

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 15th May, 2013 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor John Haggarty
Councillor Colin Pawson

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

1. Election of chairman

Mike Broun was proposed by Jon Chishick and seconded by Colin Pawson. It was resolved that Mike Broun continue as chairman. He signed his declaration of office.

2. Election of vice chairman

Steve Webb was proposed by Colin Pawson and seconded by Jon Chishick. It was resolved that Steve Webb continue as vice chairman. He signed his declaration of office.

3. Election of committees

It proposed by Mike Broun and seconded by Steve Webb that Colin Pawson be elected as chairman of the planning committee. It was resolved that Colin Pawson would continue as chairman and the planning committee would continue under its current terms of reference.

4. Apologies

None

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Pawson declared an interest in Item 9 – Planning.

6. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on March 20th, as well as the minutes for the Annual Assembly held on the same evening, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 77 – Clerk to contact WBC to organise the installation of the dog bins now that the remedial work has taken place.

Item 78 – Cllr Chishick reported that the fingerpost at Maidenhatch had been installed.

Item 82 – Cllr Pearson reported that he had spoken to WBC regarding the Superfast Broadband project but had not heard any more from them.

Cllr Broun informed councillors that the owners of Forge Cottage, who run a business locally, have had a cabinet installed to help run their computers. They are happy to share it with the village. Cllr Pearson to liaise and look into the possibility.

8. District councillor's report

District Cllr Metcalfe reported the following:

- The annual meeting of WBC has been held and Keith Chopping was voted in as chairman. There has been a change around in the executive.
- Good news was that £1.4m has been found to go into roads resurfacing, but still pressure on finances.
- Cllr Metcalfe is now the deputy to the portfolio holder for children and young people.
- The Ikea plans may not be shelved.
- There are still problems with flooding in the area and WBC are awaiting EA decisions, before taking further action.

9. Planning

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/00463/HOUSE	Gables, Tidmarsh, RG8 8ES	Demolish garage and build new garage and link	Approved
13/00456/FULD	Eaglesfield Stables Tidmarsh, RG8 8ES	Construction of a permanent dwelling for equine worker	Approved

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/00685/FULD	The Mill House, Tidmarsh, RG8 8EB	Construction of a 4 bedroom house and carport. Demolition of existing garage.	No objections, subject to materials used being to the satisfaction of the conservation officer and want concerns over building on flood plains noted

Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved that Cllr Pawson will write to WBC to voice the council's disappointment at the approval of the Eaglesfield planning application.

10. Trustees of the Village Hall

Cllr Webb reported that the village hall committee has asked the parish council to consider becoming the Holding Trustees for the village hall assets. They said there would be no day to day duties involved. Proposed by Cllr Webb, seconded by Cllr Broun. All agreed and it was resolved that the parish council become the Holding Trustees of the Village Hall assets.

Clerk to check with the Charity Commission if the Millennium Green Trust needs Holding Trustees.

11. Highways and Footpaths

Cllr Chishick noted that when approaching the village from the east and west there are no signs telling you when you enter Tidmarsh. Clerk to contact WBC to raise the issue.

12. Environmental Matters

Cllr Haggarty reported on the recent meeting, chaired by Alok Sharma, on flooding in the area. Also present was Julia Simpson, the head of the EA in the Thames Valley. He reported that the EA plan to carry out maintenance work on the Pang and Sul from May to July; de-silting and cutting back vegetation. At the meeting it was said that the Sul and Pang are the responsibility of the EA, while the ditches are the responsibility of WBC.

Cllr Pawson reported that WBC has written to local landowners with ditches on their property, telling them to clear the ditches as soon as access to them is possible.

At the meeting, Cllr Haggarty said, insurance policy issues were also discussed. People concerned can ask the EA for an 'Insurance Related Request', which will clarify the issue of flooding, flood defences and any work likely to be carried out on flood defences for the property. No properties flooded this winter.

13. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

The issue of fly-tipping was raised and district cllr Metcalfe is still chasing police for an update on the fly-tippers caught by cllr Haggarty on Nunhide Lane.

Cllr Haggarty was asked to bring up the issue of joyriders at Sainsbury's in Calcot at the next meeting.

14. AWE Liaison Group

The next meeting is on June 12th, 2013.

15. Assets Register

The assets register was updated to ensure it is current. It prompted Cllr Webb to note that the Sulham noticeboard is looking a bit weather-beaten. Cllr Broun to contact Harry Stubbings to discuss improving it.

16. Accounts

Receipts put forward for payment were proposed by cllr Broun and seconded by cllr Webb.

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Standing order for 1 x monthly salary	£208
Aon	Annual insurance premium (257)	£1219.64
David Weller	Internal audit (258)	£40
Sarah Bosley	Salary for month of June (259)	£166.40
Rospa	MG playground inspection (260)	£261.60
Arrow fencing	Gate and fence on footpath (261)	£150
Brian Murby	Annual maintenance of Millennium Green (262)	£1,000
David Norris	Reimbursement for payment of mower repairs (263)	£260

It was resolved that the above invoices be approved for payment.

The annual accounts and external audit papers were signed off by the chairman, Cllr Broun, and the clerk/RFO.

The clerk reported that she now has to run a payroll in-line with new HMRC procedures to report pay monthly in Real Time Information. She has set up the payroll using HMRC online tools and has cancelled the standing order to herself. She will now be paid by cheque, signed at the parish council meetings.

13. Clerk's Report

The clerk provided councillors with the internal audit report and noted that she would produce up to date policies and procedures for the council.

She also informed the council that there have been problems receiving bank statements from Lloyds TSB. Cllr Broun to go into the branch and discuss with the manager.

14. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.04pm. The next meeting is on 18th September, 2013.

Date

Signed