

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 16th January, 2013 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor John Haggerty

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe
1 member of the public

54. Accepted apologies

None

55. Declarations of interest

All councillors declared an interest in item 14 – Precept.

56. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated, 21st November 2012 were agreed and signed by the chairman, with the amendment of Cllr Haggarty's name, which had been spelt incorrectly.

57. Matters arising

None

58. District Councillor Report

District Cllr Metcalfe reported changes to education, including Reading College preparing to take pupils from the age of 14 from this September, which could put an extra strain on the school transport budget. Eastern Area Vision meeting has been delayed, due to changes in staff.

59. Planning

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
12/02710/FUL	Moor Copse, Mill Lane.	Demolition of the	Approved

	RG8 8EB	existing dwellings and outbuildings and the construction of detached dwelling	
12/02487/Certe	Meadow View Cottage, Nunhide Lane, Sulham	Residential use of former agricultural building	Approved
12/02392/Certe	Nutleys Yard, Meadow View Cottage, Nunhide Lane, Sulham	Builders yard and storage buildings (sui generis use)	Approved
12/02469/FUL	Mayden Farm, Tidmarsh, RG8 8HG	Change of use of land from agricultural to commercial breeding of horses owned by Mayden Stud	Approved

60. Highways and Footpaths

Clerk to chase SSE re tractor/trailer carrying excavators that damaged bank (Item 46).

Cllr Pawson reported that: It has been agreed in principle to reinstate the footpath at Sunnybrooks to its former line. Sallie Jennings has agreed to organise a working party to clear the overgrown hedges, but the owner of the hedge, at Brooklands, will be contacted by Cllr Pawson first.
Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Broun.

It was noted that a new fence and gate had been put up at the silo field. There is a problem with dog fouling and it was proposed that another dog bin was placed at the end of the footpath at the corner on Tidmarsh Lane. Clerk to arrange.
Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Broun.

It has been noticed that a number of dogs are not on their leads on the path that joined the track to the church and nature reserve. There is a notice that reminds walkers that dogs must be kept on leads as they chase the horses. Clerk to put a note reminding people in the parish magazine.

Item 41: Proposed by Cllr Chishick and seconded by Cllr Webb, that a log of items currently with WBC is kept so councillors can check up on the progress regularly. To include Fingerpost at Maidenhatch, gate at the start/end of the village and the Sulham layby feasibility study.
Clerk to chase Andrew Garratt again. Also to mention to him the flooding at Mill Lane before Christmas – signs were put up just by the flood, where people cannot turn around. In future they need to be by the Greyhound pub.

61. Environmental Matters, including MG wild flower meadow

No reports of damage to properties during the recent flooding.

Sulham Pigeon Tower: Cllr Pawson explained his emails with Stuart Sowden at WBC regarding use of S106 money to help with Pigeon Tower. Cllr Pawson to go back to Stuart Sowden to discuss further.
Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Webb.

It was reported that the owner of the dilapidated barns on Tidmarsh Lane wants to rebuild them in the style of what was previously there and turn the garage block around the other way.

It was proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Haggarty that Bod Pave 40 be installed on the car park at the Millennium Green, using S106 money.

Cllr Chishick reported that a number of parishioners had asked about having a track around the edge of the green and wondered if the matting could be used for that too. Councillors agreed it wasn't something they would look to do at the moment.

Clerk to contact Arthur Cullen for an update on the trees at the Millennium Green.

Cllr Haggarty reported that the Forestry Commission would be carrying out coppicing work in Herriges Copse, behind Sulham Stables, in the near future. It is necessary work, but will look different from the road afterwards. Trees in the area need to be sprayed this year after small nests of Oak Processionary moth were found there.

62. Annual Litter Pick

Cllr Haggarty said the litter pick will take place towards the end of March, beginning of April and they will set a date soon.

63. Annual Assembly

The annual assembly will take place on March 20, at 7pm. Councillors did not have any requests for invites to be sent out to anyone.

64. Superfast Broadband update

Cllr Pearson said all parishioners must sign up to the Superfast Broadband project. He will chase an update for next time.

65. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr Haggarty went along on Monday, January 14. He reported that three police officers attended, including a new Sgt, who appeared very keen to participate and offer new ideas to the NAG.

Pangbourne will now have its own 4x4 police vehicle.

Other issues raised included speeding through Pangbourne, flooding, alcohol licences in shops in Purley and youth and drug issues in Pangbourne.

The next meeting will be in March.

66. AWE update

The last meeting was on December 5 and attended by Cllr Chishick. Slides, on items such as air quality, were shown and the results were found to be way below the required levels of the Environment Agency.

A section of the Pangbourne pipeline has been removed from the Sulham Brook as there were concerns it may have contributed to the flooding in 2007.

The next meeting will take place in March.

67. Precept

It was proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by cllr Chishick to keep the precept the same as last year, at £7,700.

68. Accounts

Receipts put forward for payment were proposed by cllr Webb and seconded by cllr Broun.

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Standing order for 2 x monthly salary	2 x £208
Sarah Bosley	Postage costs	£11.19
AON	Lawnmower annual insurance (254)	£290.44

69. Clerk's report

The clerk informed councillors about the NALC Community Right to Bid lunch. Any interested councillors to email clerk.

70. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm. The next meeting is on 15th May 2013.

Date

Signed