Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes
13th May 2026
8pm, Tidmarsh Village Hall

Present
Cllr Bronwyn Wynne (BW) (Chairman), Cllr Mark Farrington (MF) (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Jon Chiswick (JC), Cllr Sima Elliot (SE) and Cllr Jonathan Pearson (JP)

26/49 - Apologies
Apologies were received from District Councillor MS.
It was noted that SE would need to leave the meeting early

26/50 - Election of Chairman
JP raised a concern regarding the eligibility of BW and MF to stand for election as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. He stated his view that there were issues relating to the process by which they had originally been co-opted to the Council, and therefore whether they were validly appointed members.

JP referred to historic agenda and website records from October and November 2023 and stated his view that the co-options of BW and MF had not been properly included as agenda items, nor carried out in accordance with the correct process. It was further noted that previous clerks, along with SE & JC would have had copies of relevant documentation.

Members discussed the matter at length. BW, MF and SE noted that BW and MF had acted as councillors for a significant period of time and had been accepted as such by the Council. It was also noted that both councillors had undertaken substantial work on behalf of the Council during that time. JP responded that, in his view, the Council had experienced procedural difficulties over a number of years, including issues relating to clerking and administration, and that this matter should therefore be clarified.

It was agreed that advice should be sought from BALC and/or the Monitoring Officer regarding the position and whether any procedural remedy is required.

ACTION – Clerk to seek advice from BALC, including from Claire Ockenden if appropriate, regarding the historic co-option process and whether any further action is required.

Members discussed whether the election of Chairman should be deferred to the next meeting pending clarification. In order to allow the meeting to proceed, JC put himself forward to act as Chairman for the meeting.

A vote was held. JC received two votes in favour (SE and JC), with JP voting against. BW and MF did not vote.

26/59 – Public Forum
Residents attended to raise concerns regarding planning and development at Manor Farm. Concerns were expressed that some replacement units are larger and taller than those currently on site, and that the development may result in increased noise and vibration. Residents also noted that they had only become aware of the application following receipt of a letter dated 11th April 2026.

Members noted that the Parish Council had undertaken a site visit and that BW had submitted an objection on behalf of the Parish Council on 11th May 2026. BW read the Parish Council's submitted objection to the meeting.

Residents raised a number of concerns regarding the use of the site, including noise, burning, tree removal, and possible changes in activity. JP expressed support for residents' concerns and encouraged them to report any potential breaches or inappropriate activity through the appropriate channels so that enforcement action could be considered where relevant.

Further issues were raised regarding activity at the site, including reference to a recently occupied unit, installation works, access problems caused by larger vehicles, and concerns regarding possible contamination affecting the water culvert. Residents were advised that concerns of this nature may also need to be referred to the relevant authorities, including Building Control and the Environment Agency where appropriate.

ACTION – MF to follow up on the issues raised by residents in relation to Manor Farm and identify the appropriate routes for reporting or enforcement.

Adjournment of Meeting

During the course of the meeting, SE left the meeting. MF stated his view that the meeting was no longer quorate following SE's departure. As a result, the meeting was adjourned and no further formal business was transacted. Adjournment was taken on this occasion, as a precaution until the status of BW and MF was clarified.

Members discussed arranging a further extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2026, and it was noted that the agenda should include the co-option of two councillors.

Informal Agreement of Payments

In view of the meeting no longer being quorate, any discussion regarding payments took place on an informal basis only and no formal resolutions were made.

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:08.

8/7/2026