

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 20th March, 2013 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor John Haggarty

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe
2 members of the public

71. Accepted apologies

Councillor Colin Pawson

72. Declarations of interest

None

73. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated, 16th January, 2013 were agreed and signed by the chairman, with the amendment of cllr Pearson's words from 'must' to 'advised to' in item 63.

74. Matters arising

None

75. District Councillor Report

District Cllr Metcalfe informed councillors of the main concerns parishioners in the area had raised with him over the past year. They were:

Education – there are some great primary schools in the area but secondary education, with Theale Green, has been a concern.

Transport – People would like improved bus service to the village.

Waste and recycling – A lot of positive comments on the roadside collection. Padworth is not taking larger trailers too.

Fly tipping – It is one of the highlighted issues of the NAG. WBC is trying to deal with the issues of fly tipping on Nunhide Lane. Cllr Haggarty recently caught people fly tipping and reported it to the police.

Roads – WBC has increased its budget to deal with road repairs but there is a lot to do.

Flooding – There is a public meeting at Pangbourne Village Hall on Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm.

Council Tax – It has gone up by 2% this year but WBC has guaranteed not to increase it again in the next two years.

Health – The health authority has now become the responsibility of the council again.

District Cllr David Betts is doing much better and everyone sent him their good wishes.

76. Planning

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/00129/Certe	Moor Copse, Mill Lane. RG8 8EB	Certificate of lawfulness for garden	Refused

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/00463/HOUS E	Gables, Tidmarsh, RG8 8ES	Demolish garage and build new garage and link	No objections

Member of the public, Mrs Gale and her agent Alan Bloor, from Reading Agricultural Consultants, attended the meeting to address councillors on plans submitted to WBC. The plans had not been received by the parish council by the day of the meeting so could not be discussed, but Mrs Gale and Mr Bloor explained the plans to council. A separate planning meeting will be held to discuss the plans.

77. Highways and Footpaths

The new gate has been installed on footpath number one and once the vegetation has been cut back the dog bins can be installed. It was resolved that the clerk would check with cllr Pawson when this work had been done and then she would contact WBC to arrange for the installation of the dog bins.

78. Highways Log Update

Clerk reported that gates at the end of the village will only fit on one side at one end and that one would restrict vision of some motorists so it has been decided by WBC not to install them. But WBC has acknowledged that the signing for the northbound approach needs to be improved and this will be completed within four weeks.

The fingerpost at Maidenhatch will be installed imminently.

The survey of the Sulham Layby was completed and the clerk showed councillors the plans drawn up by WBC. The proposal is all within the public highway and would cost around £70,000. Proposals for a footway with a wooden railing on the southern side of the road between Sulham Lane and Nunhide Lane has not been included in the plans or costs as it would require land acquisition. As this is not a high priority scheme, S106 money is often looked at. Tidmarsh with Sulham does not have sufficient funds, so the scheme will not progress.

Councillors asked the clerk to pass on thanks to Bob Bosley and Andrew Garratt at WBC for their work on the matters.

79. Environmental Matters

Cllr Broun read out a note from Cllr Pawson stating that he had met with the Environment Agency, who said local flooding was due to the high water table as all sluices along the Pang were operating properly. It was proposed by cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Webb that the parish council works with land owners and the EA to look at the feasibility of clearing the network of drainage ditches between the Pang and the Sul. It was resolved that Cllr Pawson will progress this with the EA and report back to the council.

Cllr Haggarty reported that coppicing was still taking place.

Clerk showed councillors the tree survey carried out by Arthur Cullen at WBC. He advises a number of works take place, some are needed immediately. It was proposed by Cllr Broun, and seconded by Cllr Webb, that the clerk obtains quotes for the works. It was resolved that the clerk obtains the quotes and instructs the most cost effective and suitable contractor to undertake the works immediately, in accordance with Arthur Cullen's recommendations.

80. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The next meeting is on Monday, March 25th, 2013.

81. AWE Liaison Group

The next meeting is on June 12th, 2013.

82. Accounts

Receipts put forward for payment were proposed by cllr Broun and seconded by cllr Webb.

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Standing order for 2 x monthly salary	2 x £208
Information Commission	Data Controller Registration	£35

It was resolved that the above invoices be approved for payment.

An invoice has been received from WBC for the first instalment of the money for the Superfast Broadband project. Cllr Pearson gave an update on the situation and it was felt that the council agreed to pay into the scheme on the basis that the village would receive something useful in return. It is not felt this will necessarily now be the case, so it was proposed by cllr Haggarty and seconded by cllr Chishick that the council does not pay until there is a specific timetable to deliver a specific benefit to the parishioners and that cllr Pearson looks into alternatives. It was resolved that the clerk would write to WBC to inform them of the parish council's decision and cllr Pearson would discuss costings and feasibility of installing a new cabinet in the village, with BT. Cllr Pearson to send

comments to the Berkshire Superfast Broadband consultation, informing them that the village is very much in favour of having the best internet access available.

83. Clerk's Report

The clerk provided councillors with correspondence on the Local Access Forum and WBC Standards' Committee.

84. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm. The next meeting is on 17th July 2013.

Date

Signed