

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, on Wednesday 9th November 2022, held at Tidmarsh Village Hall. The meeting started at 8.26pm.

Present:

Councillors Cllrs Sima Elliot (SE), Andrew Madden (AM), and Steven Webb (SW, chairman).

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

22/117 Public forum

The members of the public raised concerns over footpath SULM/12/1 (locally known as Upper Strings Field) since it had apparently been ploughed up.

Cllr Webb confirmed that he'd spoken with the farm manager for Sulham Estate and that they'd correctly marked the footpath in as crossing across part of the field from the kissing gate on Nunhide Lane. However, many walkers are unaware of the correct alignment and have taken to walking around the field edge as before rather than, as they see it, trampling across a planted field.

22/118 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jon Chishick (JC) and Solvej Biddle (SB). Cllr Jonathan Pearson (JP) wasn't present.

22/119 Declarations of Members' Interests for this meeting

No declarations of interests were received.

22/120 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2022 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairman.

22/121 Report on the Parish Magazine

Lucy Clow, the new editor, reported on the state of the parish magazine:

- Advertising fees have been increased by 15%.
- They're grateful for the PC grant of £500 for 2022.
- An additional £865 has been raised through donations.
- 5 more advertisers have signed up.
- Each edition costs around £500 to produce.

Lucy requested that the PC consider an annual grant of £500 from 2023. All members voted in favour of this.

22/122 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Hurley was not present.

22/123 Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Elliot hoped that the damaged chevron sign near Moor Copse, Mill Lane, and the faded white lines on the lane will be repaired as part of the lane closure scheduled for November 17th.

Cllr Webb has been approached by a Sulham resident to consider using S106 funds to erect a bench at the top of the field above Thatch Cottage on Sulham Lane, where the footpath enters Sulham Wood (footpath SULM/2/2).

SW to liaise with the resident and Sulham Estate regarding siting and permissions.

SW

22/124 Clerk's Report/Recruitment of new clerk

The council is currently without a clerk.

- Cllr Webb has placed an advert with the national clerking body. He will also investigate using a site such as Indeed to broaden the spread of the advert.
- Cllr Elliot contacted a previous clerk (S Bosley) to see if she would be interested in returning; however, she is currently unable to do so.
- Cllr Webb has had responses from the clerks of both Purley and Tilehurst offering support and guidance. Unfortunately, they have no capacity to take on extra work. No response has been received from the clerks of Padworth, Englefield, or Theale.

22/125 Planning

- No applications had been submitted for consideration.
- Additional planning correspondence**
Members noted that no other correspondence has been received regarding planning in the parish.

22/126 Speeding

No updates as Cllr Pearson wasn't present.

22/127 New footway adjacent to Millennium Green

No report received from the District Council.

22/128 Creating a route to connect PROWs on Mill Lane/Sulham Lane

No report received from the District Council.

22/129 Action list

Members reviewed the action list and noted that there were no changes.

22/130 Financial matters**i. Councillors' banking access**

RESOLVED that outgoing clerk Jennie Currie and retired Cllr Pawson would be removed as signatories. Cllr Webb to temporarily change the account address to his home address

SW

ii. Receipts and Payments

All present voted to accept the report.

RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised:

Amounts received					
Date	Description	Payment Method			Total amount
	Nil				
Total receipts					£0.00
BACS Payments					
Invoice Date	Description	Invoice #	Payment Method	Ref	Total amount
13/10/2022	Grant to Parish Magazine	Minutes	BACS	39	500.00
13/10/2022	Donation to Coaching Charities	Minutes	BACS	40	50.00
07/11/2022	Backdated Clerk's salary	e-mail	BACS	41	140.00

09/11/2022	Tactical FM	SI-354	BACS	42	12.89
14/11/2022	S Biddle – Christmas Tree	e-mail	BACS	43	333.00
30/11/2022	Office Allowance	Month 8	BACS	mins	26.00
Total payments					£1,061.89

iii. Budget monitoring report

Members noted the report.

RESOLVED that the November 2022 budget report be approved.

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 14th December 2022. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.33pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____