

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, Wednesday 19th September, 2012 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Jon Chishick
Councillor Jonathan Pearson
Councillor Steve Webb
Councillor John Haggerty

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Councillor Tim Metcalfe

24. Co-option of a new councillor

John Haggerty was co-opted on to the parish council, and signed the relevant declaration of office in the presence of the clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Pawson, and seconded by Cllr Webb. All councillors agreed.

The clerk was asked to contact WBC to clarify what the maximum number of councillors on the parish council can be.

25. Apologies

None

26. Declarations of interest

None

27. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 18th July 2012 agreed as a correct record and signed.

28. Matters arising

Item 17: Moor Copse Corner – another accident has been reported and will be logged by Cllr Pawson.

Item 18: Cllr Pawson reported that he and the clerk had been in discussions with WBC over the use of council money to help renovate the pigeon tower. The discussions are ongoing.

Item 19: Cllr Broun said, unfortunately, it would be problematic; due to the times it occurs, for any current councillors to attend the Pangbourne NAG meetings.

29. District Councillor Report

District Cllr Metcalfe was pleased to report an improvement in district Cllr Betts' health.

He also reported that:

- The IKEA project may be stalling, due to costs.
- Graham Jones, leader of the council, has stepped down and Gordon Lundy is the new Conservative group leader, to be elected at the next district council meeting.
- An asset management group is looking at properties owned by WBC and deciding what are the key assets on the register. If any properties, which previously belonged to Berkshire County Council, are sold, then the profit must be split between all the unitary authorities.

30. Planning applications and decisions

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
12/01421/FUL	Glebe Orchard, Tidmarsh, RG8 8ES		Refused
11/00218/COMI ND	Retail Park, Pincents Lane, RG31 7SD	IKEA development	Approved
12/01682/LBC2	Thatched Cottage, Sulham, RG8 8 DX	Replacement French door	Approved
12/01568/LBC	Thatched Cottage, Sulham, RG8 8DX	Extension and replacement outbuildings	Approved

Planning applications:

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	No objections

Cllr Pawson reported that the parish council had not heard that the owners of Keepers Cottage had produced any evidence to support their application for a certificate of lawfulness, despite getting two extensions. District cllr Metcalfe said there was no time limit on a certificate of lawfulness application.

Clerk to write to Gary Lugg and Nick Carter voicing council's concerns.

31. Highways and Footpaths

Cllr Broun reported that the hedges around properties of concern at previous meetings had been cut back.

Cllr Pawson reported that he had received a request from a parishioner for a dog bin at the end of the footpath by Sunnybrooks. Clerk to contact WBC to discuss pricing and collection options.

Cllr Webb reported a new system WBC are using for people to report overgrown footpaths etc online. He said he had used it and all the footpaths had been trimmed.

Cllr Pawson showed councillors his draft poster for the reporting of non-injury accidents at Moor Copse Corner. He is to redo, with amendments, and put up around the village.

32. Environmental Matters, including MG wild flower meadow

Cllr Broun reported to councillors about the meeting of the trustees of the Millennium Green, regarding the installation of a wild flower meadow.

Costs would be around £1,000 for seeding and around £9,000 to use ready seeded turf. The trustees voted to install the turf, and wanted councillors to consider using S106 money to fund it.

Cllr Webb proposed to use the S106 funds to pay for the turfing method. Seconded by Cllr Chishick. All agreed.

Concerns were raised by councillors over the cost but it was decided that as the use of the S106 money is so strictly controlled (it must be used for existing open spaces only) and there is the concern that if the money is not spent imminently WBC may reallocate it to another parish. As there are currently no other proposals for the money, it was agreed that the clerk will contact Stewart Sowden at WBC to seek his approval to go ahead with the plans.

Cllr Pawson will also press ahead with application for a conservation award, worth £1,000.

With S106 money still remaining Cllr Broun also suggested buying an extra piece of play equipment for the younger children. He will look at options and bring to next meeting.

33. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The Eastern Area Vision meeting will be held next Tuesday, when a refresh of the vision will begin. The next NAG meeting will be on Monday. Cllr Haggerty agreed to try and attend.

34. AWE update

Cllr Chishick reported he had been given a tour of AWE, who is still experimenting with how to remove the Pangbourne pipeline. They do not expect to consult with local landowners about the issue before the end of next year.

35. Financial Matters

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
Greg Leeke	Hedge trimming (244)	£140
Parish magazine	Printing contribution (246)	£750
S Bosley	Stationery (247)	£19.30
Zurich Insurance	Additional cover premium (248)	£16.06
S Bosley	MG meeting overtime and mileage	£36
A Maskell	Clean and reapply varnish to two notice boards	£176

36. Any other matters

Cllr Haggerty asked about the progress of the Sulham Lane layby survey. Clerk to contact Andrew Garrett.

Cllr Broun noted that there had been a flash flood about four weeks ago, that flooded The Greyhound, despite works being carried out at the junction recently. District cllr Metcalfe to look into it.

37. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15pm. The next meeting is on 21st November 2012.

Date

Signed