

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 16th May 2007, commencing at 8.10.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mr. J. Hutchinson, Mr. C. Pawson.

Apologies: Mrs. M. Kennet (Family),
Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor).

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
One parishioner

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no items on the agenda that resulted in Members, at this stage, declaring either a personal or a prejudicial interest.

2. **Election of Chairman of the Parish Council**

Resolved that Mike Broun be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Mike Broun signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and resumed the Chair

3. **To co-opt parish Councillors for the ensuing term of office.**

Resolved that Steven Webb be co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor for the ensuing term of office.

4. **Election of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council**

Resolved that Colin Pawson be elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

5. **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st March 2007, having been circulated, were confirmed a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising on the Minutes**

There were no matters arising that would not be covered by an agenda item.

7. **To receive a report from a District Councillor.**

The Chairman welcomed David Betts, the recently elected District Councillor for the Purley on Thames Ward, which included the parishes of Tidmarsh and Sulham. Congratulations were also offered to Tim Metcalfe who had been re-elected.

Members paid tribute to John Chapman who had not sought re-election on this occasion, but had represented the area since the formation of the Newbury District Council in April 1974.

David Betts outlined the draft procedures for members' bids, being a new attempt to allow members to obtain expenditure for locally approved schemes.

8. Consideration of Planning Applications and related issues.

The following applications had been considered at a meeting of the Planning Committee on 11th April 2007.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
07/00379	Walnut Tree Cottage, Sulham Lane, Replacement of bedroom window and bathroom windows with similar double glazing.	No objection
07/00597	Mill Corner, Tidmarsh, New Farm Access and gates.	No objection
07/00599	Mill Corner, Tidmarsh, Poultry house, implement store.	No objection

The following decisions were received

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
06/02828	Storage site, Glebe Orchard, Demolition of existing buildings. New offices.	Granted
07/00597	Mill Corner, Tidmarsh, New Farm Access and gates.	Withdrawn
07/00599	Mill Corner, Tidmarsh, Poultry house, implement store.	Withdrawn
07/00379	Walnut Tree Cottage, Sulham Lane, Replacement of bedroom window and bathroom windows with similar double glazing.	Granted

The section 106 Developer Contribution schedule for the parish council area had been received from the District Council and was distributed. It was noted that the planning application for the new buildings at Glebe Orchard contained a donation of £966 for open spaces and Tidmarsh Grange contained a contribution of £57,862 for the same activity. The District Council would be requested to confirm that a substantial amount of the above sums would be available for local schemes. Standard bid application forms would be distributed to parish councils during October 2007 for schemes to be included within the 2008/2009 capital schemes.

9. To Consider any Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters.

The Clerk had spent some time with Mark Edwards, the Head of Highways at West Berkshire District Council, and the following subjects had been considered.

- i. Vehicle Activated Sign along the A340.

There was no evidence that an amount had ever been included in the capital estimates for a specific local scheme. £50,000 had been included for bids from all

parish councils, and Tidmarsh with Sulham had not been successful for the current or next financial year.

ii. Sulham Speed Restriction

It was agreed that a formal application should be resubmitted to the Village Speed Sub Committee. The Chairman agreed to wait for information from the Parish Plan before the application was submitted.

iii. Sulham signage and road defects

These issues would be considered by the District Council during the current financial year.

iv. Ponding of surface water on A340 opposite Greyhound

The site would be examined within the coming few days.

v. SID

It was agreed that the parish council would repeat the request for SID training for the Chairman.

Damage was reported to the sub station situated on the grass verge at the entrance to Strachey Close.

10. To appoint a representative to serve on the AWE Liaison Committee

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

11. To appoint a representative to serve on the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.

Resolved that James Hutchinson be appointed to representative the Parish Council on the Pangbourne and District Action Group.

12. To appoint a representative to serve on the Tidmarsh Village Hall Management Committee.

Resolved that, subject to her acceptance, Miriam Kennet be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Tidmarsh and Sulham Village Hall Management Committee.

13. To appointment Members to serve on Parish Council Committees.

- Resolved**
- i. that all parish councillors be elected to serve on the Planning Committee.
 - ii. That the Chairman and Vice Chairman be elected to represent the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Steering Group, a self appointed body representing the parishes of Tidmarsh and Sulham.

14. To consider any relevant matters in connection with the proposed adoption of the Parish Plan

A copy of the Parish Action Plan had been made available to the Parish Council.

Resolved that the proposals contained in the Parish Action Plan be adopted by the Parish Council.

15. Parish Council Notice Boards

The Chairman reported that he had obtained one quotation for the purchase and erection of a parish council notice board. In view of the probably expenditure, it would be necessary to obtain further quotations in line with the parish council's Financial Regulations.

The additional quotations would be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council, and a preferred supplier would be selected.

16. Environment:- To deal with any local matters.

Colin Pawson reported that Thames Water had sought permission to sink bore holes to ascertain the local water levels. The levels of silt along the river Pang were reported be checked at regular intervals.

17. Financial Matters:

i. Year end Internal Audit

The year end internal audit had been scheduled for 31st May 2007.

ii Year end Statement of Accounts

The statement of accounts and the statement of assurances were approved by Members, and the Annual Return signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

iii. Notice of External Audit

Notice of the external audit of accounts had been received from Hacker Young, the accountants appointed by the Audit Commission. The accounts were due to be submitted to Hacker Young on 31st July 2007, but had first to be signed off by the Internal Auditor.

iv. Accounts for payment.

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

B A L C	
Subscription for 2007/2008	£ 64.41
Allianz Cornhill Insurance	
Compact insurance premium	£ 299.57

Berkshire County Blind Society
Section 137 donation toward parishioners support £ 25.00

18. To Receive Any Items for Information Only.

Concern was expressed at the absence of any information from West Berkshire District Council Enforcement Officer in regard to the alleged unauthorised activities at specified locations within the parish.

19. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Chairman
18th July 2007