

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 8 April 2026 at 8pm in
The Tidmarsh Village Hall**

Parish Councillors:

Cllr Bronwyn Wynne (BW) Chairman

Cllr Mark Farrington (MF) Vice Chairman

Cllr Jon Chishick (JC)

Cllr Sima Elliot (SE)

Cllr Jonathan Pearson (JP)

Carol Williams (CW) Minute Taker

No members of the public present at the start of the meeting

26/49 Apologises Matt Shakespeare (MS) District Councillor

The Parish Council send their best wishes to Matt Shakespeare for a speedy recovery.

26/50: Declaration of Interest from Councillors

JP – Discussion of member allowances

26/51 Minutes from meeting 10 December 2025

Changes made to reflect recorded voted against by JP in relation to the defibrillator – minutes unanimously approved

Minutes for 14 January, 11 February and 25 March were reviewed and changes will be made and presented at 13 May meeting. It was agreed not to name councillors or members of the public- just the bare outline with no specific details. Copies of minutes to be sent by BW to CW

26/52: Public Forum – One member of the public arrived late.



26/53: District Council Report

None received

26/54: Chairman's Report

CW had agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

Maidenhatch update presented.

Finding a clerk is proving difficult.

New Code of Conduct will be uploaded in the template format without modifications.

Present web administrator of Parish Council website looking to hand over administration of the website to PC. This to be followed up.

Monitoring Officer – to set date of meeting

Village Events – 18 July Jazz on The Green. Cost of band discussed. Event will have to be ticketed to ensure the costs are covered. Might have a sponsor -to be finalised.

Broken bollards to be followed up with Highways Assets Department at WBC

Footpath project not to proceed as per letter from WBC. To object to this course of action – to have a site meeting on Monday 20 April at 10.30am to get a better understanding of what footpath is required.

Water purity of River Pang. Thames Water are entitled to release waste into the river. To follow up and find out when they test and where results can be found. To follow up with Flood Warden as well. BW to find out about ARC testing. JP advised that PAWS had a contact interested in phosphate contaminates from septic tanks. "Top of the Poop" website highlighted.

26/55: Councillors Reports

Waiting for gate to be installed.

Safety concerns in Mill Lane were highlighted. WBC/Highways Safety Department to be asked to produce signs for pedestrians in road and horses in



road for Mill Lane. White lines on Mill Lane completely gone/faded – to be reported to WBC on website along with potholes.

Education meeting to be arranged as soon as possible to ensure there are consequences for breach of Code of Conduct. All to attend meeting.

JC to attend NAG meeting on April 23.

BW highlighted car incident on village WhatsApp Group

JP suggested a solution to taking and producing minutes in the absence of a clerk. Members could do this in return for receiving an allowance.

JP asked how we intended to complete the AGAR without a clerk.

The agenda for the meeting held on 8 April was published without proper notice. JP made a point that the meeting was not properly convened. The agenda for the meeting held on 8 April was published without proper notice as it was not released until 6th April.

26/56 Clerks Report

None

26/57 Traffic/Highways/Speeding

No Parish Council representative attended traffic highways meeting. 17 other parishes have decided to purchase mobile signs.

Secured funding for VAS sign to be confirmed.

26/58 Community Matters

- i. Flooding
Flood Warden to negotiate with homeowners concerning flood relief matters. Little or no money available from WBC. Suggestion that project to be done without WBC and go directly to homeowners.
- ii. Community Events – Summer event 18 July.



26/59 Review Tasks Reports

To be reviewed

26/60: Planning Applications

Planning application 26/00191/FUL refused. Amendment not received. To follow up as to why not received.

Planning Application 26/00679/FUL

Demolition of existing structures and buildings on the South Rancher site and the removal of a builder's yard and replacement with a B2 industrial unit, utilising the exiting access from the A340 with associated external works including fencing, hardstanding and landscape planting.

This would improve the appearance of the site – maximum 6 meters high structures – deadline 28 April to object

Two points noted:

No right turn across A340 if large vehicle

B2 noise pollution dust and fumes issue to be noted

B8 storage

B2 does include incineration

MF noted numerous documents missing – insufficient evidence because of missing documents. Conversely, JP said he was able to view all docs and believes the planning website has a short document outages sometimes.

Light pollution

26/61: Financial Matters

Spreadsheet prepared by JC

Noted concern: From council tax bill – 1.4% increase but to get £500 increase in precept as requested increase would have to be 4.8%. Concern won't receive increased precept



As at 1/4/26 the Parish funds amount to £ 32,713; S106 £14,314, CIL £ 7,228, General Reserve £9,074, Millennium Green Fund £389 and Parish Plan £1708. It is proposed that the latter fund be transferred to the General Reserve.

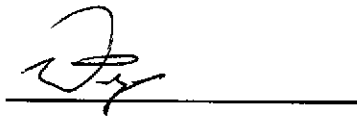
Discussion for a second defibrillator to be held over to the next meeting.

26/62: Closed Session – members of the public asked to leave

Not held.

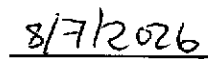
26/63: Date of next meeting proposed date is 13 May 2026 at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed 10.38pm



Bronwyn Wynne

Chairman



Date