

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 21st September 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
No parishioners present

35. 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.

36. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th July 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37. 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. The formal written objection to the extended licensing hours at the Greyhound public house had been submitted to West Berkshire District Council.

38. District Council Report

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

A written report had been received from District Councillor Tim Metcalfe, and would be considered during the Highways item.

39. Planning

- i. There were no planning applications to consider.
- ii. A Case Officer's Report had been received, indicating that the application number 05/01240 for a single storey extension to side and rear of Red Roof had been approved.
- iii. A number of Planning Papers were received and noted:
 - a. Shaping a Planning Strategy for West Berkshire – a seminar at Newbury Racecourse on 4th October.
 - b. South East Plan – Consultation on the housing distribution for Berkshire.
 - c. West Berkshire Local Development Framework – seeking views on the placement of future dwellings.
 - d. Newbury Town Centre Plan – views invited on the future development of Newbury Town.

40. Parish Plan

Councillor Colin Pawson reported that the preparation of the Parish Plan was proceeding with vigor and enthusiasm. Three focus groups had been established and their work would be consolidated in the final Plan.

41. Change of Road Names

The Clerk reported that the renaming of Mill Lane and Sulham Hill was proceeding satisfactorily.

42. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe had received confirmation from West Berkshire District Council that a request for a 30 mph speed restriction through the village of Sulham would be placed on the list for the Speed Limit Review Task Group meeting in February 2006.

The action taken by Tim Metcalfe was received with thanks, and consideration was given to the means by which the District Council could be absolutely certain of the roads that should be covered by a restriction. It was agreed that the limit should start at the Nunhide Lane junction with Sulham Hill and cover the entire length of road to the junction with the A329 at Pangbourne. A request would be made for a traffic engineer to visit the area to personally ascertain the situation.

The results of a speed survey for Tidmarsh were received. It was agreed that further information would be sought in regard to date, time, and weather conditions.

The positioning of a Vehicle Activated Sign had been agreed for alongside the A340 through Tidmarsh. It was reported to be positioned adjacent to Ogmoor House.

The hedge alongside the footpath by the A340 was in need of cutting back at the base.

43. Eastern Area Vision

The Chairman reported that the final draft of the Eastern Area Vision had been produced. This document was the blueprint which it was hoped would lead to a fairer distribution of services within the West Berkshire District Council area.

44. Crime and Disorder

The minutes of the meeting, held on 6th July, of the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group were received.

The latest newsletters from Andy Talbot, the outgoing Inspector at Pangbourne, and Roger Cartwright, the new Inspector, were received.

A communication from the Thames Valley Police drew attention to a campaign to tackle robbery, alcohol related violent crime, and the possession and use of replica guns. The campaign was aimed at 15 to 35 year olds.

45. Pangbourne Village Design Statement.

Complementary copies of the Draft Pangbourne Village Design Statement were received and noted.

46. Local Environmental Issues

Councillor Colin Pawson commented on the condition of the Pang and the Sul. The Sul was almost completely dry at present, whilst the level of the water in the Pang was low. The Environment Agency would be requested to detail their dredging policy for the local rivers.

47. Finance

There were no accounts for payment.

The Notice of audit had been displayed and the Annual Return was ready to be sent to the External Auditor.

48. District/Parish Conference

Councillor Colin Pawson undertook to represent the Parish Council at the Annual District/Parish Conference on 25th October at the Newbury offices of West Berkshire District Council.

49. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.33 p.m.

Chairman
16th November 2005