

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 16th March 2011 in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Cllr Jon Chishick, Cllr Jim Hutchison, Councillor Miriam Kennett, Councillor Steve Webb

In attendance:

Parish Clerk

78. Apologies

Councillor Mike Broun

79. Declarations of interest

None

80. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 19th January 2011 to be signed at the next meeting.

81. Matters arising

Item 61: John Haggarty confirmed that the hedge laying be carried out this month.

Item 66: Cllr Kennet confirmed she would send the Bus Report by email by the end of the week.

The parish council expressed their sadness and send their condolences to the family of Dorrie Palmer, long time barmaid at The Greyhound, who recently passed away.

82. S106 projects

The majority of the remaining funds are earmarked for the Sulham Layby project. Stage one involves asking a landscape architect to produce some proposals.

Cllr Webb agreed to look into getting the BT phone box removed.

83. Parish plan matters

Steering Group meeting at the end of the month. The Village Design Statement Group didn't take off due to lack of interest.

84. District Councillor report

Report provided by Cllr Metcalfe during the annual assembly. West Berkshire Council have been concentrating on setting council tax, local elections and budget cuts. A central government grant has allowed the council to put more money into highway improvements. The waste centre at Padworth is due to open soon, it will be open to the public for waste disposal and recycling. The Whitchurch toll bridge will be replaced in 2012 rather than this year.

85. Planning matters

| Application number | Location | Description |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| 11/00218/COMIND | Land At The Berkshire Retail Park Pincents Lane Tilehurst Reading Berkshire RG31 7SD | Erection of Class A1 retail store with associated car parking, landscaping, servicing and access arrangements. |

Parish council comments on 11/00218/COMIND (attached to minutes).

Agreed to publish something in the parish magazine about parishioners making the parish council aware of their objections to planning applications, as this usually forms part of the parish council's decision.

86. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Cllr Chishick asked about the continuation of the A340 resurfacing project. Agreed to look at this at the next meeting.

The review of the speeding limit in Sulham is with Cllr Betts at West Berkshire Council. This will also be looked at during the next meeting.

87. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr Hutchison wasn't able to attend the last meeting, in which speeding and speed limits were discussed.

88. Environmental Matters

Cllr Webb is looking into stock reproductions for the Sulham layby.

The finger post sign at the junction at Maidenhatch Lodge needs replacing. Parish clerk to report to Streetcare.

The black and white chevron sign at Tidmarsh Lane corner needs replacing. Parish clerk to report to Streetcare.

89. AWE update

Cllr Chishick provided an update following the last meeting.

There issues reported in the media about overnight ambulance cover. The site is usually closed overnight and operations aren't carried out at night.

Annual radiation figures show low radiation rates.

Cllr Kennett asked about AWEs arrangements for responding to disasters. Strict safety requirements means there is no critical mass at the site, so there is no risk.

90. Payments made:

| Payee | Description | Amount |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Berkshire Association of Local Councils | Annual subscription | £83.95 |
| AON Ltd | Laptop insurance | £8.37 |
| HMRC | Tax & NI payment (months 11 & 12) | £86.80 |
| J Wheeler | Two month salary | £397.20 |
| J Wheeler | Laptop contribution | £350.00 |

The parish council agreed to contribute towards a laptop for the parish clerk, to the sum of £350. The council and parish clerk agreed on a repayment condition in case the parish clerk leaves employment. Based on the average life of a laptop (three years) the full contribution would be paid back on leaving in the first year, two thirds of the contribution in the second year and one third of the contribution in the third year.

91. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 18th May 2011.

Date

Signed