

# Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the village hall

## **Present:**

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Cllr Jon Chishick, Cllr Jim Hutchison, Councillor Miriam Kennett, Councillor Steve Webb

## **In attendance:**

Parish Clerk

### **63. Apologies**

None

### **64. Declarations of interest**

None

### **65. Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 agreed as a correct record and signed.

### **66. Matters arising**

Item 51: Cllr Kennett provided a summary of the bus service report she had prepared. She reported that the school bus is not available for public use, and one bus stops in Tidmarsh on a Friday, which goes to Reading and returns 2.5 hours later. The times will be displayed on the bus stops, parish website and magazine. Cllr Kennet will send the report via email. Parish clerk to send the latest Local Transport Plan.

Item 58: Cllr Pawson had circulated the email response from West Berkshire Council's Principal Environmental Health Officer. Early monitoring indicates that they will not be progressing to declare an Air Quality Management Area for Tidmarsh. They will continue to monitor the levels in the increased locations in Tidmarsh to ensure that any changes can be picked up at an early stage.

Item 61: Cllr Pawson confirmed that John Haggarty is seeking a quote for the hedge laying.

### **67. S106 projects**

Parish clerk confirmed that remaining funds for S106 projects are £28,880.

The RoSPA report was received and medium risks were dealt with.

Cllr Pawson is awaiting a response from local landscape architect firms about the Sulham layby.

Cllr Kennet asked whether any of the money can be used to help with security in Strachey Close, following the recent incidents of criminal damage. All agreed no because the money has to be used for 'open spaces' projects.

Parish clerk to write to Thames Valley Police to complain about the lack of response to these incidents, and about the lack of officers on duty.

#### **68. Parish plan matters**

Robert Robertson (steering group chairman) has reported achievements of the parish plan in the parish magazine.

#### **69. Annual litter pick**

Annual litter pick usually happen in March, details will be published nearer the time.

#### **70. District Councillor report**

District Councillor Metcalfe reported that reduced council budgets have resulted in cuts to centres for elderly people. This will result in more travelling to those existing centres.

The council is working towards a 0% increase in budget for next year.

150 positions in the council have been made redundant. These were announced in January and include natural redundancies, following people leaving and not being replaced.

Cllr Hutchison pointed out that refuse collections continued at a high standard during the bad weather.

#### **71. Planning matters**

Agreed that as the IKEA development would fall within the Sulham boundary the parish council should be consulted.

#### **72. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters**

The 40mph speed limit between Pangbourne & Tidmarsh change is going through the consultation period.

#### **73. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)**

Nothing to report.

New PCSO in area. Parish council to advertise drop in sessions in parish notice boards.

#### **74. Environmental Matters**

Cllr Pawson pointed out that levels of the Pang are at its highest since the floods in 2007, due to the recent heavy rainfall.

Cllr Pawson will be attending Operation Water Mark, in which flood planning will be tested using a tabletop exercise.

#### **75. AWE update**

Cllr Chishick confirmed that the section of the Pangbourne pipeline, which crossed the Sulham brook in Pangbourne, has been removed.

#### **76. Payments made:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RoSPA	Playground inspection	£232.65
J Wheeler	Net salary	£397.20
HMRC	November tax & NI payment	£86.80
A Maskell	Playground repairs	£120.00

Agreed to fund parish magazine at £750 per year.

#### **Precept:**

Agreed 2011/12 precept of £7000.

#### **77. Close of meeting**

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm. The next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**Date**

**Signed**