

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 21st November, 2012 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Steve Webb - chairman
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor John Haggerty

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe
1 member of the public

38. Accepted apologies

Councillor Mike Broun

39. Declarations of interest

All councillors present gave the clerk a signed letter asking for a dispensation to discuss matters concerning the precept, for which they all had a pecuniary interest. It was decided by a unanimous vote to grant the dispensations for a period of four years or until the next election, whichever is sooner.

40. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 19th September 2012 agreed as a correct record and signed.

41. Matters arising

Clerk asked to chase WBC for an update on the Sulham Layby feasibility study.

42. Acceptance of Code of Conduct

Proposed by cllr Pawson and seconded by cllr Pearson to accept the Code of Conduct. Unanimously agreed.

43. Acceptance of risk assessment for parish council

Proposed by cllr Webb and seconded by cllr Haggerty to accept the risk assessment and review it annually, as well as creating a schedule of insurance policies to try to tie them together. Unanimously agreed.

44. District Councillor Report

District Cllr Metcalfe reported that:

- There is a big push on the fostering of children in West Berkshire, which places large demands on the budget.
- More schools are becoming unviable due to a lack of numbers.
- The Eastern Area Vision is being redone, which local resident of Tidmarsh, Sima Elliot attended. The plan will show where WBC will invest in the eastern area. 25% of West Berkshire residents live in the eastern area.

45. Planning

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
12/021411/FUL	Mayden Farm, Tidmarsh, RG8 8HG	Removal of 3 antenna on existing column and replace with 3 antenna and additional dish, plus 2 equipment cabinets on existing base	Approved
12/01732/FULMAJ	Moor Copse, Mill Lane. RG8 8EB	Demolition of the existing dwellings and outbuildings and the construction of detached dwelling and cottage	Refused
12/01707/HOUSE	The Nightingales, Mill Lane, RG8 8EB	Construction of an orangery	Approved
12/01117/CERTE	Vyners Estate, Mill Lane, RG8 8EB	As per the title deed the land is used for part offices/parking and part yard, as storage only	Refused

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
12/02469/FUL	Mayden Farm, Tidmarsh, RG8 8HG	Change of use of land from agricultural to commercial breeding of horses owned by Mayden Stud	No objections

12/02487/CERT E	Meadow View Cottage, Nunhide Lane, Sulham	Residential use of former agricultural building	No comments
12/02492/CERT E	Nutleys Yard, Meadow View Cottage, Nunhide Lane, Sulham	Builders yard and storage buildings (sui generis use)	No comments
12/02710/FUL	Moor Copse, Mill Lane, RG8 8EB	Demolition of the existing dwellings and outbuildings and the construction of detached dwelling	No objection
12/02783/FUL	Land adjacent to McDonald's, Savacentre, Bath Road, Calcot	(As adjacent parish) Retention and alterations of egress from McDonald's car park to highway	No objections
12/02418/FUL	Theale Cross, Pincents Kiln, Calcot	Site security and associated measures to include security fencing, vehicular and pedestrian access gates, CCTV and more	No objections
12/02598/DEM O	1 and 2 Pincents Kiln, Calcot	Demolition of vacant derelict retail warehouse building	No objections

District cllr Metcalfe reported that Richard Beech, the senior enforcement officer at WBC launched a high level enquiry into all communications and actions associated with application number 12/01117/CERTE. He added that the owners had been told that all external works had to go and that lorries did seem to have moved on. The site must now be repaired.

Proposed by cllr Pawson and seconded by cllr Webb, that the clerk writes to environmental health at WBC, re the light and noise (from dogs) pollution adjacent to an SSSI.

46. Highways and Footpaths

SSE van parked in an obstructive way on Mill Lane, adjacent to Peat Pits Woods and therefore should put it right. Proposed by cllr Webb and seconded by cllr Pawson, that clerk writes to SSE.

Cllr Pawson reported that there have been two more accidents since the last meeting and he will redo the poster asking for residents to report road incidents.

Proposed by cllr Webb and seconded by cllr Pawson, that the parish council funds a dog bin on the footpath at Sunnybrooks. All agreed. Clerk to contact WBC again over the issue of re-routing the footpath to its original path and to follow up the purchase of the bin.

47. Environmental Matters, including MG wild flower meadow

Cllr Pawson reported that WBC had agreed to the use of S106 money for the wild flower meadow.

After hearing cllr Pawson put forward the details it was agreed to lay the turf next autumn. Proposed by cllr Pawson and seconded by cllr Haggerty.

48. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) – co-option of non-councillor to the committee

District cllr Metcalfe said the NAG looks at slightly different issues to the Eastern Area Vision Group. It is the short term reaction to issues, whereas the Vision Group is a long term plan. It was proposed by cllr Pawson and seconded by cllr Webb, that Sima Elliot attends the Eastern Area Vision Group. Unanimously agreed.

49. AWE update

The next meeting is on December 5th.

50. Accounts

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

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Standing order for 2 x monthly salary	2 x £208
Mazars	External audit fee	£162.00

51. Draft precept

The clerk presented draft figures to the councillors and it was agreed to not raise the precept for the next year, as long as no other issues arise before January.

52. Clerk's report

The assets register was discussed and will be reviewed in the new year.

When one company went to quote for removing diseased trees on the Millennium Green, they noticed more were diseased. Clerk has contacted WBC tree officer, Arthur Cullen, and will contact him again for an update on how many trees are affected and for a replanting plan.

53. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.17pm. The next meeting is on 16th January 2013.

Date

Signed