

# Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in the village hall

## **Present:**

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jon Chishick, Councillor Miriam Kennett

## **In attendance:**

Parish Clerk, District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

## **35. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Hutchison

## **36. Declarations of interest**

None

## **37. Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> July agreed as a correct record and signed.

## **38. Matters arising from the minutes**

Item 26: Cllr Broun discussed village hall funding with Peter King. He asked Peter to put the request for funding in writing. To date no letter has been received by the parish council.

Item 29: West Berkshire Council still maintain that there is no work scheduled on Sulham Lane.

Cllr Broun raised concern about Councillor Kennet's low attendance of meetings over the last few years. He asked whether she would be prepared to attend more parish council meetings and whether she can help with parish council activities and projects outside of the meetings. Cllr Kennet reminded everyone of her up to date email address and confirmed that she will attend planning committee meetings and help with other activities.

All agreed that Councillors would send apologies in advance of the meeting to the parish clerk, and that the reason for non-attendance would be recorded in a apologies book and noted in the minutes.

### **39. S106**

Walks leaflets were distributed to every household via a leaflet drop, carried out by volunteers. The opening event was a success and everyone thanked Cllr Pawson for organising.

Cllr Broun confirmed that the Millennium Green play equipment, apart from the slide, will be ready from 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Cllr Pawson circulated a design brief for the bandstand. Two suppliers have been identified, of which one offers to supply a free planning application service. The target completion date is Easter 2010. Resolved for Cllr Pawson to proceed with order.

The parish clerk confirmed that the insurers require that the play equipment is inspected on an annual basis by a qualified engineer such as RoSPA, to ensure that the equipment meets current safety standards. A written report by the engineer should be produced and a copy forwarded to the insurers for comment.

They also require a weekly visual inspection by a member of the Council or someone specifically appointed by them, to ensure that there are no obvious hazards such as litter, glass or vandalised equipment. These inspections are to be recorded.

Approximately £9000 of the S106 money is remaining, options are:

- a) Replace bus shelter
- b) Provide proper notice board inside the bus shelter to prevent flytipping
- c) Replace Millennium Green sign

Resolved that Cllr Pawson would obtain quotes for the above.

### **40. Parish plan matters**

The Village Design Statement was discussed in the last parish plan meeting. Agreed that the parish council would fund this if there is enough parish plan money.

#### 41. District Councillor Report

District Cllr Metcalfe reported that the Thames Vision meeting is being held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Cllr Kennett agreed to be the parish council representative, to attend the meeting and report back.

#### 42. Planning applications

Presented by Cllr Pawson:

Reference	Location	Description	Parish council decision
09/01593/HOUSE	Forge Cottage, Tidmarsh	Conservatory to rear elevation	No objection
09/01558/LBC	Sunny Brook, Tidmarsh	External refurbishment to include re-roofing, new windows, refurbishment to decorative wood/stone features and demolition of chimney.	In support
09/01452/HOUSE	2 Strachey Close, Tidmarsh	Single storey rear extension, removal of one internal wall and replacement of one window with French doors	No objection

There is a public inquiry for the land at Green Gables, scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September.

West Berkshire Council (WBC) confirmed that flags displaying advertisements are not allowed. The flag outside Tidmarsh Grange is still on display. Action: Cllr Pawson to chase up with a planning enforcement officer at West Berkshire Council.

### **43. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters**

There are loose kerb stones on the A340 and Tidmarsh lane. Action: Parish clerk to report to West Berkshire Council.

All agreed that there are two issues with the path near Sunnybrook:

- a) The drop pavement is in a state of disrepair
- b) Access to the footpath needs to be improved

Cllr Pawson reported that he has written to Highways, at WBC about gully cleansing.

Cllr Chisick thanked the chairman for clearing the verge at Tythe Barn.

### **44. Finance**

#### **Payments made:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
J Wheeler	Salary	£484.00
BALC	Annual subscription	£73.55
Wood Themes	Play equipment	£13800.00

#### **Payments received:**

None

### **45. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)**

District Cllr Metcalfe provided an update on the last NAG meeting. The meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September was well attended. The main issues were the problems at the River Thames. Cllr Metcalfe has arranged to meet the National Trails officer to discuss the problem.

Problems have been reported about problem behaviour from residents of a sheltered house in St Marys Avenue in Purley. The police are aware of the problem.

The police speed van placed in Tidmarsh was a success and resulted in two prosecutions. There were on the spot fines for use of mobile phones and not wearing seatbelts.

**46. Local Environmental Matters**

Cllr Pawson will report the River Pang weed problems to the Environment Agency. All agreed that the river needs clearing, of which the riparian owners are usually responsible for. A useful publication called Living on the Edge is available on the Environment Agency website.

**47. AWE update**

Nothing to report. Quarterly assurance report contains nothing of concern to the parish council.

Cllr Kennet expressed concern about the health issues of the pipeline.

**48. Matters for further discussion**

None

**49. Conclusion**

Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Date

Chairman