

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 20th July 2011
in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman)
Councillor Steve Webb (vice-chairman)
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jim Hutchison
Councillor Jonathan Pearson

In attendance:

Parish Clerk
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe
District Councillor David Betts (highways portfolio executive)
Andrew Garratt (Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer).
Sulham parishioners

16. Sulham Hill/Sulham Lane junction

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. All agreed that speeding on Sulham Hill is a major problem and pulling out off Sulham Lane is dangerous.

Cllr Betts informed the council that a 30mph speed limit on Sulham Hill will be considered by the West Berks Council speed review panel on 3rd August. If this is successful the next step would be introducing a speed restriction order.

Parish councillors and parishioners suggested methods of improving the junction and reducing speed such as a installing a mini roundabout, speed bumps and/or a mirror. None of these would be possible as all three require street lighting.

Another suggestion was to move the road over and realign the junction. District Cllr Betts replied that this would be an expensive option and would carry the risk of increasing speed coming up and down the hill.

Everyone agreed that an affordable holistic approach is required to control speed on Sulham Hill and address safety of the junction. District Councillor Betts agreed to obtain a costing on moving the road over and would report back to the parish council. He also agreed to report back on the speed review panel.

17. Apologies

None

18. Declarations of interest

Cllr Pawson declared an interest in the planning application for Sunnybrook (11/01103/LBC2) as the applicant is an acquaintance.

19. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 18th May 2011 agreed as a correct record and signed.

20. Matters arising

Item 13: The Neighbourhood Action Group have agreed to tackle the problem of fly tipping as a priority.

21. S106 projects

Improvements to the Sulham layby will be put on hold until a decision about improving the safety of the junction is made.

22. Parish plan matters

None.

23. District Councillor report

District Councillor Metcalfe reported that the Secretary of State supported the Planning Inspectorate's decision to dismiss the appeal from Blue Living, regarding the land behind Pincents Hill.

24. Planning matters

Application number	Location	Description	Parish council comments
11/01103/LBC2	Sunny Brook Tidmarsh RG8 8ER	Rear single storey extension and internal alterations	Support on basis of high quality sympathetic work carried out from previous permissions
11/01155/HOUSE	Manor Lodge Tidmarsh Lane Tidmarsh RG8 8HG	1 and a half storey side extension	No objections

25. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Cllr Broun reported a number of complaints about the granite sets around Tidmarsh Lane.

26. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Already covered

27. Environmental Matters

Cllr Pawson to write letter to Richard Benyon MP about the low levels of the River Pang.

28. AWE update

The last meeting was on 9th June. Nothing of concern to report.

29. Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
K Turley (accountant)	Internal audit	£40.00
West Berkshire Council	Election fees	£200.00
West Berkshire Council	Salt bin	£220.78

30. Other matters

Cllr Broun informed the council that the parish clerk is planning to leave at the end of the year, due to other work commitments. Agreed to advertise the vacancy as soon as possible.

31. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm. The next meeting is on 21st September 2011.

Date

Signed