

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 16th March, 2016 held at the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor John Haggarty
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor Sima Elliot

In attendance:

District cllr Tim Metcalfe
Sarah Bosley (clerk)
5 members of the public

84. Accepted apologies

Jon Chishick

85. Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

None

86. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 and for the planning meeting, held on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

87. Matters arising from the minutes

None

88. District councillor's report

District cllr Metcalfe reported:

- That he and Cllr Jones split the work they do in the ward, with Cllr Jones attending Tilehurst PC meetings. Cllr Pearson asked if he could attend one of our meetings.
- Cllr Pearson also asked if WBC could use more online ways of getting documents out to people if the satellite offices are to close in the east of the district, as people cannot be expected to go into Newbury all the time.
- Cllr Pearson also asked why there was no visibility to say who decides what is statutory. District Cllr Metcalfe said that things such as social care could not be discussed openly but Cllr Pearson should rest assured that everything is looked at with 'a fine toothed comb and we take what we are obliged to do very seriously'. He added that those who need to know, do know and that is why they are elected by the people as district councillors.

89. Planning

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
16/00471/NONM AT	Blackbird Cottage, Tidmarsh	Amendment to 15/02772/FUL	No plans received
16/00446/COMI ND	Home Farm, Sulham Lane	Change of use of Agricultural to B8 storage; change to cladding and laying of new paved area	Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Broun. It was resolved to object on the same grounds as before. Clerk to write to WBC to request that hard copies of the plans for adjacent parishes are still sent out as recently they have not been
16/00240/HOUSE	3 Tidmarsh Barns, Tidmarsh Lane	Single storey side extension	No objections
16/00236/FUL	Theale Pumping Station, Nunhide Lane	Proposed generator compound	No objections but would draw attention to the fact that there is no passing points on Nunhide Lane for lorries and there are concerns about access, fire risk, noise pollution if generators are run at night and air pollution if they are run a lot

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
15/02437/HOUSE	Knabs Lodge, Mill Lane, Tidmarsh	Retrospective: New wall and close board fence	Granted
15/02356/HOUSE	Knabs Lodge, Mille Lane, Tidmarsh	Removal of condition 2 of 14/01464/HOUSE	Granted
15/03427/ADV	Ikea, Pincent's Lane	Parapet sign	Refused – clerk noticed that WBC had said Tidmarsh PC had not objected when they had. Raised issue with WBC

Cllr Pawson reported that the Application number 15/03426/ADV, discussed at the previous planning meeting, has gone to committee and that he will attend. The clerk noted that WBC had noted down that Tidmarsh did not object to one of the previous applications, when in fact it had, and she has raised this issue with the planning department, who apologised for the error.

Mark Leedale attended to again discuss plans for the land at the rear Green Gables. It was noted that the parish council could not make any decision on plans that had not been submitted to WBC but it did inform Mr Leedale that its preferred option would be Number 2. It also noted however, that it would rather see larger gardens for each property with no communal land as it feared that left space open for further houses in the future.

90. Uses of S106 money from Ikea development – Parish Council response and addressing future concerns of S106 allocation

Clerk reported on the correspondence she had had via email with WBC since the last meeting. They refused to accept the parish council's plans for the use of the S106 money for the Sulham layby works. The clerk also then put forward the work to the footpath network and was told that it also didn't come under the Open Spaces but that there may be footpath S106 available elsewhere. She then emailed Sallie Jennings at WBC regarding this but had yet to hear back.

Clerk to chase Sallie Jennings and to write to WBC voicing the parish council's concerns about the way things were dealt with and asking for consideration of the ideas for the layby and for the re-alignment of the junction to be put forward for future developments.

Clerk to also email Nicola Anderson re: S106 money from Ikea being available for libraries.

91. Use of S106 money for play park provision and other ideas

The clerk reported that WBC had agreed to pay the S106 money to the parish council for use only on Open Spaces and that she had agreed with them that it would now be used for new play equipment on the Millennium Green.

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Elliot. It was resolved that Cllr Pearson would look into his ideas for outside space in Sulham, such as a tennis court. It was noted that the money could not be used on private land.

Cllr Broun put forward some proposals for new equipment for the MG and will meet with Woodthemes to discuss what is possible and costings.

Discuss again in May.

92. Motion to decide whether the parish council feels it necessary to, and would wish to, discuss the role of the parish council and its relationship with West Berkshire Council – parish council vote

Cllr Elliot noted that she would be happy for Cllr Pearson to take his concerns to WBC on behalf of the parish council.

A vote took place whether councillors wanted this or whether they wanted Cllr Pearson to drop the matter.

Two councillors voted for him to take his concerns to WBC on behalf of the PC.

Three councillors voted for him to drop the matter.

93. Role of the parish council and its relationship with WBC – Cllr Pearson – should the parish council vote above to continuing discussing it

No longer applicable.

94. Highways and footpaths matters, including white lines on Mill Lane and Sulham Hill

Cllr Haggarty reported that traffic had been diverted down Sulham Lane again without notification to the PC and no pre-warning signs. The road and verges have again been destroyed and no one has so far been out to repair. Sulham Lane is a single track with no recognised passing places. Can they not close half the road at a time as in the past so there is no diversion?

Proposed by Cllr Haggarty and seconded by Cllr Pearson. It was resolved that the clerk writes to WBC to complain.

Cllr Pawson to look at costings for the replacements gates and posts on the footpaths. One at the end of Manor Farm Lane has broken off completely.

Cllr Webb reported that there is an empty post for a sign opposite his house in Sulham. It used to be a warning sign for horses in the road. Clerk to report and ask for it to be replaced. Cllr Webb to send clerk a map with exact location.

95. Possible closure of Pangbourne Library and library provision within the district

Nicola Anderson attended to inform councillors of the future of Pangbourne Library. Today it appeared that the libraries had received a reprieve with some interim funding being offered by WBC. Councillors thanked her for her and the team's work and offered their support in spreading the word. Nicola offered to report back when she had more information.

96. Environmental matters

Cllr Haggarty reported that mattresses had been fly-tipped down Sulham Lane and then a sofa on Nunhide Lane. WBC have cleared it up.

SSE have been tree cutting to clear power lines and have done a very good job of it.

97. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group report

Cllr Haggarty attended the last NAG meeting. He has asked for permission to circulate the minutes to the parish council in the future and it has been agreed.

He reported that there is a new police Inspector at Pangbourne, Chris Ward, who attended the meeting. He gave West Berkshire crime figures, which were:

6.7% decrease in recorded crime

13% decrease in this area

There have been slight increases in recording of violent offences and vehicle thefts/break ins.

Pamela Bale is looking into Cllr Pearson's concerns re Bentley garage.

98. AWE Liaison Group report

There hasn't been a meeting since the last PC meeting.

99. Accounts, including grant to flood group and audit – opt in or opt out?

The clerk explained the future audit process and what it meant to opt in or out.

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Elliot. It was resolved not to opt out of the audit procedures.

Receipts put forward for payment were proposed by cllr Broun and seconded by cllr Webb. It was resolved to make the following payments.

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Village Hall	Annual hall hire (436)	£90 – no VAT
Broxap	New bin (437)	£347.94 - £57.99 VAT
BBOWT	Grants to PVFF (438)	£350 – no VAT
Sarah Bosley	Salary, allowance + Mileage – March (439)	£267.90 – no VAT
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance – April (440)	£231.90 – no VAT
HMRC	Income tax to year end (441)	£8.20 – no VAT
Brian Murby	MG upkeep – payment 4 of 4 (442)	£260 – no VAT
Sarah Bosley	Postage to year end (443)	£7.22 – no VAT

100. Clerk's Report

Cllr Webb reported that the hosting of the current website will end in April this year.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Elliot. It was resolved that Cllr Webb looks to move the current site over to a new host as soon as possible and if necessary, the clerk sets up a new PC website in the interim.

101. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.35pm. The next meeting is on May 18th, 2016.

Date

Signed