

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, held on Wednesday 20th May, 2015 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor John Haggarty
Councillor Jonathon Pearson
Councillor Sima Elliot

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
Clive Loveridge – Pang Valley Flood Forum

Apologies:

Councillor Colin Pawson
District councillor Tim Metcalfe

There were no members of the public present so it was decided that Clive Loveridge would give his report at the parish council meeting, held after the annual assembly, when cllr Pawson and district cllr Metcalfe would also be present.

Cllr Pearson did give his update on the Superfast Broadband project. He reported the following:

- The box (P10) opposite Courtlands, near Pangbourne, is scheduled to go live in September 2015.
- The Sulham exchange (P8) went live at Christmas 2014.
- Based on postcodes Sulham should now have SFB. Cllr Pearson even received a letter offering him fibre optic, so he called and asked for it only to be told it isn't available to him.
- The lack of SFB really restricts businesses in the area as so much is now moving online, is: tax, VAT, payroll etc and as many people do get faster speeds and add more to their websites, those people without SFB will just find things getting slower and slower.
- Fibre from the pole is a possibility for Sulham, so cllr Pearson will continue to pursue this option and keep the council up-to-date on progress.
- For Tidmarsh – there are around 150 houses in the village and the box is just too far away. The limit for receiving SFB is around 1-1.5km from the box and a lot of villagers are further away than that, so the only way to ensure SFB would be to have a new box installed in the village.
- Cllr Pearson will write an article for the parish magazine.
- Cllr Pearson will chase the SFB team at WBC for an update.

Cllr Broun also updated those present on the bus shelter and the phone box, reporting that a meeting had been held with the Barn Partnership to push forward with the bus shelter and that paint had been ordered and John Butler was now renovating the newly-purchased phone box.

Date

Signed