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Minutes of a meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, On Wednesday 11th April 2023, held at Tidmarsh Village Hall. The meeting started at 20:19.

Present:

Parish Councillors:

CLlr Webb (Chairman)

CLlr Biddle, CLlr Chishick, CLlr Elliot, CLlr Madden, CLlr Pearson,

Minutes

1. Public forum –

No matters were raised by the public.

Mr Pawson **proposed** a recorded thankyou to Councillor Webb for his role as Chairperson and acting Clerk. **Seconded** by Councillor Biddle

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies of absence

3. Declarations of interests from Councillors

There were no declarations of interest

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th March were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairperson.

5. District Councillor's Report

Councillor Hurley was not present

6. Parish Councillors' Reports

- I. CLlr Chiswick will be chairing the NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) on 13th April, and the police will be attending. CLlr Webb asked that the recent crash involving a Tesla and motorbike be discussed and reported on.
- II. CLlr Chiswick will attend the AWE meeting 25th April. He is happy to be co-opted and be the AWE Liaison Officer.
- III. CLlr Biddle had nothing to report.
- IV. CLlr Elliot reported that the white road markings need refreshing and brought to the attention the growing number of potholes.
- V. CLlr Madden asked for everyone to be vigilant and note how potholes are repaired. He has noticed that some potholes are just filled with loose gravel. Is this the correct way to fix them?

7. Clerk's Report

- I) CLlr Pearson had requested the schedule of when TFM empty the Dog Bin along Sulham Lane.

Their response: *"We empty the dog bin at Sulham Lane once a fortnight. This can mean that we do either 2 or 3 empties a month depending how it falls. The next empty of the bin is due today. It is a*

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very busy bin and every collection it is always overflowing as members of the public use it as a litter bin for coffee cups etc which take up a great deal of space."

- II) Emails received regarding potholes: *A member of the public had written in to advise of a dangerous pothole on the road to Newbury via Bradfield. Another member of the public had an incident with a dangerous pothole on Sulham which resulted in a damaged tyre and had been reported to WBC. Their response was to advise it has now been fixed and no further action. The gentleman is quite angry as there are signs of more potholes and that the road is just crumbling away. This email was sent to District Councillor to respond to.*
- III) Draft details were shared regarding the forthcoming TwS Parish AGM.
Cllr Chiswick **proposed** to hold the Parish Assembly on the same date, with a flexible timescale.
Seconded by Cllr Madden.
The Clerk will issue further invitations and agenda (**Clerk**)
Cllr Webb will check with the Village Hall (**Cllr Webb**)
- IV) The Clerk nominated Claritas Accountancy to complete the 2022/2023 audit. This is at a cost of £300 + VAT
Proposed by Cllr Webb
Seconded by Cllr Biddle
- V) Action for Pangbourne toilets approached the Parish Council for the provision of a grant.
Cllr Madden **proposed** £250
Cllr Biddle **seconded** the motion
- VI) The Ground Maintenance Annual charge is to be £161.99 x 4, charged quarterly. Agreement is required to arrange for payment.
Proposed by Cllr Webb
Seconded by Cllr Biddle

8. King's Coronation

The Clerk raised a query regarding insurance and public liability. As this is not an actual event, there will be no need. The public will voluntarily join others on the green for a picnic in the name of Coronation.

9. Planning

Cllr Webb brought the attention to an email regarding the auctions of plots on a field in Maidenhatch. There is no planning permission. Cllr Chiswick suggested that this may be a scam.

10. To review the actions list

This is being updated. Currently only one item is outstanding for the Maintenance and checks of Parish boards.

11. Financial matters

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- I) Cllr Madden will review the current spreadsheet to ensure there are no anomalies with the formulas so that it can be updated with all receipts and payments since March 2023, ready for auditing.
- II) The Sulham Bench
It is suggested that for longevity that the English Oak or Iroca options should be considered. Cllr Pearson suggested it should be prudent and sensible to offer alternatives such as Spanish Oak sleepers. Cllr Elliot explained that only English oak will require no maintenance and can withstand the weather, plus wear and tear. and wear.
The council unanimously voted in for the English Oak.
- III) Cllr Elliot had sought quotes for the installation of the bench. A local person had quoted £800-£1000. This was high as it is very labour intensive. She will discuss with the Estate to arrange for their help.
Cllr Pearson agreed to store the bench until it could be installed.

12. Review proposed meetings May 2023-April 2024

These were accepted with the addition of the Parish Assembly for 10th May.

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be Wednesday 10th May 2023. There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting as closed at 21.30.

Signed: _____

Date: _____