TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 15th September 2004, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present:	Mr. C. Pawson (Chairman), Mr. J. Harland, Mr. R. Taylor.
Apologies:	Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. E. Ayerst, Mr. M. Broun. Mr. J. Chapman (District Councillor).
In Attendance:	Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor). Clerk to the Parish Council 1 Parishioner

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no items listed on the agenda that resulted in any Member declarations.

18. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st July 2004, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. Matters Arising on the Minutes

No further information had been received from Forest Enterprise on the subject of the closure of the car park at the top of Sulham Hill. It was agreed to let the matter rest.

An objection to the proposed increased charges for use of the Whitchurch Toll Bridge had been sent to the Road Charging Division of the Department of Transport, but had not yet been acknowledged.

20. District Council Report

Tim Metcalfe gave a brief report on District Council issues relevant to the local community.

The Draft Licensing Strategy was tabled. An Eastern Area Vision Task Group was to be formed with a view to examining the need for additional services in the eastern section of the West Berkshire District Council area.

21. Planning

The following planning applications were considered.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
04/01440	Glebe Orchard Frontage. Demolition of storage buildings, and proposal for bungalow.	Objection. Outside the settlement area.
04/01892	Beedon Cottage, Sulham Lane. Conservatory to rear elevation.	Objection. Too large for site and no construction details supplied.
04/02127	Welford, Manor Farm Lane, Revised plans for house and garage.	No objections.
04/02083	Porsche, Pincents Lane, Single storey flat roofed training area.	No objections.
04/02090	Tidmarsh Barn Tidmarsh Lane, Variation of conditions.	Chairman of Planning to contact WBDC for clarification.

The following decisions were recorded.

04/01492	North Riding, Sulham Lane.	Approval.
04/01420	Maidenhatch Lodge.	Withdrawn.

An exchange of letters in regard to the possible use of land in Tidmarsh by travellers was noted. The District Council had pointed out that they did not have the power to stop travellers buying land.

An invitation was received to attend a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group at the Purley Parish Council offices on Wednesday 29th September, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Rod Taylor undertook to represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

22. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Following agreement at the previous meeting, a letter had been written to Sally Hannon, the Executive Members for Highways and Transportation at West

Berkshire District Council, requesting that revised consideration be given to the request for a 30 mph speed restriction through the built up area of Sulham. A reply was still awaited.

An informal discussion considered the inadequacies of Tidmarsh Lane, and a parishioner agreed to attend the next meeting of the Eastern Area Forum to raise the subject.

23. Environmental Issues

It was agreed to support a request from the Friends of the Pang and Kennet Valleys for non financial support for an application for a grant to run a campaign to stimulate use of the splendid network of Rights of Way that exists in the Pang Valley and to encourage "Green Tourism".

24. Crime and Disorder

Local issues were discussed.

25. Finance

Resolved that the following item be authorised for payment, such sum to be debited to the Parish Council account.

UHY Hacker Young External Audit Fee 2003/04	£58.75

26. Consultation Papers

Consultation papers were received and noted in regard to:

1. A Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees.

2. A Review of Restrictions on the Political Activities of Local Authority Employees and Pay of Political Assistants.

27. District/Parish Conference

Details of the forthcoming District/Parish Conference on Thursday 7th October were received and noted. It was agreed that the condition of Tidmarsh Lane would be submitted as an item for a future Area Forum meeting.

28. Revised Area Forum Grouping

Details of the revised Area Forum Groups was received and noted. Tidmarsh with Sulham remained in a reduced Eastern Area Forum.

29. Annual Parish Survey

An Annual Survey request form was received from West Berkshire District Council. The Clerk was requested to complete and return.

30. Junior Citizen of the Year

The District Council invited nominations for the Junior Citizen of the Year Award 2004.

31. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.47 p.m.

Chairman
17th November 2004