

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 20th September 2017 held at the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun
Councillor John Haggarty
Councillor Colin Pawson
Councillor Sima Elliot
Councillor Jonathan Pearson

In attendance:

Sarah Bosley (clerk)
District Cllr Tim Metcalfe
Jon Chishick
1 member of the public

40. Accepted apologies

Councillor Steve Webb

41. Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

Cllr Broun declared an interest in Item 5 - Planning.

42. Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17th July 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

43. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 29 – Cllr Broun noted that he had raised the issue with Martin Vile at Gigaclear, regarding a discount rate for the village hall. Mr Vile is going to come back to him and Cllr Broun will pass his comments to the village hall committee.

Item 31: Cllr Pearson was asked to resend the list of S106 suggestions, as discussed last meeting, so councillors can arrange to meet to discuss the options.

Item 33: The clerk noted that she had reported the faded lines reported by Cllr Elliot in Sulham. She has been told that they are on WBC's list and they will be done in the spring.

Cllr Pearson asked if there was any update on the speeding cars through the village. The clerk noted that she had been in touch with WBC but the person she needs to speak to is off sick.

Item 34: The clerk noted that she had thanked Kay Lacey, as discussed at the last meeting, and Kay had informed her that the group is now having to go through a large change to become a charity or a community interest company, in order to access the funding. The EA has also asked the group to indemnify them and get insurance to cover full losses that may arise from the works.

Item 38: Clerk to complete new contact notices to send to parish magazine and to put on the noticeboards.

44. District councillor update

District Cllr Metcalfe reported that a couple of the build outs on Long Lane have now been removed because they were causing gridlock. WBC is now looking at all build outs now as some have been deemed unnecessary.

Due to cut backs dig outs will not be cleared and verges not cut as often as before. There will also be less chemical treatments of areas.

Waste: WBC is currently looking at an integrated waste management plan, which is needed to reduce costs. This includes things such as charging at the tips to dump certain items.

A street cleansing consultation is now in progress. It proposes that areas will only be cleaned and bins emptied when PCs ask for it. Car parks and town centres will still be done regularly.

Padworth: A new planning application should be back in front of the district council by November. There is a family open day coming up there soon.

WBC is now inviting nominees for the categories in the Community Champion awards.

45. Planning

Planning applications:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
17/01876/COND1	Box Cottage, Sulham Lane	Approval of details from 17/00699/LBC2	No objections
17/02237/FUL	Ikea, Pincents Lane	Construction of navigation tower with internally illuminated static sign	Object - Comments attached to the end of these minutes
17/02230/ADV	Ikea, Pincents Lane	Internally illuminated parapet sign on west elevation	Object - Comments attached to the end of these minutes
17/02238/ADV	Ikea, Pincents Lane	Construction of navigation tower with internally illuminated static sign	Object - Comments attached to the end of these minutes
17/02012/FULD	Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane	Construction of replacement dwelling and 4 dwellings with associated works, demolition of Class B	Support – Comments attached to the end of these minutes

		buildings and extinguishment of lawful operations	
17/01817/CERTP	The Rancher, Manor Farm Lane	Change of use from B8 to B1(a)	Comments attached to the end of these minutes
17/02413/LBC2 and 17/02412/HOUSE	Tidmarsh House, Tidmarsh Lane	Construction of new extension, internal alterations, addition of 3 new conservation roof lights, maintenance work to existing roof and chimneys, reorganisation of drainage pipework and widening of existing entrance	No objections

Planning decisions:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
17/01817/CERTP	The Rancher, Manor Farm Lane	Change of use from B8 to B1(a)	Refused
17/01786/FUL	The Greyhound	Replacement below ground sewerage treatment plant	Approved
17/01592/HOUSE	Keepers Cottage, Mill Lane	Removal of porch, extension to kitchen and car port	Approved
17/00968/FULD	The Rancher, Manor Farm Lane	Demolition of B8 warehouse and 5 garages, relocation of sewage treatment plant and construction of 4 houses with associated garden and parking	Approved
17/01018/CERTE	The Bungalow, Manor Farm Lane	One dwelling	Refused
17/01017/CERTE	The Bungalow, Unit 1 Manor Farm Lane	One dwelling	Refused
17/01013/CERTE	The Bungalow, Unit 3 Manor Farm Lane	One dwelling	Refused
17/00553/HOUSE	The Mill House, Mill Lane	Upgrade to existing shed	Approved

17/01876/COND1	Box Cottage, Sulham Lane	Approval of details reserved by condition 3/6/7 of 17/00699/LBC2	Approved
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A discussion took place regarding the parish council's concerns about flooding at The Greyhound and the discharge into the Pang. Cllr Pawson will look in to it.

It was also noted that the house at Eaglesfield is now virtually built but the mobile home is still in place. Clerk to contact WBC to ensure it is removed as soon as possible.

45. Boundary Commission Electoral review

WBC redid its initial boundaries and it was hoped that the Boundary Commission would just rubber stamp it but they didn't – they redid it so it is again out for consultation. It does, however, now mean that Tidmarsh and Sulham are in with Pangbourne in a one councillor ward which all parish councillors were pleased with.

The Boundary Commission's version sees the number of councillors go back up to 43. Clerk to respond to consultation.

46. External audit – any items raised and display notice of completion of audit

The clerk reported that the external audit had now returned. The items raised were:

The notice of completion of audit has been published on the council's website and is now displayed on the two parish noticeboards.

47. Highways and footpaths matters

Cllr Pearson reported that there was no way round the cross roads in Streatley at the moment, with four-way lights causing chaos. The dates for completing the installation in the parish also seem to have been put back. Cllr Haggarty noted that the cables seem to have already been placed in the Sulham layby, and have been there since July.

Clerk to contact Gigaclear and ask for updated timings and to see if the cabling can be moved.

Cllr Haggarty also noted that there had been two accidents in Sulham on September 1st. The first was on Sulham Hill, when the 30mph sign opposite Sulham House was demolished. Clerk to report it to WBC and to note it with the Highways Department as an accident on the road. The second one was on Sulham Lane. There were no injuries in either.

48. Environmental matters

Cllr Haggarty reported that the Forestry Commission are dealing with the unauthorised use of the cycle tracks in Sulham Woods.

He also noted that he would now look into the new trees to replace the dead ones on the Millennium Green.

Cllr Broun reported that a RDA sign was going to be put up on the MG fence.

49. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group report

Cllr Haggarty reported that he attended the last meeting on September 6th, but there was nothing of interest to this parish. The next meeting is on December 6th. Starting next year, the NAG will meet three times a year, in March, July and November.

50. AWE Liaison Group

There has been no meeting since the last parish council meeting.

51. Financial matters

Proposed by Cllr Pawson and seconded by Cllr Elliot. It was resolved that the parish council awards the annual £800 grant to the parish magazine to enable it to continue. The clerk will ask for the accounts to be sent over for councillors to see ahead of donating next year.

Proposed by Cllr Broun and seconded by Cllr Pawson. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Total amount	VAT
Mr B Murby	MG upkeep (500)	£280	£0
Mazars	External audit (501)	£270	£45
Parish Magazine	Annual contribution (502)	£800	£0
Sarah Bosley	Salary, allowance and mileage for September (503)	£272	£0
Sarah Bosley	Salary and allowance for October (504)	£236	£0

52. Clerk's Report

The clerk reported the following:

- The parish council's insurance company Aon is ceasing to do parish council insurance next year. It has arranged for a renewal notice to be sent to the parish council for its consideration from BHIB, another insurance broker.
- A street cleaning consultation, as mentioned by Tim Metcalfe, is open until 31st October.
- Kay Lacey has told the clerk that she is having difficulty accessing the Defra competition funds now because they are being asked to become a charity or a community interest company. The EA is also asking that the group indemnifies them and gets insurance to cover full losses that may arise from the works. There only seems to be one company willing to do this, so it is something Kay is working on.
- A parliamentary boundary review is open for an 8-week consultation from October 17th.

- She contacted BT regarding the phone box in Sulham and it said the contractors were working through the country geographically to remove the old boxes and it could not give an estimate of how long it would be until it was taken away. Cllr Pearson asked the clerk to contact them again and ask for it to be removed asap as he believed it posed a danger due to the broken glass around it.
- The clerk has reported the overgrown signs on Sulham Hill and it has now been passed to grounds maintenance team. The white lines, between Long Lane and Little Heath Lane will also be repainted in the spring of 2018.
- There are a number of training sessions run by BALC which the clerk has forwarded via email to all councillor, should they wish to attend.

53. Close of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm. The next meeting is on November 15th, 2017.

Date

Signed