

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 13th November 2019, held at Tidmarsh Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors Jon Chishick, Sima Elliot, Andrew Madden, Colin Pawson and Jonathan Pearson (chairman).

In attendance:

0 members of the public

19/45 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Steve Webb and the Clerk.

19/46 Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

No declarations of interests were received.

19/47 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairman.

19/48 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 be adopted.

19/49 Matters arising from the minutes

Item 19/38 District Councillor's report - Members are awaiting feedback from District Cllr Gareth Hurley on matters raised.

Item 19/38 Parish Councillors' reports - Cllr Pearson had not yet written to the resident, see item 19/53 of this meeting.

Item 19/38 Clerk's report - Members noted that the Clerk had not presented a report regarding online banking.

Item 19/39 Highways and footpaths - Cllr Elliot reported the overgrown vegetation on Mill Lane as requested. It had not been cut and therefore Cllr Elliot would report the matter again.

Item 19/40 Environmental matters - Cllr Pawson suggested the Council should have a meeting with the Environment Agency to see what is the best practice. The Council needs to establish what it is supposed to do. Cllr Madden offered to find out what guidance can be provided for local weed clearance. He had raised the issue with Kay Lacey and there is no interest for weed clearance. Cllr Madden would seek clarification on how to be clearing weeds.

Item 19/41i Millennium Green fortnightly checks - Cllr Pearson had not repaired the basket swing.

Item 19/41ii Millennium Green new bin - Cllr Pawson suggested using one of the new contractors that the Clerk had investigated.

Item 19/43 Presentation for Mike Broun - All Members had attended the presentation of the tankard to Mike and he was very happy. Thanks were noted for Cllr Madden for organising the gift.

19/50 Reports

i. District Councillor's report

District Councillor Gareth Hurley was not present.



19/50 Reports continued

ii. Parish Councillors' reports

Cllr Chishick attended the NAG meeting on 2nd October 2019, he had circulated an email regarding traffic issues.

Cllr Chishick attended the AWE Local Liaison Committee Meeting on 7th November 2019, he had nothing to report.

Cllr Chishick has met with the Clerk on 14th October 2019. He had suggested that the Council should look at getting a better savings account and they had discussed online banking. They had agreed that at each meeting the most recent bank statement and reconciliation should be presented.

Cllr Chishick had received the North Wessex Downs Annual Review for 2019 from the previous Clerk.

iii. Clerk's report

The Clerk was not present.

19/51 Members Bids

Cllr Pawson suggested that weed clearance equipment be requested once information had been provided from the Environment Agency. Cllr Pearson suggested a camera on Sulham Lane to monitor fly tipping.

19/52 Communication with parishioners

i. Sharing information received from other organisations

The Clerk would write to the Parish Magazine with a brief report of Parish Council activities.

The North Wessex Downs annual report would be published on the Council website with a few covering lines.

Cllr Pearson would contact Dorothy Pickering* to request her to extend her email circulation list.

Cllr Chishick suggested that the Council should encourage parishioners to regularly check the Council's website.

Cllr Pearson proposed that the Council should have an ^{standard notice} ~~advertisement~~ in the Parish magazine, this was seconded by Cllr Pawson.

RESOLVED that the Council would have an advertisement in the Parish magazine.

ii. Ideas for increased public engagement at the Parish Assembly

Members suggested a number of speakers for the Parish Assembly:

Thames Valley Police - Cllr Chishick to contact

Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) - Moor Copse

Bishop of Reading - Cllr Pearson to contact

District Councillor (attended 2019) - Clerk to contact

Presentation on boreholes

Pang Valley Flood Forum - Kay Lacey (submitted a report for 2018/19) - Cllr Elliot to contact

Members were in favour of Cllr Pawson's suggestion of a Council news section. Members would like to offer refreshments to parishioners including wine.

19/53 Water courses and levels

The water levels have risen by 1 metre. Cllr Pawson will establish who has a key for the sluice.

The Clerk would contact Kay Lacey, Pang Valley Flood Forum, to establish what responsibilities the Council has especially whilst there is no flood warden.

19/54 Highways and footpaths

i. VAS equipment

Cllr Pearson would continue to work on the equipment.



19/54 Highways and footpaths continued

ii. New kissing gates

The gates had been delivered. The Clerk had arranged for them to be installed by Arrow Fencing.

iii. Parking issues in Pangbourne

Members requested that District Councillor Gareth Hurley provide an update at the next meeting.

iv. Traffic concerns to be raised at NAG meeting

Cllr Chishick had circulated an email from the NAG, he will report any traffic problems, Members to report matters to him by 9th December 2019.

v. Additional items raised

Cllr Pearson to report the broken railing on the bridge to West Berkshire District Council (WBDC).

Cllr Madden to request that WBDC clear gutters, verges and gullies and to inform the Parish Council when it is happening.

19/55 Millennium Green

i. Fortnightly checks report

There were no items to report.

ii. Insurance for mower

RESOLVED that the insurance would be renewed with the current supplier, BHIB.

iii. Proposed list of works

To be deferred to the next meeting.

iv. Proposed maintenance for 2020

To be deferred to the next meeting.

19/56 Future meetings - Priorities for 2019-20

To be deferred to the next meeting.

19/57 Financial matters

i. Approval of payments

RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised:

Pre-agreed payments			
Payee	Description	Total amount	VAT
Clerk	September Home office allowance (standing order)	25.00	0.00
Clerk	September Salary (standing order)	223.02	0.00
Clerk	October Home office allowance (standing order)	25.00	0.00
Clerk	October Salary (standing order)	223.02	0.00
Total		£496.04	
Proposed payments for November 2019 meeting			
Payee	Description	Total amount	VAT
B. Murby	Grass cutting July to September	300.00	0.00
Total		£300.00	

ii. Budget monitoring report

Cllr Chishick requested that this report is presented at each meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held at 8pm, on Wednesday 8th January 2020. The Planning Committee would be meeting on Wednesday 11th December 2019 and 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.02pm. Signed: J. Chishick Date: 8/1/2020