

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 18th July, 2012 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

14. Apologies

Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor Jim Hutchison

Cllr Broun read a letter from Cllr Hutchison, tendering his resignation. Clerk to write to Cllr Hutchison expressing thanks from the parish for all his work in the post.

Clerk to discuss arrangements for finding a replacement with WBC.

15. Declarations of interest

None

16. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 16th May 2012 agreed as a correct record and signed.

17. Matters arising

Item 73: Cllr Pawson told councillors he had been approached by parishioners, with photographs of accidents around Moor Copse Corner.

Council agreed to begin compiling a list of accidents or near misses in the village. Clerk to compile a poster to be displayed, giving Cllr Pawson's email and Streetcare email, for people to send any reports and photographs.

District Councillor report

District Cllr Metcalfe informed the council of district Cllr Betts' ill health. Clerk to write to district Cllr Betts expressing thanks for his help within the parish and wishing him well.

District Cllr Metcalfe reported that all parishes within West Berkshire have now signed up to the Superfast Broadband initiative.

He also reported that a meeting was due to take place between WBC and the Environment Agency, regarding the Sulham Brook, after concerns that water has not been flowing properly.

District Cllr Metcalfe reported that footpaths had been the main area of discussion at an Area Vision Meeting.

Cllr Chishick asked if the fingerpost at Maidenhatch had been reinstated. District Cllr Metcalfe said the area was being resurfaced and the post should be replaced as part of the works.

18. Planning applications and decisions

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
12/00622/LBC2	Thatched Cottage, Sulham Lane, RG8 8DX	Replacement windows	Approved
12/00728/HOUSE	4 Manor Farm Mews, Tidmarsh, RG8 8EY	Conservatory	Approved
12/00897/LBC2 and /HOUSE	Tidmarsh Barns, Tidmarsh, RG8 8DA	Enlarged chimney	Approved
12/00853/FULD	Eaglesfield Stables, Tidmarsh, RG8 8ES	Retention of mobile home for equine worker for three years	Approved
12/00539/FULD	The Mill House, Mill Lane, Tidmarsh	Five bedroom house with car port	Application withdrawn

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
12/01123/FULD	Malpas Farm, North St, Theale, RG7 5EU	Change of use of part of building from agriculture to B8 storage	No objections
12/01117/CERT E	Vyners Estate, Mill Lane, Tidmarsh, RG8 8EB	As per title deeds the land is used for part offices/parking and part yard as storage	Objects. Planning committee meeting to be held separately
12/01682/LBC2	Thatched Cottage, Sulham, RG8 8DX	Replacement French doors	No objections
12/01564/HOUSE and LBC	Thatched Cottage, Sulham, RG8 8DX	Extension and outbuilding (garage)	No objections, but council looks to conservation officer for reassurances that they are happy with it

The chairman, Cllr Broun, thanked Cllrs Pawson, Pearson and Webb for their work on the Eaglesfield application.

Cllr Pawson reported an approach from Sulham Estates for help with costs to restore the Pigeon Tower, at a cost of £32,616 (inc VAT). Councillors were sympathetic to the plight and would like to make a donation, as the pigeon tower is open to the public, but could not see which funds they could draw on. Cllr Pawson to contact WBC's Stuart Sowden and Caroline Walsh to ask about use of future S106 funds.

Councillors discussed proposal of Millennium Green trustees to create a wild flower meadow on the green. Cllr Pawson informed cllrs of a new 'ready seeded turf', which could be used instead of usual seeds. Cllr Broun will call a trustees meeting before next parish council meeting to discuss matter and cost up different options.

Clerk to include 'Environmental Matters' in next agenda.

19. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

District Cllr Metcalfe said the next Pangbourne NAG meeting would take place next Monday at 4.30pm in the parish offices in Purley.

He asked for a new representative from the parish council, following the resignation of Cllr Hutchison, who had previously attended. Council to consider it.

20. AWE update

Cllr Chishick reported that AWE is to be prosecuted by the HSE after a fire in 2010.

Following on from his report on correspondence from the Nuclear Information Service on AWE safety at the last meeting, he reported that the EA and all other relevant bodies are happy with the current evacuation radius.

21. Financial Matters

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Standing order for 2 x monthly salary	2 x £208
Woodthemes	2 x picnic benches (239) – S106 funds	£657.60
Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk training course (241)	£130
Zurich	Millennium Green insurance (241)	£266.52
Barrett ATS	Internal audit (242)	£120
Sarah Bosley	Postage for internal audit (243)	£12.70

Clerk circulated internal auditors report and reported previous errors in running the payroll. Clerk to find out where receipts for fencing and play equipment are for a future VAT reclaim.

Clerk informed council that she no longer has to run a payroll for herself, due to earnings falling below the threshold. A letter informing the council of this, and the discussion between the clerk and HMRC and internal auditor about the matter, to be placed in the files.

22. Any other matters

Cllr Broun reported that WBC tree officers had looked at two horse chestnuts on the Millennium Green and confirmed they were diseased and would need felling. Quotes to be obtained for the works.

23. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm. The next meeting is on 19th September 2012.

Date

Signed