

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016 held at the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Steve Webb (chairman for the meeting)
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor Sima Elliot
Councillor John Haggarty

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
1 member of the public

60. Accepted apologies

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Colin Pawson

61. Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

None

62. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 21st September, 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

63. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 50: Cllr Haggarty reported that the base for the new bin has now been put down and the bin itself will be installed soon. This is all being done voluntarily by a parishioner, which the parish council is very grateful for.

Item 51: Cllr Haggarty reported that there had been some flooding around the phone box in Sulham. WBC has been in contact with him with regards to gaining entry to a Sulham Estates field so they can jet the drain all the way through, which will hopefully help the problem. Cllr Haggarty to keep an eye on the situation and keep the parish council updated.

64. District councillor's report

Not present.

65. Planning

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
16/02695/MDOP O	Mayden Farm, Tidmarsh Lane	Modification of obligation of approved application	No objections

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
16/02375/FUL	Telecommunications mast, Nunhide Lane	Replacement monopole and additional cabinet	Ownership certificates incorrect
16/02028/HOUSE and 16/02030/LBC2	Box Cottage, Sulham Lane	Oak framed garden room	Approved
16/01999/FUL	Chestnuts, Mill Lane	Replacement dwelling	Approved

The clerk was asked to query with WBC why the council did not receive the plans for an oak-framed garden room, replacing a rear extension at Box Cottage, Sulham Lane (application numbers 16/02028/HOUSE and 16/02030/LBC2).

The clerk reported that she had spoken with WBC planning department again regarding D W Lusted and Keeper's Cottage. The council has allowed an extension for the applicant to provide the relevant evidence and the new deadline is now November 23rd, 2016.

66. Broadband update

Cllr Pearson reported that he has had a few discussions with Gigaclear and a salesman has informed him that the 'go live' date is February/March 2017. This has been brought forward from September 2017 and Sulham Lane could be earlier. Cllr Pearson noted that the new BT cabinets seem to be for 'future-proofing' or for businesses in Pangbourne.

With regards to Gigaclear, Cllr Pearson has concerns that the cables are not buried deep enough so he fears problems in the future. He also asked if Sulham Estates would be amenable to cables being laid the other side of the hedgerows. He also asked the PC to consider making a financial contribution to ensure all properties in Tidmarsh and Sulham were included in the scheme. He will go back to Gigaclear to clarify the exact area and where they will lay the cables.

67. Offer by Rick Jones to discuss WBC budget and statutory duties – who would like to attend?

Cllr Pearson will set up a meeting with Rick Jones to discuss this. Cllr Elliot and Jon Chishick both also expressed an interest in attending. Cllr Pearson to liaise with all parties and organise.

68. Weight limit for Sulham Lane

Cllr Pearson asked for the PC to consider applying for a weight limit on Sulham Lane, due to the large lorries he keeps encountering and his fears that Home Farm premises at the end of the lane is becoming an industrial area.

There are currently advisory notices on the road, but it doesn't appear to deter drivers and he has concerns if two lorries meet head on in the lane.

A discussion took place with arguments for both sides heard.

The clerk was asked to contact WBC just to enquire what the process is if the PC would like to ask for a weight limit. This will be discussed again in the future.

69. Highways and footpaths matters

Cllr Haggarty asked for the update on the gate being put back by Mike Smith's land on Sulham Lane as it is very dangerous for walkers coming up from Tidmarsh. Clerk to ask Cllr Pawson for an update from Arrow Fencing.

70. Environmental matters

Cllr Haggarty reported that some of the new trees planted on the Millennium Green have not taken well and need replacing.

The vegetation around the 20mph signs up Mill Lane towards Sulham also needs cutting back. Clerk to report.

71. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group report

Nothing to report.

72. AWE Liaison Group report

Jon Chishick reported that he has reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, which he could not attend, and there was nothing of note to report. The next meeting is on December 8th and he will report back anything urgent.

73. Code of Conduct update

Proposed by Cllr Webb and seconded by Cllr Pearson. It was resolved to accept the updated Code of Conduct

74. Assets Register update

Proposed by Cllr Haggarty and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved to update the Assets Register to include the new bus shelter, noticeboards and the Millennium Green sign.

75. Pension update

No current update.

76. Financial Matters, including draft precept

Proposed by Cllr Elliot and seconded by Cllr Webb. It was resolved to make the following payments. It was noted that Cllr Webb and the clerk were the only signatories present so it was resolved that all councillors were happy that all the relevant checks had taken place to ensure that the cheques were correct and the clerk could counter-sign the cheques payable to herself.

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Total amount	VAT
Kay Lacey	Remainder of PVFF grant (468)	£197.60	£0
Brian Murby	MG upkeep payment 3 of 4 (469)	£290	£0
Sarah Bosley	Clerk's salary, allowance and mileage for November (470)	£272	£0
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Jonathan Pearson	Printing costs for parish questionnaire (472)	£40	£0

The clerk circulated draft budget figures which all councillors considered and a discussion about the merits of raising the precept or keeping it the same took place. Financial pressures and cuts were considered. The clerk will provide more detailed breakdown ahead of January's meeting when a decision on the precept will be made.

77. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported the following:

- The M4 will have various overnight closures in place between junctions 12-13 from 28th November until 20th December for resurfacing works.
- BALC is offering training courses on planning, councillor training, chairmanship and employment.
- Volunteers are needed to help run the area's libraries.
- There is a further library consultation taking place. It runs until December 11th.
- There is a CIL consultation taking place and the clerk will email details to any councillors wishing to respond individually.
- The PC has received notification that no CIL payments were due to the PC between April 1st and October 25th, 2016.

78. Close of meeting

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.33pm. The next meeting is on January 18th, 2017.

Date

Signed