

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 15th July 2009 in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jon Chishick, Councillor James Hutchison

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

20. Apologies for absence:

Councillor Miriam Kennett

21. Declarations of interest

None

22. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 27th May 2009 agreed as a correct record and signed.

23. Matters arising from the minutes

Comment that PCSO Sue Nix hasn't visited the Greyhound to investigate the problem parking. Action: parish clerk to chase up.

24. S106

Cllr Broun confirmed that the Millennium Green mower has been purchased and is fully insured. All agreed that the mower has made a big improvement to the Millennium Green.

Cllr Broun informed the council that he has approached three companies for quotes for play equipment. The quote offering the best value for money is from Wood Themes, who quoted £11270 for all equipment and safety grass. Resolved to instruct Wood Themes to install play equipment, following consultation with the Millennium Green Trustees.

There was a suggestion that the play equipment is placed in the bottom corner of the green where it won't be close to residential properties. Agreed that a 'birds nest' style swing would be best as it meets health and safety requirements.

Also agreed that the five benches would need replacing and to purchase from Wood Themes at a cost of £275 each.

Discussion about the Play Builder Grant offered by West Berkshire Council. All agreed that the parish clerk would send in an expression of interest.

25. Parish plan matters

Cllr Webb reported that the last meeting was poorly attended, with only four people, although it was arranged at short notice. The Millennium Green projects were discussed.

A PDF version of the information leaflet will be published on the village website and a copy delivered to every household.

The new parish circular walk will be opened on Sunday 9th August.

26. Village hall building

Cllr Webb presented a request from the Village Hall Committee for funding towards improving the hall. Cllr Hutchison suggested that the Village Hall Committee apply for funding from other organisations. Cllr Broun to ask for a formal request and a copy of the accounts, and whether they have applied for any other funding. All agreed that the parish council will consider the request once all other avenues of funding have been exhausted.

27. District Councillor Report

District Cllr Metcalfe reported that the Dolphin Centre at Beale Park is due for completion by the end of next year. Outline plans for the Blue Living development in Reading are due to be submitted by Christmas.

28. Planning applications

Presented by Cllr Pawson:

| Reference | Location | Description | Parish council decision |
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| 09/01136/FUL | Storage Site Glebe Orchard Tidmarsh | Demolition of existing single storey building and erection of new building in B1 use class | Object – in breach of policy ENV 4 Should the application be approved the S106 developer contribution should be reallocated solely to Highways as the parish does not have a mobile library. |
| 09/01163/HOUSE | Cherrytrees Manor Farm Lane | Part retrospective conversion of attached single flat | No objections |

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| | Tidmarsh | roof garage into en-suite with new pitched roof | |
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29. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Cllr Hutchison reported that he had not heard from Andrew Garrett (West Berkshire Council) until July. Andrew has agreed to meet with Cllr Hutchison again to discuss the letter sent to him in May. Cllr Hutchison to report back at the next meeting.

The need for a road crossing once the play area is implemented was discussed.

The parish council expressed thanks to Seamus Logue and Stuart Souden at West Berkshire Council for arranging the grubbing out along the A340.

Cllr Webb reported that he has spoken with Streetcare about markings on Sulham Lane which implies that work is due to be carried out on the road. Cllr Webb reported the local concern that the road may be inaccessible to working farm vehicles during this time. Cllr Webb informed the council that there is no work scheduled on the West Berkshire Council website but he will check and report back.

30. Finance

Payments made:

| Payee | Description | Amount |
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| J Wheeler | Salary | £499.00 |
| Allianz Cornhill | Annual insurance premium (to cover mower) | £351.43 |
| Arrow Fencing | Circular walk stiles and gates (parish plan) | £3191.25 |
| G Kuhn | Maps (parish plan) | £486.00 |

Payments received:

None

30. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Hutchison attended the NAG meeting earlier today. He reported the problems at the Water Meadow in Pangbourne with youths causing trouble by lighting fires and jumping off

the bridge. Comments were made that since the Dolphin Centre has moved problems are getting worse. Thames Valley Police are aware of the situation.

PC Marc Robinson has confirmed that he will be in the village on 29th July with a speed enforcement van.

31. Local Environmental Matters

Report that the church graveyard is running out of space. The approximate cost to extend the burial site is £5000. Cllr Pawson asked whether the church has approached other sources for funding.

32. AWE update

Cllr Chiswick was unable to attend the last meeting on 11th June. He reported that some councillors were impatient about the Pangbourne pipelines. AWE are looking at environmental options for pipelines and stakeholders will be informed when they know more.

33. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Pawson presented three quotes for the Millennium Green replacement fencing. The approximate cost is £12,000. All agreed on the quote which provides the best value for money. Resolved to instruct the company to proceed with the work.

34. Conclusion

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.04pm. The next meeting is on 16th September 2009.

Chairman