

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 21st July 2004, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. J. Harland, Mr. C. Pawson.
Mr. E. Ayerst, Mr. R. Taylor.

In Attendance: Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillors)
Clerk to the Parish Council

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no items listed on the agenda that resulted in any Member declarations.

18. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th May 2004, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. Matters Arising on the Minutes

No further information had been received from Forest Enterprise on the subject of the closure of the car park at the top of Sulham Hill.

20. District Council Report

John Chapman gave a verbal report of relevant activities of the District Council.

The Parish Council request for name plates for Sulham had been approved at the last Eastern Area Forum meeting, but a request for a 30 mph speed restriction had been rejected apparently due to incorrect information being given by officers to members of the Speed Limits Task Group. Following consideration of the various issues, it was agreed to write to Sally Hannon, the Executive Member for Transport and Highways, requesting that the facts relating to the request be ascertained and the decision reconsidered.

A report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister had not been over enthusiastic about the performance of the District Council Planning Department and improvements were being sought.

21. Planning

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31st May 2004 were received and the proceedings were endorsed.

The following planning applications were considered.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation.
04/01420	Maidenhatch Lodge, New conservatory.	No objections.
04/01492	North Riding, Sulham Lane, Single and two storey extension.	No objections.
04/01325	Land to the North of Pangbourne Hill, Gypsy Caravan Site	Objection. Outside settlement area, AONB, Highways and Environment.

The following decisions were received.

04/00323	Beechings, Maidenhatch.	Approval.
04/00392	Welford, Manor Farm Lane.	Approval.
04/00639	Tidmarsh Grange.	Refusal.
04/00640	Tidmarsh Grange.	Refusal.
04/00716	Storage Site, Glebe Orchard.	Refusal.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee had written to West Berkshire District Council expressing concern at the absence of specific information in regard to the sewage disposal system at the Tidmarsh Barn development. A reply had been received stating that technical issues are a Buildings Regulation issue and would not be an enforcement issue if the information is not submitted. Further enquiries would be made.

22. Highways and Traffic Management

The Highway Improvement Programme was received from West Berkshire District Council. Local schemes included the A340 from Hogmoor Bridge to Flowers Court.

Attention was drawn to the proposed revised charges for the use of Whitchurch Toll Bridge. It was **resolved** to oppose the introduction of charges for disabled and revised charges for agricultural use.

23. Environment

Councillor Ted Ayerst undertook to seek a solution to the overgrown hedge on the corner of Sulham Lane opposite the telephone kiosk.

It was noted that the trees on the site of Tidmarsh Mill had been severely pruned, but were expected to recover.

24. Crime and Disorder

Local issues were discussed. No serious problems were apparent.

25. Finance

Resolved that the following item be authorised for payment, such sum to be debited to the Parish Council account.

RBS Accounting Solutions	
Year End Closedown procedures.	£117.50

26. District/Parish Council Conference

Notice was received that a provisional date of 7th October had been set for the proposed mid term conference. Agenda items were invited.

27. Items for Information

The West Berkshire Senior Safety Handy Van Information would be held on 27th July in Thatcham.

The West Berkshire Heritage Newsletter was received and tabled.

28. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27 p.m.

Chairman
15th September 2004