

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 8th June 2022, held at Tidmarsh Village Hall. The meeting started at 7.46pm.

Present:

Councillors Cllrs Jon Chishick (JC), Sima Elliot (SE), Andrew Madden (AM), Jonathan Pearson (JP) and Steve Webb (SW, chairman).

In attendance: Jennie Currie (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

22/072 Public forum

There were no members of the public present at this time.

22/073 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Solvej Biddle (SB).

22/074 Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

Cllr Chishick declaration an interest in item 22/079ii as a neighbour of The Rancher.

22/075 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairman.

Members noted that under item 22/058 Cllr Biddle had been appointed as a backup keyholder for the Tidmarsh board. Currently there were no backups for the Sulham board therefore Cllrs Madden and Pearson would be given keys.

SW

22/076 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Hurley was not present.

22/077 Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Chishick advised that he had been contacted by the Village Hall committee requesting funds for roof repairs. Cllr Webb had also spoken with members of the committee and would go back to the chairman to explain how they can apply for a grant.

Cllr Pearson had read a report from the District Council which detail funds of £1.6m received from central government for levelling up. Cllr Pearson felt that as the parishes were deprived of infrastructure, the Parish Council should ask for some of the funds to create a footpath to Pangbourne, improvements to the Sulham Lane/Mill Lane junction and a new VAS sign. The Clerk advised that the levelling up funding was to address social deprivation which the projects mentioned did not cover.

Cllr Webb the overgrown right of way from Sulham Lane to Moor Copse, that he had previously reported, had been cut today.

22/078 Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that she had transferred £8,500 from the Council's reserve account to the current account to cover planned payments.

The Parish Walk stickers had arrived and would be given to C Pawson to enable him to replace the damaged and missing signs.

22/079 Planning**i. Members considered the following planning applications:****22/01183/HOUSE** 15 Strachey Close, Tidmarsh**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would submit no objections.**ii. Additional planning correspondence**

Members noted the following correspondence:

Planning enforcement notice 21/00493/05NOAC had been issued to The Rancher, Manor Farm Lane, Tidmarsh, regarding “the siting of a touring caravan, timber clad portable toilet, timber garden furniture and wooden cabin for purposes not associated with agriculture.”

iii. Minerals and Waste Plan consultation

Members noted the consultation.

22/080 Speeding

Members discussed the issue of speeding on the A340 and Mill Lane. Cllr Pearson outlined the possibility of the Council purchasing its own speed monitoring device to carry out a 24/7 survey. The key locations to be monitored would be: the bottom of Sulham Hill between Nunhide Lane and Sulham Lane; the bend near Keepers Cottage; near the Village Hall; and the old VAS pole near Tidmarsh Grange.

The Clerk had contacted the Neighbourhood Police Team who were unable to provide the speeding data requested, she would go back to Thames Valley Police and Cheryl Evans, West Berkshire Council’s Senior Road Safety Officer, to obtain more details.

Clerk

Cllr Chishick offered to investigate the Parish Council using the District Council’s speed monitoring device, as he was previously trained on its use.

JC

Cllr Pearson offered to investigate the purchasing of a device.

JP**22/081 Solar panel schemes**

Members discussed the Solar Streets business model and felt that this was not an appropriate forum for the Parish Council to be involved in. Cllr Pearson explained that he would research the matter as an individual and potentially present his research at a future meeting.

22/082 New footway adjacent to Tidmarsh Millennium Green

No report had been received from David Wildish, Principal Engineer at West Berkshire District Council, so the matter would be deferred.

22/083 Creating a route to connect PROWs on Mill Lane/Sulham Lane

Further correspondence from David Wildish, Principal Engineer at West Berkshire District Council had been received. He advised that “a footway may be possible it sadly doesn’t overcome the issue around not being able to construct a formal crossing point between PROW6/1 and 4/1 due to the junction adjacent to The Lodge preventing any physical measures. There is sadly currently no funding available for additional schemes and it would appear there is also no developer funding (S106) within Sulham in which we could potentially draw upon.”

Members requested that the Clerk replies explaining that the Parish Council has funding and that the crossing was not a priority.

Clerk

Members noted that there had been recent development at Stoneham Farm and The Ridings, opposite Hall Place Riding Centre and queried whether S106 or CIL funds could be used to use to improve the Highway in Sulham as an adjoining parish. The Clerk would make enquiries.

Clerk

22/084 Action list

Members reviewed the action list.

The item covering the maintenance of TIDM/4/1 would be closed.

22/085 Financial matters**i. Grant for Citizens Advice West Berkshire**

RESOLVED that a grant of £50 would be awarded to Citizens Advice West Berkshire via The Good Exchange.

ii. Approval of payments

Members discussed the invoice to AES Ltd for the Millennium Green Fencing. Cllr Pearson advised that the gate cannot be removed by just using a spanner to remove the bolts. The welding of joints has only been completed on the top, some welds have gaps or are short. He believes the welds will fail. Welds which had been repaired have not been painted. Cllr Pearson agreed to meet with AES Ltd onsite to explain the issues with the welds and the lack of painting over the repairs.

The invoice had been split into different elements and Members considered withholding 10% of the fencing element.

Cllr Chishick proposed to withhold £500 of the total invoice. Cllr Madden seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED that a payment of £8,225.20 would be made to AES Ltd for invoice 5342 (TWS18) and that Cllr Pearson would meet the contractor onsite to discuss the remaining welding issues. **JP**

Cllr Chishick proposed all other payments. Cllr Madden seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised:

Amounts received					
Date	Description	Payment Method			Total amount
11/05/2022	Interest	transfer			0.31
Total receipts					£0.31
BACS Payments					
Invoice Date	Description	Invoice #	Payment Method	Ref	Total amount
16/05/2022	Cloud Next hosting	179419	BACS	19	107.97
23/05/2022	Playsafety Ltd	62779	BACS	20	84.00
30/05/2022	Tactical FM	SI-157	BACS	21	12.89
Subtotal					204.86
Other Payments					
30/06/2022	Clerk's salary	Month 3	SO	22	362.60
30/06/2022	Office Allowance	Month 3	SO	mins	25.00
Total payments					£592.46

Cllrs Chishick and Webb would authorise the BACS payments.

JC & SW

iii. Budget monitoring report

Members noted the report included the total invoice amount to AES Ltd as detailed in item 22/085ii.

RESOLVED that the June 2022 budget report be approved.

22/086 RESOLVED that the meeting would return to the first item to allow a member of the public to speak.

22/087 Public forum

A member of the Tidmarsh Village Hall management committee asked for funding for the Village Hall.

Cllr Webb explained that the committee needs to send details to the Council, via the Clerk, with a request for a grant. The request would then be considered at the next council meeting.

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 13th July 2022. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____