

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Monday 24th July 2023, held at Tidmarsh Village Hall. The meeting started at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors Vicechairperson Jonathan Pearson (JP), Jon Chishick (JC), Cllrs Sima Elliot (SE)

In the absence of a chairperson, Vice Chairperson Jonathon Pearson chaired the meeting until agenda item 23/78

In attendance: Janine Lewis (Clerk) and 25 members of the public

23/71 Apologies for absence

Karen Fountaine (KF) and Solvej Biddle (SB)

23/72 Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

JC declared his interest to item, as his land is adjacent to the property under discussion

23/73 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairman.

23/74 Public forum

i. A matter was raised to investigate the possible illegal business of unlicensed collection, tipping, sorting and disposal of industrial waste by Berkshire Recycle, and using an unauthorised track. The track is not fit for purpose as the resident's fence has been damaged. The volume and weight of traffic is both a noise nuisance and shakes the ground of resident's property. The trucks often drive at speed and there is a lot of them. It was noted that the ground is very poorly drained and unstable for heavy vehicles. It was also noted that there are about 50 skips onsite. - **clerk to update DC Matt Shakespeare.**

ii. A matter was raised that people were walking in the A340, some drunk, after attending events at Englefield House. There are no paths along that section of road. This is a danger and should be discussed with Englefield Estate and NAG - **JC to raise at NAG**

iii. Colin Pawson (CP) pointed out that there is no ready access to the MG for wheel or push-chair users. An earlier proposal for a new footway from the drop kerbs at the bus stop on the West side of the A340 to the lych gate was not pursued. The most straightforward remedy is the placing of drop kerbs on either side of the A340 by the Greyhound pub and opposite at the entrance to the MG, CP urged the PC, with the support of the DC, to have these laid by WBC". - **PC to raise with DC Matt Shakespeare**

iv. CP put forward for consideration a proposal to improve access to footpath TIDM 4/1 to enable its use by wheel and push-chair users (details attached). **(PC)**

23/75 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Matt Shakespeare was not present but had already replied to a few emails concerning agenda item 23/77i - *"Apologies for the delayed response. I've written to the chair of the western area*

planning committee to see if we can get this called in to a committee of councillors rather than being decided by an officer. This would be a public forum where I and any residents can speak & put forward the case against the development. I'll be on holiday until w/c 7th August so suggest that the stream of objections is maintained. I'll be in touch with the western area planning committee during my break and suggest we get together after this to discuss the next steps".

23/76 Parish Councillors' Reports

- i. It was raised that there are minutes missing from the website. **(Clerk)**
- ii. It was noted that the speed indicator on the A340 is no longer there. JP gave an update that the costs to replace it are about £3k. However, DC MS is currently on the case. **(JP/MS)**
- iii. It was noted the speed limit signs along the A340 are hidden by vegetation. Clerk will write to WBC Highways for clearance. **(clerk)**

23/77 Planning

- i. There were strong objections to planning application **23/01478/OUT**
27 members of the public were presented to share their concerns and object very strongly to the planning application. The residents, as a community, have collaborated and already add their comments to the WBC planning website.

Clerk read out the Internal Highway Planning. It says application cannot be recommended as further details are required.

The clerk will email DC Matt Shakespeare to call in the application and follow it up with Eastern Planning.

The clerk will arrange a further meeting for the residents, with DC Matt Shakespeare, Dr Tony Vickers (portfolio holder) and Planning Officer, before the 24th August. **(Clerk)**

There were many points raised to express concern if the application were to go ahead - the impact on Traffic, Health and Safety, road fatalities and accidents, the narrowness of the roads, the impact on the diverse range of wildlife, and the AONB area.

To conclude, the TwS Parish Council carried a Motion to strongly object to the planning application.

Proposer by JP and seconded by SE and request to CP to support/help

The letter of objection will be written this evening and hand delivered to WBC PLanning Officers - (JC and Clerk)

The clerk has bullet pointed the concerns but there were many more issues raised:

1. Was the Orange Application notice issued?
2. If it was, then it has not been seen in a visible site for any member of the public to read or see,
3. There has been a new access cut into field - is there planning permission and showing on deeds?
4. There is an unauthorised track by the gate and used by lorries (Manor farm Lane?)
5. Is there an authorised licence to use the land to receive, sort, burn, etc any (industrial) waste?
6. There have been 8 fatalities on A340 in the vicinity of the exit/entrance on Manor Farm Lane.

7. A FOI showed there has already been 23 complaints about visibility and speeding – satnavs will direct drivers to Manor Park lane. This will impact on future safety hazards on the A340.
8. Hard to reverse out of exit/entrance off Tidmarsh Lane or Manor Park Lane if used in error.
9. Tidmarsh Court has recently been resurfaced at the residents expense and it will be destroyed, if used by anyone trying to correct their navigational mistakes. Neither is it easy to manoeuvre out of, especially for larger vehicles.
10. Tidmarsh Lane not suitable for HGVs especially caravans etc
11. Issue with how to exit fields especially if wet
12. Sewage Plant vehicle damage to fence today – is the path/drive adequate?
13. Proposed hardstanding is not suitable and not as intended
14. Ground is unsuitable as so much silt moved down the field.
15. Ecological issue – owls, bats, wild life galore
16. Tidmarsh Court has the Soakaway into the proposed field and if it were dug up it would impact on Tidmarsh Court
17. It has been noted that previous applications that were refused or not complied with, have been ignored and activity has continued regardless.
18. Mr Mcarthy hasn't complied with the previous camping development refused application and still has a green caravan (mobile home)
19. The plans are actually confusing as it is not clear where the exits/entrances are and if refer to the field or sewage plant.
20. are all the current exits/entrances legal and with authorised planning permission?

ii. Additional planning correspondence

Members noted that no other correspondence has been received regarding planning in the parish.

23/78 Vote in new Chairperson

In light of the resignation of Andrew Madden, a vote for a new chairperson took place.

SE nominated JC.

Seconded by JP

Chairperson Councillor Jonathon Chishick chaired the remainder of the meeting.

23/79 Action list

The action list was reviewed and will be uploaded as a shared list through google drive **(Clerk)**

KF to sign the Co-opt and Declaration of Interest paperwork with Clerk

23/80 Financial matters

i. Approval of payments

JC will support Clerk by maintaining the financial excel spreadsheets and creating new payments. JP and SE will continue to have approve payments via bank app. Clerk will keep financial paperwork up to date. The spreadsheet will be a shared document on google drive so that JC and clerk can update it.

ii. Budget monitoring report

JC will present a verbal report

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 9th August, 2023, 8.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.20pm.

Signed: Jon Chishick (chairman) Date: 9th August 2023