TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March 2008, commencing at 8.05.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),

Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. J. Chishick, Mr. J. Hutchison,

Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. S. Webb.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council

Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor)

2 parishioners.

79. 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.

80. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th January 2008, having been circulated, were confirmed a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

81. <u>Matters Arising on the Minutes</u>

- i. The new notice board had been delivered and erected.
- ii. The parking of vehicles on the footway outside the Greyhound public house had continued and an officer from the Thames Valley Police had spoken to the Manager. Action would now be taken if the problem persisted.

82. <u>District Council Report</u>

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe had reported to the earlier Parish Meeting, and no further information was required.

83. Planning Committee Meetings

The minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 3rd December, 29th January and 29th February were received and the observations and proceedings approved and endorsed.

84. Planning Applications and Decisions

The following planning application decisions were received:

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Decision
07/02172	Land to south of Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane, Use of land for storage, maintenance and hire of plant and machinery.	Unlawful Uses

07/02557 Forge House, Granted

Renewal of application 05/00195 for erection

of detached house and garage.

07/02473 Mill Corner, Refused

Two storey side and rear extension.

The draft of the entry to be placed on the Tidmarsh and Sulham web site in regard to local planning applications and decisions was approved.

85. <u>Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters</u>

A letter had been received from West Berkshire District Council, notifying the Parish Council that a Vehicle Activated Sign was to be erected alongside the A340 through Tidmarsh. Thanks were extended to Tim Metcalfe for his perseverance in getting the sign.

The District Council was to be requested to replace the style on the footpath that traversed the ground from opposite Manor Farm Lane to a point over the Pang.

86. Parish Plan

The events surrounding the Parish Plan had been discussed at the earlier Parish Meeting.

87. To consider any issues raised at the earlier Parish Meeting

A further attempt would be made to get BT to repair the damaged phone in the kiosk situated in Sulham.

The appropriate Parish Plan Group would be invited, through a parish council representative, to propose a solution to the situation at the lay by adjacent to the telephone kiosk.

The remarks made about the trees alongside the A340 would be conveyed to West Berkshire Council Streetcare team.

88. <u>To consider any local Environmental Matters.</u>

Representatives on the Parish Plan Group would be liaising with Pangbourne Parish Councillors to prepare a report on the local flooding issues. The draft terms of reference of the Tidmarsh with Sulham Flood Plan Group were received and approved.

The preparation of the estimates of expenditure for 2008/2009 had included a provision for a notice board to be erected in Sulham. The full tendering exercise had been undertaken when the Tidmarsh notice board had been purchased, and it was **resolved** that a similar board be purchased for erection in Sulham.

89. To receive the new issue of "Up! on the North Wessex Downs

The new issue of UP! On the North Wessex Downs was received and tabled. The publication was produced for residents and visitors to the North Wessex Downs

AONB annually to inform about this nationally important landscape and demonstrate how its natural beauty is protected and preserved.

90. To receive information in regard to the AWE Liaison Committee.

Councillor John Chishick had attended the last meeting of the AWE Liaison Committee on 21st February, and gave a brief verbal report of the proceedings.

91. Financial Matters

i. Bank Reconciliation. The draft bank reconciliation statement for the

period ending 29th February 2008 was presented, and is appended to the minutes in the official minute

book.

ii. Accounts for Payment. **Resolved** that the under mentioned items be

authorised for payment, such sums to be debited to

the account of the parish council.

Tidmarsh Millennium Green Trust

Section 137 donation towards maintenance of

Millennium Green £1,000.00

Tidmarsh and Sulham Village Hall Management Cttee.

Hire of hall for parish plan meetings £ 100.00

Technart Ltd.

Parish Plan printing £2,873.00

iii. Appointment of External Auditor. The Audit Commission had appointed

Mazars LLP as external auditors to Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council for a five year period commencing with the

2007/2008 year of accounts.

92. <u>To receive the Communities and Local Government paper on Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.</u>

The Department for Communities and Local Government had published a consultation paper on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authorities members in England. The paper sought views on the detailed arrangements for putting into effect the orders and regulations to provide a revised more locally based ethical regime for the conduct of local councillors in England.

The paper was noted. A reply was considered unnecessary.

93. To receive the NATS consultation leaflets on the Proposed Changes to Airspace.

NATS had commenced a consultation exercise on proposed changes to airspace over parts of London, southern and eastern England. This airspace is called "Terminal Control North (TCN) and is amongst the most complex airspace in the world.

Tidmarsh, but not Sulham! sits beneath the TCN region and the paper was sent because proposed changes may effect the area.

The air routes that would change if the proposals were endorsed were Luton arrivals and departures, Stansted arrivals and departures to the north and south east, and some arrivals and departures at London City, Northolt and Cambridge.

The paper was noted and members were able to made individual comments if they wished.

94. <u>Tilehurst Learning Campus Newsletter</u>

Copies of the fourth newsletter were received from West Berkshire District Council and made available to members.

95. <u>Conclusion</u>

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.32 p.m.

Chairman 4th June 2008