

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday, 18th March, 2015 in the village hall.

Present:

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

In attendance:

District Cllr Tim Metcalfe
Sarah Bosley (clerk)
Three members of the public

74. Accepted apologies

Councillor Colin Pawson

75. Declarations of Interest

None

76. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on January 18th, 2015, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

77. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 61: Clerk reported that the white lines outside Sima Elliot's house will be repainted after April and the widening of the footpath by the Tithe Barn has been considered but it is not seen as possible at the current time.

Item 65: Clerk reported that she has sourced a company that can dispose of the confidential waste from the parish plan, for just £3. They were recommended by WBC.

Item 68: The storage bin has been ordered for the Millennium Green and is being delivered to Cllr Pawson.

78. Planning

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
15/00305/FUL	Sunnybrook, Tidmarsh	Construction of workshop/large store following demolition of existing store	No objections

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Application number	Location	Description	Decision
14/03433/FUL	Blackbird Cottage, Tidmarsh	Demolition of existing single-storey 3-bed home and replace with two-storey 5-bed home	Approved
14/02962/COND1	Eaglesfield Stables, Tidmarsh	Approval of details reserved in 13/00456/FULD	Approved
14/02748/FUL	Sawyer's Wood, Tidmarsh Lane	Change of use of land to equestrian use and construction of open equestrian arena, stable buildings and access track	Withdrawn

It was noted that a wall is being constructed at Knabbs Lodge, Mill Lane, with a large brick pillar. Concerns were raised that it is affecting the view of cars, which appear to be moving to the other side of the road to get a better view. Clerk to contact WBC.

79. District councillor's report

District councillor Metcalfe gave the following updates:

- * The Pangbourne Hill development plans could be rejected as it is outside the settlement boundary and on greenfield. There was also a large planning application in Burghfield Common that was rejected at appeal. WBC has a five year plan for housing, which helps.
- * Andrew Garratt has left WBC to move to New Zealand.
- * The council is just about to go into purdah before the elections.
- * The council is also spending as much as it can at the moment on the key priorities.
- * The DPD, which includes the Tilehurst development, is scheduled to go to the full council on September 17, before being sent to the inspectors.
- * The recent local by-election did not see a very high turn-out and was a resounding victory for Rick Jones.

- * Superfast Broadband: There is still nothing to report for Tidmarsh, but there is still the possibility of it coming in the future. District Cllr Metcalfe will find out more details if he can.
- * Pangbourne toilets close on March 31, because WBC and Pangbourne PC will not pay for it.

80. Millennium Green update

Councillors were informed that the AGM of the Millennium Green Trust was held tonight. All trustees voted against a request to install electricity and water to the green. A lively debate ensued with two parishioners present.

It was also reported that the trustees decided to look at moving the gate on the entrance to the MG car park to allow parking more easily.

It was also reported that the necessary works on the trees was being carried out by JP Handy Forestry imminently.

81. Concerns over activities at Keeper's Cottage

The clerk reported that WBC was looking into it after the parish council had reported its concerns. Clerk to chase WBC for an update.

82. Phone box and future use for it

Cllr Broun, seconded by Cllr Webb, offered a vote of thanks to parishioner John Butler for bringing the chance to purchase the phone box to the attention of the parish council, and for offering to carry out the restoration of it.

The phone box has been prepared for painting and the vegetation cut from around it.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved that the parish council purchases the paint for John Butler to carry out the renovation work.

Clerk to add the phone box to the insurance policy and assets register.

83. Replacement bus shelter

Three quotes have been obtained to replace the bus shelter and these were presented to the councillors (they are attached to these minutes)

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Chishick. It was resolved to accept the quote of the Barn Partnership and instruct them to go ahead with the proposed design.

84. Highways and footpaths

It was reported that the Sulham sign has been put back up, and the chevrons at the top of Sulham Hill are also back, but the sign is still bent.

It was also noted that vegetation needs cutting back around the road sign opposite Mill Corner.

Councillors were informed of future closures on the M4 in the area.

85. Environmental Matters, including footpaths

It was noted that the horizontal rail on the playground equipment is rough and needs sanding before the equipment is treated.

Cllr Haggarty reported that he is trying to organise a litter pick in April. It was noted that up Sulham Hill there is a lot of rubbish, but the road is too dangerous for the public to walk on. Clerk to discuss with WBC.

The Clerk reported that she had put the Wildflower Meadow forward for the Berkshire Gardens Trust Award. Delegates would be visiting sites in July.

86. Risk Assessment

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved to accept the amended Risk Assessment. The only alterations were to allow for the reporting of the monthly pay roll to HMRC.

Councillors unanimously voted to recognise and accept the amendment to the Standing Orders, to include the Protocol for Public and Press Reporting Council Meetings, but noted that they did not agree with the changes.

87. Transparency Code

The clerk updated councillors on the latest requirements of the parish council as set out by the Transparency Code. It was noted that a number of things will soon need to be published on the website and the clerk will discuss with Cllr Webb if this is possible, or if a new website will be needed.

88. Annual Assembly

It was agreed that a Superfast Broadband update would be given by Cllr Pearson at this year's annual assembly.

89. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Haggarty reported that a brief meeting had taken place. The BBOWT car park has been removed as a public area.

90. AWE Liaison Group

Cllr Chishick reported that AWE is intending to convene a meeting of stakeholders of the Pangbourne Pipeline in May.

91. Financial matters

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

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
BT	Purchase of phone box (332)	£1
CJ Booth	Paid on behalf of the Pang Valley Flood Forum for investigative works (333)	£302.40
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance for March (334)	£236
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Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Chishick. It was resolved that the clerk instructs David Weller to carry out the internal audit of the council.

92. Clerk's Report

The clerk reminded councillors of the forthcoming elections in the parish.

93. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm. The next meeting is the annual meeting on 20th May, 2015.

Date

Signed