

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 16th November 2005, commencing at 8.00.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. E. Ayerst,
Mr. J. Harland, Mr. C. Pawson.
Mr. R. Taylor.

Apologies: Mr. J. Chapman - District Councillor
Mr. Tim Metcalfe – District Councillor

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Two parishioners present

50. 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.

51. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st September 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i. The change of road names for Mill Lane and Sulham Hill was proceeding satisfactorily.
- ii. The Planning Enforcement Officer had considered the situation at Tow Acres, and a formal planning application was expected.
- iii. Confirmation was received that the vehicle movement statistics had been obtained on 26th and 27th July 2005.

53. District Council Report

There was not a District Councillor in attendance to give a report.

54. Planning

The following planning applications were considered.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
05/02425	Little Paddocks and Craiginch, Altered vehicular access.	No objections
05/02447	The Old Forge, Installation of air conditioning unit.	No objections.
05/02341	Land to the rear of Tow Acres, B8 Storage (Retrospective)	Refusal. Planning Chairman to submit detailed observations.

Other Planning Matters

An invitation was received from West Berkshire District to attend a consultation event on Saturday 19th November at Leckhampstead to consider The Local Transport Plan (2006-2010).

The Supplementary Planning Document, issued by West Berkshire District Council, was handed to the Chairman and would be made available to the Chairman of the Parish Plan Group.

Councillor Colin Pawson had asked West Berkshire District Council to investigate the unauthorised closure of a pedestrian entrance to the Tidmarsh Grange site.

55. Parish Plan

The Chairman reported that Focus Groups had been appointed and work was proceeding.

56. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Councillor Colin Pawson had contacted the Chairman of Purley Parish Council in regard to a problem relating to off road vehicles using Sulham Woods for unauthorised purposes. Section 59-60 of the Police Reform Act 2002 provided for the confiscation and subsequent destruction of vehicles for persistent offenders.

A number of local footpath styles had been improved and/or replaced.

Consideration was given to a recent exercise undertaken by the Chairman and District Councillor Tim Metcalfe in regard to the positioning of a Speed Indicating 30 mph sign alongside the A340 through Tidmarsh. It was reported that the sign would be erected on the southern edge of the chicane north of Ogmoor House. If this location was approved it would necessitate the relocation of the existing 30 mph sign.

The provision of a “NO THROUGH TRAFFIC” sign at the junction of Manor Farm Lane with the A340 was to be hastened.

Attention was directed to the condition of the hedge alongside the footpath on the eastern side of the A340. A request would be made for the base to be cut back.

The Winter Service Plan 2005/2006 was received from West Berkshire District Council.

The request for a 30 mph speed restriction through the parish of Sulham was not making spectacular progress, notwithstanding the support of District Councillor Tim Metcalfe. Further attempts would be made to secure the restriction along the length from the bottom of Sulham Hill to the junction of the A329 in Pangbourne.

57. Eastern Area Vision Task Group

No further information was available.

58. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

John Harland undertook to represent the Parish Council at the next meeting to be held on 7th December at the office of Purley Parish Council.

59. Affordable Village Housing Seminar

An invitation was received from The Rural Housing Trust to attend a seminar on the subject of providing affordable housing for local people. Members were not available to attend on 18th November.

60. BT Payphone Provision

The Action of the Clerk in opposing the proposed closure of the BT payphones in Sulham and Tidmarsh was supported. The proposal was based on a rationalisation policy that appeared to be slanted towards closure rather than the provision of a public service.

61 Local Environment

Councillor Colin Pawson reported on correspondence he had exchanged with the Environment Agency on the subject of the dredging of the river Pang. The view that riparian owners were responsible had been questioned, especially as the published Flood Alleviation Scheme had clearly indicated that local flooding could and should be alleviated by dredging of the river bank.

62. Land Registry – Public Authority Land

The recently introduced Land Registration Act 2002 required all land to be registered within a period yet to be defined. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no land that required to be registered.

63. Finance

Resolved that the following amounts be authorised for payment, such sums to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.

CPRE Annual Subscription	£ 25.00
Tidmarsh Village Hall Hire of Hall for 2005/2006	£150.00

The Annual Audit of the accounts had been completed and the notice of completion of the audit had been published.

64. Items for Information Only

Thames Valley Farmers Market leaflets had been received in regard to the new market now operating in Purley.

65. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.

Chairman
18th January 2006