

## TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005, commencing at 7.15.p.m.

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

Apologies: Mr. C. Pawson.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council  
Mr. J. Chapman - District Councillor  
Mr. Tim Metcalfe – District Councillor  
No parishioners present

### **20. Declarations of Interest**

There were no items on the agenda that resulted in Members, at this stage, declaring either a personal or a prejudicial interest.

### **21. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **22. Matters Arising on the Minutes**

There were no matters arising on the minutes that would not be covered by an agenda item.

### **23. District Council Report**

No local issues had captured the attention of the District Council.

A Padworth against Waste protest group had been established to oppose the District Council proposals to create a waste disposal unit in their area.

### **24. Planning**

The following planning applications had been received, and observations submitted on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Location and Proposal</b>	<b>Observation</b>
05/01240	Red Roof, Tidmarsh Single storey extension and new garage.	No objections.
05/01353	Little Paddocks and Craiginch Altered vehicular access.	No objections, subject to tree preservation.
The following planning decisions were received		
02/02118	Beechings, Maidenhatch, Garden Room	Approval
04/02869	Land at Tidmarsh Grange Demolition of two properties and erection of 16 flats and covered swimming pool. (The full list of conditions was attached to this decision)	Approval
05/00195	Forge House, Tidmarsh, Detached House and Garage.	Approval
05/00398	Avalon, Manor Farm Lane, Replacement conservatory.	Approval
05/00416	15, Strachey Close, Tidmarsh, Conservatory.	Approval.
03/01439	Land to the rear of Green Gables,	Appeal allowed.
04/01440	Land at Storage Site, Glebe Orchard,	Appeal failed.
04/02306	Maidenhatch Lodge, Conservatory.	Appeal allowed.

### **Section 106 Financial Contributions, Land at Tidmarsh Grange**

The schedule of financial contributions attributable to the above development had been received. The total amounted to £455,139.00, with no specific provision for the local amenities. Following consideration of the various amounts, it was considered that the contribution had been used to subsidise the District Council budget heads, with no local provision.

**Resolved** that the District Council be requested to explain why no provision had been made for local amenities and the method of calculation for the various receiving schemes.

## **Local Development Scheme**

A copy of the West Berkshire Local Development Scheme was received and noted. The Scheme is a public statement which sets out details of the documents which the District Council will be preparing as part of the Local Development Framework, which will eventually replace the West Berkshire District Local Plan. It sets out the timetable for production of the Local Development Framework documents and indicates when there will be periods of public consultation.

## **Shaping the Planning Strategy for West Berkshire**

It was not possible for any member to attend the above seminar.

## **Joint Strategic Planning Unit**

The Berkshire Unitary Authorities Joint Minerals and Waste Development Framework documents were now available, and could be viewed on the Joint Strategic Planning Unit's website at:

<http://www.berks-jspu.gov.uk/content/main.asp?pid=23> and  
<http://www.berks-jspu.gov.uk/content/main.asp?pid=27>

## **The use of Planning Conditions in Planning Permissions**

A copy of Circular 11/95 was received from the District Council, outlining the use of planning conditions

### **25. Parish Plan**

The Chairman confirmed that the survey forms had been distributed and were being collected. It was hoped to have a stall at the Annual Fete.

### **26. Change of Road Name – Mill Lane and Sulham Hill**

The Clerk reported that all the replies had been received in response to the survey undertaken by the District Council. The majority of the residents appeared to be in favour of the change of name, and the final views of the Parish Council were sought.

**Resolved** that Teresa Kenyon, the Highways and Engineering Technician be thanked for her contribution to the exercise and informed that the Parish Council wished to proceed to the next and subsequent stages to finalise the name change.

**27. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic**

The West Berkshire District Council Highways Improvement Programme for 2005/2006 was received and noted. There was no work scheduled for local roads.

A number of local issues were considered as follows:

West Berkshire District Council Highways and Engineering Department had undertaken to conduct both SID and covert speed surveys through the parish of Sulham. This exercise would proceed any further deliberations on the introduction of a 30 mph speed restriction.

The request for a “No Through Road” at the entrance to Manor Farm Lane was to be hastened.

The width of the new pavement alongside the Tidmarsh Grange development was to be queried.

Reinstatement of the cats’ eyes along the centre of the A340 was to be requested.

**28. Eastern Area Vision Task Group**

The Chairman reported on his participation in the Eastern Area Task Group. The four groups had now been integrated and a meeting was to be held soon to review the current situation.

**29. Crime and Disorder**

Inspector Andy Talbot was leaving the Pangbourne Police sector to take up a position at Oxford. It was understood that Inspector Roger Cartwright would be taking the position at Pangbourne.

There was an accumulation of rubbish at the top of Sulham Hill, within the car park area.

**30. Clean Neighbourhoods Act**

Information was received from defra about the time table for implementing the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, which received Royal Assent on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The Act will directly impact on parish councils in two ways:

- It allows parish councils to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog offences.

- It allows parish councils to introduce dog control orders for a range of offences, effectively replacing the current byelaw system.

The Act does **not** place any new duties on parish councils. The extent to which parishes wish to exercise the new powers will be up to them.

It is anticipated that the time table for full implementation would commence around the Spring 2006.

### **31. Local Environmental Issues**

The Attention of the District Council Planning Enforcement Officer was to be directed to an alleged unauthorised business activity at Tow Acres.

It was understood that an application would be made for extended opening hours for the Greyhound public house. The application would be heard under the new licensing procedures at West Berkshire District Council. An understanding of the procedures would be obtained, and an objection raised if the application was for extended hours beyond midnight.

### **32. Finance**

#### **i. Internal Audit**

The Draft Internal Audit Report from RBS Auditing Solutions for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 was received and consideration was given to the contents.

**Resolved** that the answers to the issues raised be agreed and that the auditor be notified accordingly. The completed form is appended to the official minute book.

#### **ii. Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that the following items be authorised for payment, such sums to be debited to the account of the parish council.

John Harland	
Reimbursement of Parish Plan Expenses	£ 8.85
Mike Broun	
Reimbursement of Parish Plan Expenses	£ 88.61
RBS Auditing Solutions	
Internal Audit 2004/2005 Fee	£117.50

**iii. Authorised Signatories**

Lloyds TSB Bank had submitted a new mandate for cheque signatures.

**Resolved** that the revised mandate be adopted and that the bank be notified accordingly. The completed form is appended to the official minute book.

**33. Items for Information**

It was noted that the Registration Service would be available at Coopers House, Brewery Court, High Street, Theale with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> July.

A letter was received from AWE, drawing attention to an inaccurate article in the Observer newspaper. The item referring to missing uranium at a UK site was regarded as alarmist and inaccurate.

The Summer edition of SPISE News was received and tabled.

**34. Conclusion**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.36 p.m.

Chairman  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2005