

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 21st July 2010 in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jon Chishick, Councillor Miriam Kennett

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, District Cllr Metcalfe

17. Apologies

None

18. Declarations of interest

None

19. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 19th May 2010 agreed as a correct record and signed.

20. Matters arising

Minute ref 14: West Berkshire Council have erected 'keep dogs on leads' signs at either end of the footpath.

21. S106 projects

Update provided on progress with S106 projects:

- The marquee and eco-blocks are still being looked into.
- There is now a storage box in the field, which is locked.
- One of the new picnic benches have been stolen. This has been reported to the police.

22. Parish plan matters

The Village Design Statement evening resulted in six people putting their name down to take the project forward.

23. Air quality measure

Discussed email from Anna Smythe, about her project to measure air quality in Tidmarsh. Cllr Pawson is awaiting a response with more information from Anna.

24. District Councillor report

Cllr Metcalfe reported that financial cuts are having an impact on the council. There is a recruitment freeze and redundancies are planned.

All council services will be affected by the cuts but the road improvement project in Tidmarsh will still go ahead.

25. Planning matters

Planning decisions:

- a) Rose Cottage – approved
- b) 15 Strachey Close – approved
- c) Lawrence House – approved
- d) Nunhide Farm House – withdrawn

Planning applications:

Sunnybrook (demolition of existing single storey rear outhouse and kitchen area, and erection of a single and two storey rear extension) – support

26. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Cllr Hutchison provided an update:

- A noise-reducing material will be used in the road resurfacing project
- The speed limit reduction (from 50mph to 40mph) will go through the usual process by West Berkshire Council. This includes a public consultation.
- Report about excessive parking on Strachey Close, especially when used as a parking/meeting point for walkers. This causes a problem as young children play around that area.

27. Finance

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
J Wheeler	Salary	£539.20
Vivid	VDS leaflets	£32.50
M Broun	Storage bin and padlock	£162.65
Woodthemes	Picnic tables	£444.15

Payments received:

None

28. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr Metcalfe reported that problems along the riverside between Pangbourne and Purley continue. These include bonfires, thefts and bridge jumping. It is predicted that these will decrease when the Dolphin Centre opens.

Cllr Hutchison suggested that because many of these problems are alcohol related the police could target off- licences and pubs.

29. Environmental Matters

Apart from some fly tipping incidents, nothing to report.

30. AWE update

Cllr Chishick was away for the last meeting but is hoping to attend the next meeting on 2nd September.

31. Matters for further discussion

Cllr Webb reported that he was approached by a resident during the recent litter-pick. The resident receives a nominal fee to litter pick in another parish. She suggested that the parish council do the same in Tidmarsh and Sulham. All agreed that the parish clerk would ask West Berkshire Council about their litter picking routes in the area before considering employing someone.

Cllr Hutchison asked who is responsible for prosecuting fly tippers. Cllr Metcalfe replied that the West Berks Council and the Environment Agency work together. He suggested that one

cause of the increase in flytipping is the height restriction; imposed to prevent commercial vehicles using the local waste centre.

Cllr Pawson mentioned the bus service in Tidmarsh. Google Maps show two bus stops in the village on the A340, which includes school bus routes. Cllr Kennet to investigate the bus service route and times.

32. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm. The next meeting is on 15th September 2010.

Date

Signed