

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 15th March 2006, commencing at 8.10.p.m.

Present: Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. J. Harland,
Mr. R. Taylor.

Apologies: Mr. M. Broun, Mr. E. Ayerst, Mr. C. Pawson.
Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. T. Metcalfe.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor) (at 8 37)
No parishioners present

82. Election of Chairman for the Duration of the Meeting

Resolved that, due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. R. Taylor be elected Chairman for the duration of the current meeting.

83. Declarations of Interest

There were no items on the agenda that resulted in Members, at this stage, declaring either a personal or a prejudicial interest.

84. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th January 2006, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i. Previous assurances that the Manor Farm Lane sign would be provided had now been amended in the light of, it would seem, insufficient funds. A revised date was now early in the new financial year. It was also understood that the replacement cats' eyes along the A340, a statutory requirement, would also be installed.
- ii. Although the minutes had earlier been agreed as a correct record, and signed accordingly, Councillor Miriam Kennet was of the opinion that the wording of the report under Local Environment Issues was incorrect. She was most emphatic that she had not stated that every parish council had received an invitation to attend a meeting of the West Berkshire District Council when the subject of the AWE Orion Laser System was being

considered. Mrs. Kennet suggested a revised wording for a minute that had already been confirmed as correct.

Standing Order para. 28, Rules of Debate states “No discussion of the Minutes shall take place except upon their accuracy. Corrections to the minutes shall be made by resolution and must be initialed by the Chairman.

86. To receive a report from a District Councillor.

Due to West Berkshire Council duties, neither District Councillor was present at this time.

87. Consideration of Planning Applications and related issues.

The following planning applications were received.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
06/00471	The Old Forge, Fire Escape and Oil Storage Tanks	No objections.
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The West Berkshire Planning Strategy document was to be made available to Councillor Colin Pawson.

88. To Consider any Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters.

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe had undertaken to support the Parish Council at the meeting of the Village Speed Review Group. The items due for consideration were the speed limit for Sulham and the extension of the 30 MPH limit through Tidmarsh.

The Mill Lane and Sulham Hill road signs had been erected, and thanks were expressed for the work undertaken by Teresa Kenyon at West Berkshire District Council.

It was noted that the south facing “safety camera” had been active for a while, following a request to the local police.

89. Eastern Area Vision Task Group. To receive a progress report.

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe reported that the Group was maintaining steady progress.

90. To receive any issues arising from the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.

Councillor John Harland had attended a meeting earlier in the day, and gave a brief report on the work of the Group. Anti Social behaviour was the top complaint within the parish communities, although this related in the main to the larger parishes.

A matter of local concern was the riding of motorcycles using excessive speed through Tidmarsh early on Sunday mornings throughout the summer months.

91. To consider the appointment of a representative for the AWE Liaison Committee

The Secretary of the AWE Liaison Committee had informed the Clerk that, following a long period of delay, they were no longer willing to accept Councillor Miriam Kennet as the Parish Council representative. The delay was due to the fact that Mrs. Kennet had not submitted the necessary application form.

Mrs. Kennet informed the meeting that she was of the opinion that the vetting information requested on the form was unnecessary, and that she had been advised by a senior local politician that she should not complete the form. She understood that Reading Borough Council were to ask AWE to dispense with the vetting process because it was considered inappropriate for the low level liaison meetings. It was not certain from the information available when the request would be made and how AWE would react.

In view of the fact that AWE appeared to no longer consider Mrs. Kennet a possible representative, an alternative nomination was considered. Councillor Rodger Taylor submitted his name for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

92. Environment:- To deal with any local matters.

There were no issues raised under this heading.

93. To receive a Public Consultation Document for the Long Term Management of Solid Low Level Radioactive Waste in the United Kingdom

Councillor Rodger Taylor undertook to consider the document and report to the next meeting.

94. Accounts for payment

There were no accounts for payment.

95. To note the date of the District/Parish Council Conference

The date for the next District/Parish Council Conference was 28th March, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Market Street offices of the District Council.

Councillors Miriam Kennet and John Harland undertook to represent the Parish Council at the conference.

96. To Receive Any Items for Information Only.

The CPRE publication, Fieldwork, was received and noted.

97. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.36 p.m.

Chairman
22nd May 2006