

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 19th May 2004, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. E. Ayerst, Mr. C. Pawson.

In Attendance: Mr. J. Chapman
Clerk to the Parish Council

Apologies: Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor)
Mr. J. Harland

1. Election of Chairman of the Parish Council

Proposed by Councillor Pawson, seconded by Councillor Ayerst and **Resolved** that Mr. M. Broun be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing term of office.

(Mike Broun signed the declaration of acceptance of office and resumed the Chair)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no foreseeable items on the agenda requiring members to declare an interest.

3. Election of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Ayerst and **Resolved** that Mr. C. Pawson be elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing term of office.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th March 2004, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising on the Minutes

There were no matters arising on the minutes that would not be dealt with by agenda items.

6. Appointment of Members to serve on the Planning Committee

Resolved that all members be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee.

7. Planning Committee

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19th April be received and that the proceedings and observations be endorsed.

8. District Council Report

District Councillor John Chapman reported on a number of District Council activities that were of interest to the local parishioners. Among the items raised were the revised scheme for the distribution of bus tokens and the exciting news that Tidmarsh and Sulham would still be within the Eastern Area forum parishes. Consideration was being given to the introduction of 6 terms during the school year.

There was a discussion on the Forest Enterprise move to close the car park at the top of Sulham Hill. The Clerk had written to oppose the move, and a further meeting had been arranged with Sulham Estates before further contact was to be made with the Parish Council.

No further information had been received in regard to the Parish Council application for a speed restriction and names plates for Sulham, and further enquiries would be made.

9. Planning Considerations

The following planning applications were considered.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
04/00835	Savacentre, Bath Road, Calcot, Erection of non food retail building, relocations and alterations.	Objection. Additional traffic on J12 for which no substantial improvements have been proposed.
04/00835	Savacentre, Bath Road, Calcot, Erection of non food retail building, relocations and alterations. Amended.	Objection. As above.

Colin Pawson updated members on the previous planning application at Green Gables.

No decisions were received.

10. Highways and Footpaths

West Berkshire District Council had acknowledged the Parish Council's request for footway improvements, which, it had been considered, consisted primarily of maintenance rather than specific improvements. Information was awaited as to what could be accomplished during the current financial year.

The highway verge grass cutting in Sulham had resulted to damage to signs and property, resulting in additional costs being picked up by the Council Tax payers. A parishioner described the activity as a "Demolition Derby".

11. Environmental Issues

There were no specific issues, but it was acknowledged that the river Pang seemed to be coping well with spells of heavy rain and was free flowing.

12. Crime and Disorder

There were no items considered worthy of mention.

13. Financial Matters

The accounts for the 2003/2004 financial were presented and the Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Return. The figures were subject to both internal and external audit verification. The reconciliation for the 31st March 2004 bank balances was presented and is appended to the minutes.

Resolved that the following items be authorised for payment, such sums to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.

Berkshire Association of Local Councils Annual subscription	£ 62.48
Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc Compact insurance premium	£237.44
RBS Auditing Solutions Internal audit fee 2003/2004	£117.50
Berks County Blind Society Section 137 donation towards costs of travel	£ 25.00

14. AWE Liason Meeting

Following consideration of the relevant issues, it was **resolved** that Mrs. M. Kennet be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the AWE Liaison

Committee. The next meeting was on Monday 21st June.

15. CPRE Annual Report

The Annual Report of the CPRE was received and tabled.

16. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

Chairman
21st July 2004