

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 17th January 2018 held at the Village Hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor Sima Elliot
Councillor Jonathan Pearson

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
Jon Chishick

71. Accepted apologies

Councillor John Haggarty
District Cllr Tim Metcalfe

72. Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

Cllr Broun declared an interest in Planning matters concerning The Rancher be discussed.

73. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th November, 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

74. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 64: Broadband: A parishioner has noted that there have been problems in Pangbourne with getting plant vehicles around and wondered who was restricting the movements of Gigaclear. There is still nothing being done in Sulham, with the cables still in the layby (for 6 months now). Nothing has been done in Mill Lane, Tidmarsh either.

75. District councillor update

District Cllr Metcalfe gave his apologies for this meeting.

76. Planning

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
17/03240/FULD	Tythe Barn	Division of existing dwelling into two	No objections
17/02412/HOUSE	Tidmarsh House	Approval of details reserved by conditions 4, 6, 7 and 8 of 17/02412/HOUSE	No objections
17/03174/COND1	Tidmarsh House	Approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 6, 7 and 8 of 17/02413/LBC2	No objections
17/03142/PACOU	DW Lusted, Mill Lane	Application to decide if prior approval is required for conversion of existing office building to a dwelling.	No comment required
17/03106/LBC2	Middle House, Maidenhatch	Remove non-structural wall and install shower, change rear porch door to a window, new weathering detail to existing basement chute	No objections
17/02566/CERTE	The Rancher, Unit 1	One dwelling	No objections

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
17/03142/PACOU	D W Lusted, Mill Lane	Application to decide if prior approval is required for conversion of existing office building to a dwelling.	Approved
17/02556/CERTE	The Rancher, Unit 1, Manor Farm Lane	One dwelling	Approved
17/03106/LBC2	Middle House, Maidenhatch	Remove non-structural wall and install shower, change rear porch door to a window, new weathering detail to existing basement chute	Approved

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
17/02688/HOUSE	Keepers Cottage, Mill Lane	Section 73: Variation of Condition 3 of 17/01592/HOUSE	Approved
17/02784/HOUSE and 17/02785/LBC2	Longbridge House, Tidmarsh	Stand alone 12kw system within garden	Approved

Green Gables: Cllr Pawson noted that an appeal has gone in to the Planning Inspector. Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved that Cllr Pawson resubmits his previous comments on the application.

It was also resolved that Cllr Pearson will take up his concerns surrounding the planning process policies with West Berkshire Council.

77. Library Contribution – revisit after submission of new figures

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Pearson. After reviewing the latest user figures, it was resolved that no donation will be made as there is not a large enough benefit to the parish as a whole.

78. Pangbourne Toilets

Proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Broun. It was resolved to make a one-off £200 donation but councillors ask the group that they put the money towards installing a payment method, so the user pays. The council will not make any further donation if this doesn't happen.

79. Precept decision

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Pawson. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the parish council's precept is set at £8,240.

80. S106 expenditure – plans for future projects

The chairman thanked Cllr Elliot for organising the working group meeting to discuss the S106 funds and the village questionnaire. The group narrowed it down to a top three. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Pearson. It was resolved to accept the top three ideas identified by the working party and detailed below. The council will now explore costings and contractors to carry out the work in priority order, from number 1, until the money is used up.

1: Tidy up the area between the layby in Sulham and the Nunhide footpath and put a footpath in.

2: Tidy up the footpath connecting Mill Lane to Sulham Lane.

3: Tidy up the footpath between Tidmarsh and Pangbourne, across the fields and by the river.

If funds allow they also want to tidy up the village and add plants.

Cllr Pearson was still keen to pursue the junction realignment, but it was noted that this cannot be undertaken under this S106 allocation because it was not allocated for highways work. It was resolved that Cllr Pearson will investigate how and when the project could be undertaken. The clerk will check to see if the plans that were drawn up several years ago are in the parish council files.

Cllr Broun said he would be keen to look into building a new village hall if funds ever became available from CIL in the future.

81. Highways and footpaths matters, including broadband update

It was noted that there are several pot holes on Mill Lane. Clerk to report to WBC.

The broadband issue was covered under Item 74: Matters Arising.

82. Environmental Matters

Cllr Pearson voiced concerns over the safety of the trees after one fell on to Sulham Hill. He will discuss further with Cllr Haggarty and then take it forward with the Forestry Commission.

The clerk reported that WBC said it had been out to check the broken MG fence and couldn't find any damage. Clerk to contact again and ask them to meet Cllr Broun at the site.

The clerk read an email from Cllr Haggarty, which noted that he has tried to contact Clive Leeke and ask him to lay the hedge on the village green. If he doesn't get a definite price or date, Cllr Haggarty will look for an alternative contractor.

It was noted that five lorry tyres have been dumped in the stream in Sulham Lane. George Davidson did a great job and contacted the Environment Agency and WBC and they have been removed.

83. AWE Liaison Group

Jon Chishick noted that he attended a meeting on December 6h. The MOD has decided that the preferred option for the Pangbourne pipeline is to move it but there is no money available in the budget until 2026. The next meeting is March 7th.

84. Financial matters

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Pawson. It was resolved that the clerk reapplies for the Transparency Fund for a computer, printer, scanner and software.

The clerk reported that WBC has taken a request for a dog bin in Sulham. It said it will install it and has asked if the parish council would be prepared to pay for its weekly emptying at a cost of £25.09 plus a 10% admin fee per year. Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Elliot. It was resolved that the council will pay for the emptying of a new dog bin as requested by WBC.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Total amount	VAT
BHIB Insurance	MG Lawn mower insurance (510)	£173.60	£0
Sarah Bosley	Parish Council Administration (511)	£272	£0
Sarah Bosley	Parish Council Administration (512)	£236	£0
Brian Murby	MG upkeep (513)	£280	£0

85. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported the following:

- The clerk noted that the boundary review results had now been published and that Tidmarsh with Sulham is remaining with Pangbourne.

86. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm. The next meeting is on March 21st, 2018.

Date

Signed