

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 21st May, 2014 in the village hall.

Present:

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

In attendance:

2 members of the public
Sarah Bosley (clerk)

1. Election of chairman

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

2. Election of vice chairman

Steve Webb was proposed by Jon Chishick and seconded by John Haggarty. It was resolved that Steve Webb continue as vice chairman. He signed the declaration of office.

3. Election of committees

It proposed by Steve Webb and seconded by Mike Broun 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. Accepted apologies

District councillor Tim Metcalfe and councillor Jonathan Pearson

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on March 19th, 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 80 – Cllr Broun reported that he was trying to contact the man who made the lychgate to see if he could help with a matching bus shelter, but has not been successful. He has spoken to Berkshire Oakcraft but they do not make bus shelters. Cllr Pawson to continue looking into it.

Item 81 – Clerk reported that S106 can be used to purchase a new storage unit for the green, but that WBC do not supply them. She will look for others and bring to next meeting.

8. Flood Warden Report

George Davidson circulated a report from the recent Pang Valley Flood Forum meeting, which is attached to these minutes.

He also reported that WBC and the EA would be holding demonstrations on June 7th to show landowners how to maintain their land and the river as it flows through their property.

He will be putting an article in the next parish magazine summarising the activity so far, which he believes is promising.

9. District councillor's report

Not present.

10. Planning

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/02694/FULD	Nutley's Yard, Sulham Estates, Nunhide Lane, Sulham	Conversion, extension and replacement of existing buildings to form two dwellings	Approved

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
14/00664/FUL	5 Tidmarsh Court	Addition of three pane, double glazed, UPVC window	No objections
14/00790/HOUSE	Willowbrook, Manor Farm Lane	Construction of a garden shed/garage	No objections
14/00287/FUL	1 Tidmarsh Court, Tidmarsh Lane	Demolition of existing extension and construction of an orangery to use as a kitchen	No objections
14/00551/HOUSE	Ogmoor House, Tidmarsh	Alterations and extension to granny annexe	No objections but PC do voice resentment over the plans and planning that has taken place on the site

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11. Highways and Footpaths

Clerk reported that Cllr Broun had asked her to look into the potential of creating Quiet Lanes in the village. She reported that she had spoken to WBC and was told that there were no roads within the village that it was believed would qualify for the strict guidelines to create a Quiet Lane. Councillors asked the clerk to go back to WBC to ask why and for more detail.

Parishioner Sima Elliot reported that an accident outside her house on 28/4 had closed the road. Councillors would like to see a 20mph sign on the bend by Sima's house, going towards Sulham Lane. Clerk to invite a member of WBC highways department to the next meeting to discuss a number of issues the councillors have, including signage at Mill Lane and Tidmarsh Lane and speeding on the A340.

It was noted that the chevrons at the south end of the village are currently obscured by foliage, as is the 30mph sign at the other end of the village. Clerk to contact WBC to cut back.

Cllr Haggarty noted that there were a lot of pot holes along Sulham Lane, just past the stables. He has reported them to WBC and they are being filled in quickly but it is only a temporary fix and they are coming back quickly. Clerk to also contact WBC to alert them to the problem.

Cllr Haggarty also reported that Sulham Estates was still having problems with WBC approving the rising bollards at Nunhide Lane.

Cllr Haggarty reported that there had been a series of fly tipping incidents on Nunhide Lane recently.

12. Environmental Matters

Cllr Pawson reported that he had received three separate reports of the smell of fuel in the Pang. An EA representative has been out but couldn't find any problem. Cllr Haggarty said that he had been told by fisherman that they had noticed an oil-like sheen too. Everyone is being asked to contact the EA directly with any concerns.

13. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

There was a NAG meeting on 28/4 and Cllr Haggarty was voted in as chairman.

Cllr Haggarty asked for the results of the speed camera in the village. They are:

2013 – 164 prosecutions

2014 – 30 so far this year

He also brought up concerns that people were ignoring road closed signs during the floods and Thames Valley Police confirmed it is an offence to go through or remove any signs. If people can take photos of any offending vehicles the police can follow it up.

He also asked for speed checks on Sulham Hill and was assured it would happen soon.

14. AWE Liaison Group

The next meeting is on June 4th.

15. Internal Audit recommendations

The clerk reported that the internal audit had been carried out and there were a few minor recommendations, such as carrying out a review of policies and procedures, the assets register and the council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

16. Accounts

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

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
BALC	Annual membership (298)	£103.14
JPH Forestry	Stump grinding on MG (299)	£200
JPH Forestry	VAT element of above (300)	£40
Aon Uk	Annual insurance premium (301)	£1244.54
David Weller	Internal audit (302)	£40
Rospa (Playsafety)	Annual inspection of play area (303)	£78
Sarah Bosley	Salary, allowance and mileage for May (304)	£250.40
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance for June (305)	£236
Sarah Bosley	Tax refund from April 2013 (306)	£41.60
Brian Murby	Quarterly MG maintenance (307)	£250
John Haggarty	Reimbursement for trees for MG (308)	£41.48

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

Proposed by cllr Chishick and seconded by cllr Webb. It was resolved that the council accept the annual accounts. The annual accounts and external audit papers were then signed off by the chairman, Cllr Broun, and the clerk/RFO.

It was reported that at the AGM of the Millennium Green Trust, earlier today, the trustees voted to ask the parish council to increase the amount paid to Brian Murby quarterly for the maintenance of the Millennium Green. Proposed by cllr Chishick and seconded by cllr Webb. It was resolved to increase Brian's pay to £260 per quarter.

13. Clerk's Report

The clerk provided councillors with the internal audit report.

14. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm. The next meeting is on 16th July, 2014.

Date

Signed