

# Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 held at the Village Hall.

## **Present:**

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

## **In attendance:**

Sarah Bosley (clerk)  
Jon Chishick  
District Cllr Tim Metcalfe  
Chris Keen – architect  
Bryan Lyttle - WBC  
Laila Bassett - WBC

## **87. Accepted apologies**

None

## **88. Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting**

Cllr Broun declared an interest in item 7 – Planning.

## **89. Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

## **90. Matters arising from the minutes**

None

## **91. Neighbourhood Plans – a presentation from WBC**

Bryan Lyttle and Laila Barrett from West Berkshire Council attended the parish council meeting and gave councillors an overview of what is involved in creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

A document outlining the procedure is attached to these minutes.

Key points noted included:

- It can take around 3 years to complete.
- Funding is available up to £9,000 from Government and it could cost around £16,000 to complete.
- WBC cover the costs of the examination and referendum.

- A new funding scheme is being put in place from 1 April 2018.
- There are 10 steps to complete throughout the whole process.
- WBC can advise but cannot undertake any work. All reports must be carried out by professionals.
- The Government's national planning policy framework states that development should only be carried out in an AONB in exceptional circumstances. They have just published a new draft policy that goes much further and gives examples of those circumstances.
- Bryan Lyttle noted that there were very few responses to the recent S106 questionnaire which did raise concerns about the amount of parish engagement there would be to carry out the work on a Neighbourhood Plan – around 20 people will be needed.
- You can choose to do a single-issue Neighbourhood Plan.
- There is an annual cap on CIL payments if there is no NP in place.
- Each year parish councils must publish the amount of CIL collects, what has been spent, what is still in the bank and what it has been spent on.
- An NP will form part of the Local Plan and legal framework.

## 92. District councillor update

District Cllr Metcalfe gave the following updates:

- There will no longer be legal representatives at planning meetings. It is expected that it will save around £17,000 each year.
- The Dolphin Centre will close at the end of May. The land is owned by the PC, but WBC owns the building and wants to hand it back. The Adventure Dolphin charity is looking to step in, but a lot of money is needed to maintain it. There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Trust this week to decide whether to take it on. They are expected to take it on for at least 3 years.
- It has now been confirmed that Tidmarsh and Sulham will be in the Pangbourne Ward and no longer with Purley.

## 93. Planning

### Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
18/00402/FULD	The Rancher, Manor Farm Lane	Demolition of The Rancher (3 bedroom). Conversion of 2 x 1 Bedroom bungalows into 1 x 2-bedroom bungalow. 1 x 1-bedroom bungalow retained as existing. Proposed construction of 2 x 2-bedroom semi-detached houses. Construction of 1 x 4-bedroom replacement dwelling.	No objections, but the parish council wishes to raise the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the applicant makes good the length of Manor Farm Lane</li> <li>• The parish council would like West Berkshire Council to look at the sight line from Manor Farm Lane on to the A340, which</li> </ul>

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
		Construction of 2 x 4-bedroom detached houses	<p>the council believe is inadequate. This has been acknowledged in a previous application by West Berkshire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parish council asks that a separate compound is established for construction traffic for the entire period of construction.</li> <li>• The parish council would like to ask that the gate at the top is secured so it cannot become a rat run.</li> <li>• Construction traffic must access the site from the A340</li> </ul>

**Planning decisions:**

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
17/03240/FULD	Tythe Barn	Division of existing dwelling into two dwellings	Refused
17/03176/COND1	Tidmarsh House	Approval of details 4, 6, 7 and 8 of 17/02412	Approved
17/03174/COND1	Tidmarsh House	Approval of details 3, 6, 7 and 8 of 17/02413/LBC2	Approved

Cllr Pawson also reported that, although the parish council had no objections, there has been a lot of opposition in Purley to an application there – 17/02773/COMIND.

The Green Gables appeal will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Cllr Pearson has agreed to attend.

**94. Millennium Green fence update**

Cllr Broun updated councillors that he had met with WBC at the Millennium Green and shown them the damage. Since then the district council has emailed the clerk, providing her with the contact details of the contractors who carried out the work. They no longer work with WBC and it was suggested that if the PC wants the fence fixed it should contact the company directly.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Pearson. It was resolved that the clerk replies to WBC and asks them to follow up the repair with the contractor as the work was being undertaken on their behalf.

#### **95. Concerns over recent increases in fly-tipping**

Cllr Haggarty reported that there has been a noticeable increase in fly-tipping in the area in recent months. He noted that there was a large amount dumped in the car park on Sulham Hill and the Forestry Commission is now saying that they will just close the car park if problems persist. It was noted that it is disappointing that WBC will not do more to help as they do encourage walkers to use the car park by including the right of way on their leaflets and by having bins there. A mattress is also still dumped on Nunhide Lane.

#### **96. Highways and footpaths matters, including broadband update**

The clerk updated councillors on Gigaclear. She has had an email from the company highlighting that the contractors they were working with had a number of Health and Safety breaches, so work had to stop immediately. New contractors are now being brought in. Clerk will contact Gigaclear for a further update.

It was noted that when Sulham Lane was closed for two days for pot hole refilling there was no post or rubbish collection. Councillors would like to see access remain for services like that during future closures.

#### **97. Environmental Matters**

Cllr Broun reported that prior to this meeting the trustees of the Millennium Green held their annual meeting.

They would like to ask the council to fund the purchase of new trees to replace the ones that have died. Cllr Haggarty will do this in the autumn. It was also agreed by trustees to ask councillors to plant bulbs around the benches and trees for next spring.

Proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved that the council will pay for the purchase of the trees and bulbs, as well as the hedge cutting, using the S106 money available for open spaces. Cllr Broun will also get prices for a new bin for the green as the current plastic one is sometimes blown around in strong winds.

#### **98. AWE Liaison Group**

Jon Chishick noted that he attended a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018. He reported that it was said that AWE is happy to provide updates to PCs, but you need to opt in by April. Mr Chishick will continue to attend the meetings and receive the updates on behalf of the council. He will continue to report back after each meeting.

He also reported that AWE has applied to increase its license allowance for airborne beta emissions as the government has asked them to do more research into terrorism related matters. It has been in the national press recently. Mr Chishick said, however, he was reassured there is no need to be alarmed.

## 99. Financial matters

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Pawson. It was resolved that the parish council makes a donation, under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, of £100 to the Pang Valley Flood Forum.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Pawson. It was resolved to make the following payments:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Brian Murby	S137 donation to PVFF (514)	£100	£0
West Berkshire Council	Annual dog/rubbish bin emptying (515)	£156.20	£26.03
Steve Webb	Reimbursement for two years of web hosting (516)	£19.98	£0
Sarah Bosley	Clerk's salary (517)	£236	£0
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Action for Pangbourne Toilets	S137 donation (519)	£200	£0

## 100. Clerk's Report

- The Dorothy Morley Conservation awards have opened again. It was thought that there were no suitable projects currently in the villages.
- The Village Supper will be held in Sulham on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be held at lunchtime in the barn at Home Farm. Food will be supplied and tickets are now available.
- There will be a farm walk in July.

## 101. Close of meeting

The chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm. The next meeting is the annual meeting on May 16th, 2018.

**Date**

**Signed**