

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 18th May 2011 in the village hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun, Councillor Colin Pawson, Councillor Jon Chishick, Councillor Jim Hutchison, Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jonathan Pearson

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

1. Election of chairman

Cllr Hutchison nominated Cllr Broun; seconded by Cllr Chishick.
Resolved to appoint Cllr Broun as chairman.

2. Co-option of parish councillor

Cllr Hutchison nominated Colin Pawson. One objection from Cllr Pearson who asked that the vacancy be advertised. All except Cllr Pearson resolved to co-opt Colin Pawson as parish councillor.

3. Election of vice-chairman and committee

Cllr Pawson nominated Cllr Webb as vice-chairman; seconded by Cllr Pearson.
Resolved to appoint Cllr Webb as vice-chairman.

Committee/organisation	Councillor
AWE	Cllr Chishick
Millennium Green	Cllr Broun
Neighbourhood Action Group	Cllr Hutchison
Planning committee	Cllr Pawson
Village hall committee	Cllr Webb

4. Apologies

None

5. Declarations of interest

None

6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 16th March 2011 agreed as a correct record and signed.

7. Matters arising

Agreed to write to Miriam Kennett to request the overdue bus report.

8. S106 projects

Cllr Pearson asked whether the parish council could look at improving the safety of the Sulham Hill/Sulham Lane junction before work is planned for improvements to the Sulham layby.

Agreed to invite parishioners and representatives from West Berkshire Council to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss options. Parish clerk to write to the Sulham Estate Office to ask whether the strip of land behind the Sulham layby could be used, if road widening is a viable option.

9. Parish plan matters

Cllr Pearson agreed to carry out research on Village Design Statements published by other parishes and agreed to investigate the costing involved.

10. District Councillor report

District Councillor Metcalfe congratulated parish councillors on standing as parish councillors.

He reported that the council had been busy with the recent elections and explained that the Purley ward has a high electorate compared to others. There are plans for the Dolphin Centre to be community owned next year. He also informed the council that the area has a problem with a species of moth that is attacking oak trees. Any infestations can be reported to West Berkshire Council.

Cllr Chishick asked about the road resurfacing. Cllr Metcalfe replied that District Cllr Betts (lead Councillor for Highways) has a project plan for resurfacing works which will be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee at West Berkshire Council this evening.

11. Planning matters

No new applications

Parish council agreed to keep an eye on the recently purchased Keepers Cottage and the IKEA planning application.

12. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

A resident had asked why the verges are cut in March before they start growing. District Cllr Metcalfe replied that bushes and scrub are cut out of hedges before the bird nesting season. The council encourages land owners to maintain their own hedges.

13. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr Hutchison reported that fly tipping still proves to be a major problem in the area.

14. Environmental Matters

None

15. AWE update

None (no meeting)

16. Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Millennium Green	Annual grant	£1200.00
HMRC	Tax & NI payment (2 months)	£86.80
J Wheeler	Clerk salary (2 months)	£397.20

17. Other matters

All agreed that Alan Maskell carried out a great job on the Millennium Green and resolved to appoint him to look after the bus shelter.

18. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm. The next meeting is on 20th July 2011.

Date

Signed