within 3 months of the date of the permission, the flue to be painted/coloured black and to be maintained that colour thereafter

Reason In interests of visual amenities of AONB.

4. Within 3 months of the date of the permission, external wooden shutters shall be fitted to the windows and doors, such shutters to be stained to match the walls and to be kept closed other than during daylight hours when the building is occupied

Reason: In interests of visual amenities of AONB & to avoid light pollution

5. The existing roadside hedge shall be retained at or above its current height and if within a period of 10 years any part of it becomes diseased or dies, then it shall be replaced with plants of a similar species within the next planting season.

Reason In interests of visual amenities of AONB

6. There shall be no further structures erected on either the red or blue land without the express written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason In interests of visual amenities of AONB

- (2). The applicant be informed that this decision has been taken in accordance with the following policies of the Salisbury District Local Plan:

- C1 Development in the countryside
- C2 Development in the countryside
- C4 Development in the AONB
- C5 Development in the AONB
- RC1 Recreation and leisure development in the countryside

Councillors Cole-Morgan, Draper and Hooper asked that their dissent to the above decision be recorded.

498. Tisbury and District Sports Centre Managing Body – Minutes of last meeting

The committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Tisbury and District Sports Centre managing Body that was held on 28th June 2005:

Resolved – that the minutes be noted.

499. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency.

Release of “R2” Financial Contributions In Mere For New Recreational Facilities

Clive Hazard, of Mere Parish Council, advised the committee that the Parish Council supported the release of R2 funds as outlined in the report.

Following this statement the committee considered the report of the Forward Planning Officer (previously circulated) together with a schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting:

Resolved – that £33,341.62 of the ‘R2’ contributions from both the adult/youth and child allocations be released by this Council to assist the funding of the recreation scheme outlined in the officers report, and that the release of the monies be made following receipt of invoices for the works undertaken.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm

Members of the public present - 14