

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 17th March 2010 in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jon Chishick, Councillor James Hutchison

In attendance:

Parish Clerk

79. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Kennett (teaching on course), District Cllr Metcalfe

80. Declarations of interest

None

81. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 20th January 2010 agreed as a correct record and signed.

82. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Broun reported on the Millennium Green Trustee meeting, held on the 22nd February. The following decisions were made in the meeting:

- Agreed to not proceed with the bandstand project as the high cost cannot be justified.
- Agreed not to have a car park at car users shouldn't be encouraged, especially as the aim of having a village green is to provide a green open space that people can easily walk to. A car park may encourage people to park there even if they are not using the park.
- Suggested a marquee instead of a bandstand, to use for village events. Parish clerk to check with West Berks Council whether this would be feasible.

83. S106 update

Already covered

84. Parish plan matters

Cllr Pawson reported that the Village Design Statement (VDS) meeting is being organised for Thursday 10th June.

The Parish Council will be meeting the Traffic Group on 29th March to discuss the parish plan traffic projects. Once projects are agreed the group will meet with David Betts and Andrew Garrett from West Berkshire Council to discuss the feasibility of these proposals.

85. District Councillor Report

None

86. Planning applications

Presented by Cllr Pawson:

- a) Blackbirds – no objections on matters of fact but concerns over the status of the mobile home on the site
- b) Home Farm – no objections
- c) Moor Copse – the parish council can offer no facts, although wish West Berks Council to confirm that appropriate council tax has been levied on the property

87. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Highways & Traffic - already covered.

Two problems with paths in the village were reported:

- The dropped kerb along the Sunnybrook footpath needs reinstating.
- The sets on the corner of Tidmarsh Lane have come loose.

88. Finance

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
J Wheeler	Salary	£484.00
Tidmarsh Village Hall	Hall hire	£150.00
Allianz Cornhill	Additional insurance premium for mower	£53.50

Payments received:

None

89. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr Hutchison raised the issue about the increase in crime, and the lack of police presence in the area. This lack in allocated resources means that police response time isn't quick enough, even for major burglaries. It was agreed at the last NAG meeting that each parish council should write to the police to complain about this issue. Cllr Hutchison to send a letter to the Local Commander and Chief Constable to ask what police cover we have.

The local PCSO is planning to have a purge on dog fouling. Everyone caught will be prosecuted and the prosecution would be publicised.

Discussed the recent spot checks on drivers speeding, not wearing seatbelts or using mobile phones in Tidmarsh. Cllr Hutchison will ask for report and send it around when he receives it.

90. Local Environmental Matters

Cllr Webb reminded everyone that The Big Tidy Up will take place on Sunday 28th March, starting at Home Farm.

91. AWE update

Nothing to report, no meeting since the last report.

92. Matters for further discussion

The recent playground inspection findings have been reported to the supplier. They will investigate and report back to the parish council. Parish clerk to distribute the report once received.

93. Conclusion

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm. The next meeting is on 19th May 2010.

Date

Chairman