

# Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 in the village hall.

## **Present:**

Councillor Steve Webb  
Councillor John Haggarty  
Councillor Colin Pawson  
Councillor Sima Elliot  
Councillor Jonathan Pearson

## **In attendance:**

Sarah Bosley (clerk)  
Jonathan Chishick

## **20. Accepted apologies**

Councillor Mike Broun

## **21. Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting**

None

## **22. Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

## **23. Matters arising from the minutes**

Clerk to chase BT and Royal Mail for an update on repairing the phone box in Sulham and removing the old package box.

Jon Chishick reported that he had undertaken some SID training. If the PC wanted him to he could now borrow the device from WBC for a week at a time. Clerk to contact WBC for details of approved locations in the village. Device needs collecting from Newbury and automatically records the first speed that is registered. It stays in a location for one hour at a time. Once WBC has the data back, along with details of where it was and at what time, they can analyse the results. Their primary philosophy is education. Possible locations discussed are The Street, Tidmarsh; Sulham Lane and Mill Lane.

Cllr Pawson also reported that he had not yet contacted Arrow Fencing regarding the gates and post on the footpaths as other suppliers' details were being collated.

Cllr Pearson and the clerk update councillors on the SFB Berkshire project, which has just signed a deal with Gigaclear, which should increase the chances of Tidmarsh and Sulham receiving broadband. Cllr Pearson has been in contact with Gigaclear and will continue to chase WBC for updates.

## 24. District councillor's report

Not present

## 25. Planning

### Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
15/01277/FUL	Sawyers Wood, Tidmarsh Lane	Construction of a new outdoor riding arena, stables and new access track	No objections
15/00344/HOUSE	Longbridge House	One-storey garage, comprising two closed and one open bay, garden machinery store and granny annexe with roof light and French doors	No objections, subject to a condition being imposed that the granny flat remains associated with the house

Concerns were again raised about Knabs Lodge and the clerk will chase to see what the latest developments are.

The clerk also reported that there had been more applications regarding the Ikea site approved. These were all regarding approval of conditions.

## 26. Activities on Sulham Hill and at Moor Copse Nature Reserve car park

Cllr Elliot reported concerns about the nocturnal activities taking place at the top of Sulham Hill and at Moor Copse nature reserve car park. Cllr Haggarty reported that it was an issue discussed many times by the NAG and the police are aware of it. Cllr Haggarty will take the concerns back to the NAG but it doesn't seem to be an issue that anyone complains about, so councillors agreed to ask police to keep an eye on it and anyone report back if the situation began to affect village life.

## 27. Bus shelter update

The clerk updated councillors that she had applied for the Works Licence for the Barn Partnership to build the new bus shelter. She is just waiting for the Barn Partnership to give her an exact date for the works, which she can then give to WBC, who will then issue the licence. It looks like it will be mid-September now. Concerns were raised the walls of the shelter was beginning to bow, so the sooner it comes down the better.

## 28. Village Agent scheme

The clerk reported that she had been contacted about the scheme by the Volunteer Centre West Berkshire, who is implementing it in this area. It is a scheme run by the Department of Health and Wellbeing, West Berkshire Council, Sovereign and VCWB.

The aim is to help older or socially isolated residents and signpost them to community or voluntary and statutory agencies and assist them in engaging in local activities.

The agents are volunteers from the local community, who are DBS checked and go through a lot of training. People in need can then be referred to the agents or contact them directly.

VCWB is looking for one or two people from Tidmarsh, and they would be expected to give around two or three hours a week, on a flexible basis. It is possible that Tidmarsh could be grouped with nearby villages, such as Englefield.

The clerk will write a piece for inclusion in the parish magazine.

### **29. Highways and footpaths matters**

Cllr Haggarty reported that the new (temporary) bridleway/footpath has now been completed. He also reported that a car had been dumped in Nunhide Lane two nights ago. After lots of toing and froing with the police and WBC, the latest report is that WBC will be now recovering it.

The list of concerns that the PC has had for some time over highways issues was again raised – clerk to resend to WBC for an update.

### **30. Environmental Matters, including flood update**

Cllr Pearson reported that there is a tree over the stream in the SSSI. Cllr Haggarty reported that it was being used as a bridge by the EA to monitor the moth situation, which is still ongoing. Light-trapping is still being done down Sulham Lane; but they don't want to do any more spraying like last year. They will also be putting more pheromone traps higher up in the trees this year.

### **31. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group report**

The next meeting is next Monday and cllr Haggarty will bring up the concerns of the activities at Sulham Hill.

### **32. AWE Liaison Group**

Jonathan Chishick reported that he attended a meeting on June 10. AWE didn't hold a meeting with stakeholders of the Pangbourne pipeline in May as promised, but said it was due to the MOD restricting them. It will happen, they assured the meeting, but they cannot give a date yet. The next meeting is on September 2.

### **33. Accounts**

Receipts put forward for payment were proposed by cllr Pawson and seconded by cllr Webb. It was resolved to make the following payments.

#### **Payments made:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
JPH Forestry	Tree surgery on the MG (350)	£708.00
Cleveland Sitesafe Ltd	New storage box for MG (351)	£804.00

WBC	Works licence for bus shelter (352)	£117.00
HMRC	Income tax (353)	£40.20
Tidmarsh parish magazine	Annual grant (354)	£800.00
ICO	Annual fee (355)	£35.00
WBC	Election fee (356)	£200.00
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance for July (357)	£227.80
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Sarah Bosley	Postage costs (359)	£12.51

### **34. Clerk's Report**

The clerk provided councillors with correspondence on neighbourhood disputes and the CAB.

### **35. Close of meeting**

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm. The next meeting is on 16th September, 2015.

**Date**

**Signed**