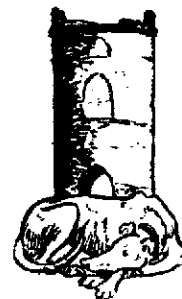


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## Parish Councillors present:

Cllr Jonathan Chishick (Chairman)  
Cllr Mark Farrington (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Jonathan Pearson  
Cllr Sima Elliot  
Cllr Bronwyn Wynne

## District Councillor present:

District Cllr Matt Shakespeare

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, at Tidmarsh Village Hall,  
On November 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, at 8.00pm.

**24/67** Apologies for absence - none

**24/68** Declarations of interests from Councillors - none

**24/69** Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **24/70** District Councillor's Report

1. **MS** has chased WBC regarding the need for more correspondence from the planning department regarding Manor Farm, including the FOI.
2. **MS** advised there is a time-critical issue for the 15<sup>th</sup> of November regarding the Camping and Caravan Club CL (Certified Location) membership application. **MF** has an update that shows that an extension has been given. It is now the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. Members of the public directly impacted by this can submit comments.
3. **JC** advised that the cabin and caravan are still on site and that there have been no further updates about serving an enforcement notice.
4. **MS** will ask for a follow-up meeting with the WBC Officers and Members.
5. **MS** advised he has correspondence regarding parking, especially on the land adjacent to the church. The resident is seeking double yellow lines to stop the road from being blocked.
6. **MS** advised that the councillors will receive a 6% pay rise (October), and he would like to donate 3% of it to Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council, as he felt strongly against it being voted for. Clerk to provide bank details.

### **24/71** Chairman's Report

1. **JC** attended the NAG on 10<sup>th</sup> October. He drew their attention to the abandoned vehicle at the bottom of Sulham Hill and the activities at the Theale Roundabout lay-by.
2. **JC** attended the local liaison committee meeting at AWE.
3. **JC** attended the District Parish meeting and will discuss the proposed outsourcing services later in the meeting.

### **24/72** Parish Councillors' Reports

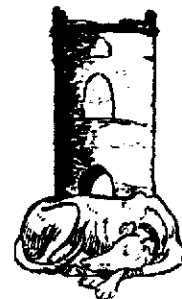
1. **BW** asked **MS** how the National Insurance changes will affect the police force. The math suggests that 66 police officers must go to balance the books for Thames Valley. Can the deficit be carried forward and discussed with the district council? **MS** will raise that.
2. **BW** has reported overgrowing shrubbery across the signs.
3. **BW** can obtain a defibrillator through the British Heart Foundation.
4. **JP** has checked if there is a potential live wire in the telephone box, as required for the defibrillator; with permission, he needs to remove a panel with anti-tamper screws and put a meter on the light to ascertain if there is potential live wire for the defibrillator. He stated that there is a lot of debris behind the phone box, which needs to be cleared. It was agreed that **JP** could remove the panel.
5. **BW** is organising the Christmas carols; The Greyhound will serve mulled wine. The proposed date is 6 p.m., 12<sup>th</sup> December. We still need people who can sing.
6. **JP** would like the parish council to be proactive about all flooding matters as soon as possible. Flood Warden James Austen should be directed to the Flood Forum and Kay Lacey to ensure the village is proactive.

### **24/73** Clerk's Report

1. I am still seeking a new accountant.



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2. The audit is ongoing. See the attached budget report as part of the new meeting pack.
3. I will attend the BALC Clerk Christmas meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity for training, networking, and updates.
4. I will be attending additional BALC training, including Making Effective Planning Representations.
5. District Parish Council Conference, 29th October 2024—The report can be found on the WBC website. The parish council will discuss the report on service delivery offers for town and parish councils, specifically for Tidmarsh and Sulham.
6. The annual email requesting contributions to the West Berkshire Library has been sent. This was also discussed at the Parish District Conference. Details are in the report. See item 24/76.
7. Joseph Holmes has been appointed Interim Chief Executive of West Berkshire Council.
8. The clerk's salary is going up to £ 14.60 per hour as per an email from NALC 24-10-24, and to be back-dated to 1st April 2024. The new wage will be £408.80, and the back pay owed for April to October 2024 will be £123.48. To be confirmed at the item 24/81/i/b
9. West Berkshire Council are pleased to once again offer FREE bus travel across West Berkshire on the following Saturdays: 16 November, 14 December, and 21 December.
10. The BALC AGM is tomorrow, and I will be attending.
11. Use Google Docs to share agenda and minutes, plus make amendments. Save on paperwork.

## **24/74 Public forum -1 member present**

## **24/75 Bus service for connecting Tidmarsh to Theale & Pangbourne - deferred to December meeting**

## **24/76 West Berkshire Libraries Annual Report 2023-24, and request for financial contributions. This was voted against.**

## **24/77 Flooding – The Sulham Gap - deferred to December meeting**

## **24/78 Parish/District Conference - discussing the report to be deferred to December and focusing on Gulley Cleansing, Sign Cleaning and Ditch Clearance. Plus, we need to understand the bare minimum to know if we need to upgrade any services.**

## **24/79 Review Tasks**

- I. Review Task Report - permission is given to go ahead with the new kissing gate and the treatment of the wooden play equipment will be pushed back to the Spring 2025
- II. New items to discuss

## **24/80 Planning Applications**

- I. Current planning applications -outstanding follow-ups from WBC as per District Councillor report above
- II. Any additional planning correspondence. - none

## **24/81 Financial matters**

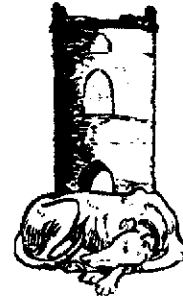
- i. Approval of receipts & payments.
  - a) Please note CIL remittance -17384 22/10/2024 £1679.20  
reference 23/02253/FUL Manor Farm Mews, Manor Farm Lane, Tidmarsh, Reading
  - b) The clerk's salary is going up to £14.60 per hour as per an email from NALC 24-10-24, and to be back-dated to 1st April 2024. The new wage will be £408.80, and the back pay owed for April to October 2024 will be £123.48.
  - c) £358.59 renewal of Public Liability insurance for Millenium Green Trust - will accept this year, but shop around for next year in advance. JC proposes to go ahead; BW seconded.
- ii. Approval of budget monitoring report. JP proposed; MF seconded.
- iii. Discuss the Precept for 2025 in December.

## **24/82 Highways and Speeding**

- i. New items to add -  
15th November Mill Lane road closure. Clerk informed MS that there has been no Schedule of work. Follow up on why this is no longer sent out.
- ii. Current list to discuss:
  - a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) - defer to the December meeting
  - b) MS update: Strachy Close has identified a mobile site for a speed gun. He will follow up again.  
MS has agreed to use his members' bid to put towards the cost—clerk to complete appropriate paperwork.



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JC suggested that the speed indicator device should be facing south and positioned on the wall of the Tithe Barn. MS had sent a document detailing a solar-powered device. JP will discuss this with the barn owner to seek permission.

- c) Village White Gate with speed sign - defer to the December meeting

**24/83** Community Projects - defer to the December meeting

- i. New ideas
- ii. Current ideas update

**24/84** Close of meeting

It was noted that the next council meeting would be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, at 20:00 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.45 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11 DECEMBER 2024