

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 19th May 2010 in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jon Chishick, Councillor Miriam Kennett

In attendance:

Parish Clerk

1. Election of chairman

There was one nomination, Cllr Broun. The parish council resolved to elect Cllr Broun as Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year. Cllr Broun signed the declaration of acceptance.

2. Election of vice-chairman

All agreed to appoint Cllr Pawson as vice-chairman for 2010/11.

3. Apologies

Cllr Hutchison

4. Declarations of interest

None

5. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 17th March 2010 agreed as a correct record and signed.

6. Matters arising

All agreed that a bandstand cannot be justified on the basis of cost, however a marquee for village events would be more appropriate.

7. S106 projects

The council discussed current Millennium Green projects and agreed the following:

- The feasibility of purchasing of a marquee will be explored.

- Seating is required for people to picnic at etc, especially as the Green is being used more frequently. Resolved to install two picnic benches.
- The council discussed the possibility of installing equipment for older children and adults. All agreed to continue researching this idea.
- Resolved to buy a galvanised bin to store sports equipment in.
- All agreed to obtain costing for replacing eco blocks in the car park, to replace pea shingle.
- Suggestion to introduce hedging to shield part of the green from the road. Further discussion required.

8. Parish plan matters

Cllr Pawson reminded the council that the Village Design Statement meeting will be held on 10th June 2010.

9. District Councillor Report

Cllr Metcalfe reported that not much has happened because the council has been busy with the elections. A priority for the council is sorting out the Youth Services.

10. Planning applications

Presented by Cllr Pawson:

- a) Nunhide Farm House – no objections
- b) Oaklands Farm – no objections in principle. Condition should be imposed that the bedsit should be used only as an ancillary accommodation to the main house, to avoid it being sold off as a separate residence at a future date.
- c) 15 Stratchey Close – (Cllr Kennet declared an interest due to proximity) – no objections
- d) Rose Cottage – no objections

11. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Cllr Broun reported that Cllr Hutchison is awaiting a reply from Andrew Garrett with his response to projects discussed in the Roads & Traffic Group. The A340 is due to be resurfaced this year. The cycle path is also being pursued.

12. Finance

Annual return approved

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
J Wheeler	Salary	£484.00
Berkshire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription	£80.47
AON	Annual insurance premium	£960.87
DSPP	Internal auditors	£60.00
Allianz	Annual motor insurance premium for mower	£172.62

Payments received:

None

13. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Report received from Cllr Hutchison:

- Agreement has been reached to change speed limit on A340 between Pangbourne from 50 mph to 40 mph. This will take place once the statutory process has been finalised.
- Work is being undertaken by West Berks Council to change the speed limit on Sulham Lane through Sulham from 60mph to 30 mph.
- An approach is necessary to the Village Hall Committee to change the line of sight outside Village Hall by moving the fence, removing foliage etc on advice from WBC Highways Dept. This would create safer egress and ingress.
- Over next few months the police will be carrying out checks along the A340 on vehicles for speed, illegal use of mobile phones and failing to wear seat belts. The results will be made available to Parish Councils.

14. Environmental Matters

Cllr Pawson reported a problem dog owner, whose dogs have been out of control on a number of occasions, disturbing livestock and trespassing on private property. The police are looking into the matter.

15. AWE update

Nothing to report, the next meeting is on 2nd June.

16. Matters for further discussion

Anna Smy, Environmental Health Officer at West Berkshire Council, is managing a project where air quality in Tidmarsh is being measured. More discussion at the next meeting.

17. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm. The next meeting is on 21st July 2010.

Date

Signed