

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 19th March, 2014 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor John Haggarty

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
1 member of the public

71. Accepted apologies

Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

72. Declarations of Interest

None

73. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 15th January, 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman. The minutes from the flooding meeting, held on 12th February, 2014, was also agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Pawson, who chaired the flooding meeting.

74. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 61: Cllr Webb reported that he had spoken with the owners of the Thatched Cottage, who were unaware that their lights were causing a problem. They have not turned them on since.

75. District councillor's report

District Cllr Metcalfe had given a brief report at the annual parish assembly, which was held immediately before the ordinary parish council meeting. His report is recorded in those minutes.

76. Planning

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
14/00421/HOUSE	Birches, Tidmarsh, RG8 8ER	Double storey side and front extensions	No objections
14/00275/LBC2 and 14/00276/LBC2	The Mill House, Mill Lane, Tidmarsh	Erection of boundary fence and renewal of existing garden shed	No objections

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/02703/CERTP	1 Tidmarsh Court, Tidmarsh Lane, RG8 8HE	Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of orangery in its place	Refused

Cllr Pawson reported that there had still not been a decision made over the application at Green Gables. WBC Highways had objected, so the applicant is currently liaising with them. It seems that it will go to committee for a decision.

77. Highways, Footpaths and other environmental matters

Clerk reported that she had today received a response from Andrew Garrett regarding Cllr Chishick's request for more signs on the entrance to the village. His email, stating the reasons it was not possible for any of the signs to be installed, was read out.

Cllr Pawson reported that a rambler had asked the parish council for permission to use a track on his walks. The land is owned by Sulham Estates and cllr Pawson said he had spoken with the estate and due to privacy and health and safety issues, nobody felt the request could be granted. Cllr Pawson is to reply.

Cllr Pawson reported that a lorry had got stuck under the overhanging tree branches on Sulham Hill last night. Police and WBC were alerted. Clerk to write to WBC again and request that they contact the relevant landowners to ask them to cut the trees back to prevent further accidents.

Cllr Haggarty gave an update on the oak processionary moth. It appears that the aerial spraying undertaken last year has largely worked. Some moths have been found recently, but no nests. Ground spraying in one area, and more aerial spraying in Sulham Woods will take place in the summer to try to eradicate it completely.

Cllrs were given a map sent by WBC and asked to highlight problem areas where water pools on the road surfaces. Clerk to send back to WBC.

WBC Highways Programme for 2014-15 showed work will be carried out on

Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Haggarty. It was resolved that the council replaces the diseased trees that were recently removed on the Millennium Green with the ones suggested by WBC tree officer, Arthur Cullen. Cllr Haggarty will now order the relevant trees and arrange for them to be delivered.

Cllr Pawson will arrange a date for the planting and will ask prominent members of the community to plant each tree. The oak tree will be dedicated to the memory of those lost in WWI, in recognition of the centenary of the start of the war. A plaque will be placed on the tree.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved to send the door of the Sulham noticeboard back to Harry Stebbings for repair. It appears that something has hit the door and damaged it.

78. Flooding and appointment of flood warden

A detailed discussion regarding the flooding issue had taken place at the Annual Assembly, held earlier in the evening.

Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved to appoint local resident George Davidson as the Tidmarsh and Sulham Flood Warden.

79. Pangbourne and District NAG

Cllr Haggarty reported that the last meeting of the NAG had been cancelled.

80. Bus Shelter

Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved that Cllr Pawson will contact the person who built the gate at the Millennium Green and see if he could create a matching oak bus shelter and what the cost would be.

81. Storage bin

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Pawson. It was resolved that the clerk contacts WBC to see if they can provide secure storage bins for the equipment on the green, as the current one is broken and no longer locks.

82. Communication with residents

The clerk asked councillors for ideas of ways to better communicate with the residents, as it was brought up at the flooding meeting recently that the parish council did not communicate well enough in some residents' eyes. It was noted that all meetings are displayed on both notice boards and the website contains all the latest minutes, once they have been approved by the council. It was agreed that the clerk should provide a small round up for the parish magazine after each meeting.

83. Accounts

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

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
West Berkshire Council	Annual fee for emptying litter and dog bins (292)	£142.90
Brian Murby	Quarterly fee for MG maintenance (293)	£250
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance for March (294)	£228
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance for April (295)	£228
Sarah Bosley	Postage costs (296)	£12.59
John Haggarty	Trees for the Millennium Green – S106 (297)	£300

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

84. Clerk's Report

- Clerk reported that new legislation paves the way for the PC to use electronic banking, should they wish to. New, stringent Financial Regulations will need to be agreed first, however.
- CAB running a flood helpline – leaflets available from the clerk.
- The Pangbourne and District Volunteer Centre need new drivers to help, but can also take on new clients in the area.
- Despite reassurances that it looked likely to be saved, it appears the bus route through Tidmarsh on a Friday will cease in May. Clerk will inform residents through the parish magazine.

85. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32pm. The next meeting is on 21st May, 2014.

Date

Signed