Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Tidmarsh with Sulham
On Wednesday, 12th November 2025 at 8.00p.m.
held at Tidmarsh Village Hall, The Street, Tidmarsh, Reading, Berkshire. RG8 8ES

Councillors Present	
Cllr Mark Farrington (MF), Vice Chairman	Cllr Sima Elliot (SE)
Cllr Jonathan Pearson (JP)	Cllr Bronwyn Wynne (BW) – New Chairman (from Minute 25/96 onwards)
Cllr Jon Chishick (JC)	
In Attendance	
Mrs. Wendy Rapley (WR), Clerk	
L Clow ("LC") – Parish Magazine Editor (from the start) S Webb ("SW") – Parish Website Webmaster (arrived during Item 25/98) 3 members of the public (Public attendee A, Public Attendee B & Public attendee C)	
Apologies for Absence	
None	

Agenda Item	Discussion of Item & Decisions	Action on

25/95 Quorum, Notice & Apologies for Absence

A quorum was present and due notice of the Meeting had been served; no apologies had been received. Given the resignation of Cllr Jon Dunn as Chairman and Councillor as of 31 October 2025, Cllr Farrington, as Vice-Chairman, assumed the role of Chairman.

25/96 Appointment of new Chairman

The Chairman invited nominations from Councillors for the position of Chairman; Cllr Wynne was nominated **(Proposer: BW, Seconder: MF)**. No other nominations were put forward. A vote was taken. **IT WAS RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to appoint Cllr Wynne as Chairman.
Cllr Wynne immediately signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman, duly witnessed by the Clerk, and then took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

25/97 Declaration of Interests

No new Declaration of Interests were received; however, SE confirmed she had an interest in Planning Application 25/02245/HOUSE, details of which had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting.

25/98 Approval & signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th September 2025, Wednesday 15th October 2025 & the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Wednesday, 23rd October 2025

(A) **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 24th September 2025**

The minutes of 24 September 2025 were presented for approval. One Councillor questioned the accuracy of this version (version 4) included in the meeting pack, citing the previous draft (version 3) was more accurate; another Councillor stated the first draft had been a true reflection of proceedings at that meeting, which had been approved in draft by five of the Councillors. Following internal discussions, the first version had subsequently been re-drafted twice after discussion, with version 4 also having been approved in draft by the other four Councillors, and thus, version 4 should be formally approved. The Councillor who believed version 4 of the minutes was not a true reflection continued to advocate adopting version 3. The Chairman suggested a further review and re-drafting of version 4 of the minutes of 24th September 2025 be undertaken so that they could be formally approved at the next meeting on 10th December 2025.
IT WAS AGREED that a review and redrafting of version 4 of the minutes of 24th September 2025 be undertaken and for these to be submitted to the next meeting of 10 December 2025 for approval. **JC/BW**

(B) **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 15th October 2025**

The Minutes of the meeting of 15th October 2025 were presented for approval. One of the Councillors queried the accuracy of them in respect of 2 points, namely:

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(i) **25/87(a)(iii):** At the meeting of 9 July 2025, it had been agreed for a defibrillator to be installed at the Village Hall, with a second one perhaps at Maidenhatch, but not for one to be placed at The Greyhound and that the minutes in their current form did not reflect this.

The members were advised that further to the meeting of 9 July 2025, Maidenhatch had confirmed they had access to defibrillators close to them and thus there was no need for another machine there, there was a delay by the Village Hall Committee to fund and fit one at the Hall, and increased residents' desire for one to be installed in Tidmarsh at a place where people congregated had resulted in a machine being purchased ready for fitting at The Greyhound, following a donation for this to the Council, with the electrical connection costs to be met by Fullers. One of the Councillors questioned why any suggested amendments to the minutes were only now being raised when the minutes had been circulated for review some time in advance of this meeting, commenting that by only raising changes now was prolonging the meeting. It was recommended by one councillor that a disclaimer should be signed by the donor and the machine should not be deemed a Council asset. Another Councillor recommended that consideration of and approval to ownership of the defibrillator by the Council should be added to the Agenda for the meeting on 10 December 2025.

(ii) **25/87(b)(ii):** The minutes had included reference to Public Attendee C expressing a view; such a view did not need to be recorded and should be deleted.

IT WAS AGREED that:

(a) The minutes of the 15 October 2025 be approved subject to (i) a reference being included at 25/87(a)(iii) regarding the decision made at the meeting of 9 July 2025 not to install a defibrillator at the Greyhound; and (ii) the deletion at 25/87(b)(ii) of the reference to Public Attendee C's expression of a view.

(b) Consideration of and approval to ownership of the defibrillator by the Council, to be installed at The Greyhound, should be added as an item to the Agenda for the meeting of 10 December 2025.

(C) **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 23rd October 2025**

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 23rd October 2025 were presented to the meeting for approval. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of 23rd October 2025 were an accurate record and should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

25/99 **Public Forum**

The Chairman advised 2 members of the public had requested to speak (Public attendee A and Public Attendee C), in addition to Ms. Clow, the Parish Magazine editor.

(i) Parish Magazine Editor

LC had submitted the magazine's annual accounts to the Council for information and was requesting approval of a grant of £2,000 towards its costs; the following points were discussed:

- Income streams had dwindled due to fewer donations from households who receive the magazine, and difficulties in attracting new advertisers; it was suggested a special feature should be run aimed at local residents to highlight the need for more residential donations or risk losing the magazine altogether as well as to target a wider area for the sale of advertising space in the magazine i.e. businesses and organisations in Pangbourne or further afield, both as means of generating more revenues.
- Many Parish Councils fund the costs of a community magazine.
- Printing costs were fixed no matter how many copies were run.
- Digitalisation of the magazine would be possible although some elderly residents preferred a hard copy; a pdf version was published on the Parish Website although this medium was not well used.
- Recognition of the historical support, financial and otherwise, given by the Council to the magazine.
- The possibility of holding a parish meeting in the Village Hall to which residents could be invited to discuss future uses of the Hall and their views about the magazine; it was pointed out the Parish Assembly was the usual forum for such discussions and thus, consideration was given to circulating a questionnaire to residents to ascertain their wishes regarding the magazine and uses for the Hall.

The Council proposed it award a grant of £500 to the Magazine to aid with the printing costs of the Spring 2026 edition, but that LC should return to a Council meeting in the Spring to update it on progress of generating more advertising revenues.

(ii) Public attendee A (Applicant) – Planning Application 25/02245/HOUSE

The applicant was advised the Council were not able to make a decision regarding the latest consultation request until later in the meeting; the applicant raised the fact that an extraordinary meeting had been held (on 23rd October 2025) to discuss his planning application and asked why he had not been notified so that he could have attended. He was informed the extraordinary meeting had been convened because his original application and the Parish Consultation request regarding it had been received after the Agenda for the previous meeting of 15 October had been issued, and thus the Council was obliged to hold an extraordinary meeting in order to review it, formulate and submit its Consultation Request response by the deadline for responses. The Extraordinary Meeting had been publicised in accordance with regulations i.e. on the Parish Noticeboard and on the Parish Website. Since the original response submitted, the Chairman explained that a new Consultation Request had been sent to the Council, which was to be considered at this meeting, given

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that changes to the original planning application had been made and the Council would need to fully review the new or amended documents associated with the application in order to form a view and a response to the latest Consultation Request.

The applicant went on to state that all points or matters of concern which had been raised by the Council in its objection letter to the original application submitted had been addressed; the Council asked the applicant to summarise and identify the changes to his application that had been made, who stated that:

- The footprint of the proposed building had now been reduced, and was thus now an extension.
- The roof space was reverting to its original area.
- Safe access concerns had been addressed.
- The existing surface water drainage area had not been modified.

The applicant flagged that the Council's original objection letter to WBC had raised concerns about the septic tank; he stated the original tank had become old and out of date, with the drainage field becoming blocked, so he had installed a new tank. The Council raised concern regarding the impact of flooding on a septic tank including the risk of it overflowing and soaking into surrounding land; the applicant stated his new tank was hermetically sealed.

Discussions were held regarding the fact the property was in Flood Zone 3b, the more stringent regulations associated with the nature and type of construction in such areas, the possible benefit of raising the height of internal floors so they would be above expected flood levels, and the issues of rain run-off from the roof, with the applicant confirming the roof's overhang had been taken back and that the EA had been unhappy with the previous planning proposals.

(iii) Public attendee C (Applicant) – Planning Application 25/02364/HOUSE

The applicant outlined that her application centred around changes to the living quarters to make the cottage more liveable and sustainable; the plans included construction of a porch and reconfiguration of the internals but that the overall height of the house would not change. The Council drew the applicant's attention to the fact the drawings on WBC's portal did not appear to show dimensions or measurements; the applicant stated her copy of the drawings showed measurements and that she would forward a copy to the Council.

25/100 Review of Parish Website & consideration of updating management/content (Agenda Item 25/106 brought forward)

SW had been invited to join the meeting for this item. The Council discussed the parish website, its content, functionality, limitations, and appeal, with the following points raised or discussed:

- The lack of a link to an online booking system for the Village Hall.
- The history of the website's development and ownership, with the site having been created in 2008 after the Parish Plan was developed: the domain of "tidmarshwithsulham.co.uk" was still owned by the gentleman who originally set it up and this would need to be changed with Nominet, the Domains Registrar, although the Council paid the hosting and domain charges to CloudNext, the hosting company.
- The website had formerly advertised a Calendar of Events but this had not been well-used and had been taken down.
- There were no usage stats or "hits" data; it was believed the site was not used frequently by local residents, although Mr. Webb occasionally received requests via the website for information.
- The need or benefit of migrating the existing tidmarshwithsulham.co.uk email addresses to tidmarshwithsulham.gov.uk addresses in order to meet upcoming regulations; Cloud Next and other firms were offering financial deals to Councils to assist with this transition.
- The desire by the current webmaster to hand over the site's management to someone within the Council or to a third party provider.
- A new website that was easier to navigate with improved functionality could be developed with assistance from a website developer but this would be at a cost, or the existing site might be modified to enhance its functionality and appeal; comparisons with other parish council websites and discussions with those councils regarding web developers they have engaged would be useful to inform decisions regarding a new site or potential modifications to the existing one.

A suggestion was made of a subcommittee being set up to review options and costs for the development of a new website or the modification of the existing one so that any site had links to an online booking system for the Village Hall.

IT WAS AGREED that a subcommittee should be set up, led by Cllr Pearson with the aid of the Chairman, the remit of which should be to review and agree items and scope for a new or amended website, followed by an investigation into potential website providers/hosts and costs, with a view to submitting a business case for either a new or amended website to a Council meeting for approval. **JP/BW**

25/101 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Matt Shakespeare (MS)

No DC's report had been received and neither had apologies from MS.

25/102 Chairman's Report

No Chairman's report had been received.

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25/103 Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Wynne

(i) **Halloween Trail:** A Halloween Trail had taken place on 31 October 2025; a few families participated and feedback was positive with a suggestion for an Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Millennium Green in 2026.

(ii) **Defibrillator**: The new defibrillator was still awaiting installation at The Greyhound by Fuller's electrical subcontractors who would fit it as part of their routine maintenance tasks.

(iii) **Telephone Box as a village library/book exchange:** Consideration was being given to using the telephone box as a village library/book exchange.

(iv) **Supply of electricity and water to the Millennium Green**: Options were being explored for the installation of a water supply on the Green.

(v) **Alternative Income Streams to Precept:** A number of alternative income-generating schemes was being explored to supplement the Precept.

(b) **Cllr Pearson:** Nothing to report at this point; progress on VAS/SID and speed reduction initiatives would be discussed later in the meeting.

(c) **Cllr Farrington:** Nothing to report.

(d) **Cllr Chishick**

(i) **NAG:** He had chaired a reconvened NAG meeting on 23 October 2025, attended by representatives of Thames Valley Policy and the EA; the level of crimes during the summer was down compared to the previous year.

(ii) **AWE**: He attended the recent liaison meeting on 6 November 2025; there was nothing of concern pertaining to this Parish raised at the meeting.

(e) **Cllr Elliot:** Nothing to report.

25/104 Clerk's Report (copy circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting)

(i) **Resignation of the Clerk/RFO:** It was noted the Clerk/RFO had tendered her resignation with effect from 30 November 2025. The Clerk advised the Councillors regarding various payroll matters which would be effected at her departure and would continue to be required after it i.e. submission of P30s and Employer Payment Submissions, with SALC (the Council's Payroll Provider/Manager) to continue to fulfil these obligations assisted by Cllr Chishick.

(ii) Recruitment & appointment of a new Clerk/RFO: The Clerk had set out in her report various suggestions and considerations for the Council to review regarding the recruitment and appointment of her successor, and had drafted a job description and person specification for the Councillors to consider. The Council discussed the recruitment process but advocated this start in early 2026, with the suggestion of a locum Clerk being appointed in the interim to cover at least December 2025 and January 2026 on a month-to-month basis although costs of a locum were raised. Recognition was given to the Council reviewing and agreeing terms of employment including number of hours, overtime, TOIL, salary rate, and responsibilities of a new incumbent for inclusion in any new contract for a permanent Clerk/RFO, and to determine the type of contract to be adopted i.e. one from NALC or HALC that could be used as is or tailored. A guidance note on the role of the RFO/Clerk had been issued by HALC and the Council's attention was drawn to the interview pack that was used at the time when Ms. Currie (former Clerk) left.

IT WAS AGREED that:

(a) The guidance note on the role of the RFO/Clerk produced by HALC and the interview pack used at the time when Ms. Currie (former Clerk) left the Council's employ should be circulated to the Councillors. **JP**

(b) Investigations should commence for the appointment of a locum Clerk/RFO to cover the interim whilst a new Clerk/RFO was recruited, with approaches to be made via the Parish Clerks' Forum and HALC for such an individual, and for possible candidates and costs to be disseminated to the Council. **BW**

(c) The Council should commence a review of employment terms for a new permanent Clerk/RFO encompassing number of hours, overtime, TOIL, salary rate, and responsibilities for inclusion in a new contract, agree a job description and person specification for the role, and advertise the vacancy. **BW/ Cllrs**

(iii) **HALC Logon Details for individual Councillors:** A number of the Councillors requested whether they could have individual log-on accounts with HALC so as to benefit from HALC's resources. **IT WAS AGREED** for the Clerk to revert to HALC and request it to set up individual log-on accounts so that each Councillor was able to draw upon HALC's resources and news. **WR**

(iv) **Parish Poll:** The Clerk advised that Theale had conducted a parish poll to ascertain residents' views on the LGR proposals, with information on how to conduct such a poll having been received and circulated by her to the Councillors. A query was posed as to whether Theale had paid for its poll to be delivered; the Clerk did not know. **IT WAS AGREED** for the Clerk to find out if Theale had been obliged to meet the cost of WBC delivering the parish poll and to update the Council with the response. **WR**

Ms. Clow, Mr. Webb and Public attendee C left the meeting at this point.

25/105 Actions Tracker List

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The Actions Tracker list was reviewed; the latest updates on each item were given in red. Key ones discussed at this point were:

(i) **A340 Path from Tidmarsh to Englefield:** The Council was to re-approach Highways at WBC to request reinstallation at a later date. **All Cllrs**

(ii) **Provision of a bus service on the A340:** The Council was to re-approach Highways at WBC to request reinstallation at a later date. **All Cllrs**

(iii) **Installation of a kissing gate at the Mill Lane end of the Copes' Drive instead of current stile & gate to aid accessibility:** This had not yet been progressed; funding for the gate was raised with consideration given to either costs being met from s106 monies or from potential grants. The Copes' contact details were provided to the Clerk at the meeting, with the Clerk suggesting potential suppliers of a gate be approached for an on-site visit accompanied by the Copes and a Councillor. **IT WAS AGREED** for Cllr Farrington to take the lead on this project. **MF**

(iv) **Connecting path between SULM/5/1 & Nunhide Lane & CIL funding**: There had been no further progress on this or update from David Wildish, Principal Engineer at Environment.

(v) **Reinstallation of the post box on Sulham Lane:** Since the Clerk emailed Ms. Warrick, the head of Royal Mail Collections, in September 2025 regarding the Ofcom stipulation regarding the provision of post boxes, no reply had been received. A suggestion was made for the Council to purchase a new post box and have it installed in Sulham, provided that Royal Mail would be willing to collect from it.

(vi) **Dropped kerb installation on A340 & linking path between A340 East Side Bus Stop by Green to Lychgate:** Further to the original suggestion of a dropped kerb to be installed on each side of the A340 opposite the original east side bus stop, it had been established by JC that there was already a dropped kerb on the west side of the A340 opposite the bus stop on the east side by the Green, and that there was a dropped kerb area in the tarmac area of the east side bus stop. It had been suggested that a strip of tarmac be laid between the tarmac area around the east side bus stop to the lychgate at the Green to connect the two and thus enable users with buggies or mobility scooters to access the Green more easily. **IT WAS AGREED** for the Clerk to write to WBC (Chris Vidler) again requesting that a strip of tarmac be laid to connect the tarmac area around the east side bus stop to the lychgate at the Green to facilitate access to the Green for buggies and wheelchairs/mobility scooters. **WR**

(vii) **Installation of VAS/SIDs and Speed Reduction Measures**: This would be discussed later in the meeting.

(viii) **Flooding Prevention Measures**: A brief discussion was held and it was suggested the Council progress flooding prevention measures with the appropriate authorities and landowners. **IT WAS AGREED** that Cllr Pearson would talk with the Flood Warden (James Austin) to ascertain the outcome of discussions held between Mr. Austin and Mr. Smith regarding the implementation of flood prevention measures, in order to inform a letter to be drafted and sent by Cllr Pearson to the EA regarding necessary or recommended flood prevention measures to be implemented. **JP**

(ix) **Repositioning of incorrectly-facing road signs on Mill Lane:** Confirmation was given that some signs had been changed to face the correct direction, but that they had subsequently reverted back, possibly due to wind damage.

(x) **Restoration of old parish laptop:** Cllr Pearson had made some progress with the restoration, but as the current laptop was working fine and new accounts had been set up with payroll and the HMRC, this had not been further progressed. The Council was reminded that Cllr Pearson was in possession of the Microsoft Licence disk. Cllr Pearson asked which Windows system was in operation on the current laptop. **IT WAS AGREED** for the Clerk to confirm which Windows system was in operation. **WR**

25/106 Planning Applications

(a) New Planning Applications

(i) **25/02364/HOUSE:** A Parish Consultation request had been received by the Council, the response deadline for which being 13 November 2025. The Council discussed the application in the light of the documents viewed on WBC's portal and the presentation made by the applicant earlier in the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED (proposed by JP, seconded by MF) not to object to this planning application and for the following consultee response to be submitted via WBC's portal *"The Parish Council met on 12th November 2025, and having reviewed the documents associated with Planning Application 25/02364/HOUSE as well as hearing more details from the applicant who attended the meeting, the Council has no objection to this application."*

(ii) **25/02245/HOUSE:** An amended planning application Parish Council consultation request had been received by the Council, the response deadline for which being 28 November 2025. Further documents including amended versions of elevations, etc were on WBC's website. The Council discussed the amended application, noting the following points:

- The property was still in a Flood Zone 3b area and thus such area was designed to store water during flooding, or to permit it to flow through and away.
- The applicant had investigated the option of knocking down the building and rebuilding, but this was not possible.
- The new planning proposal was a compromise.

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- The EA had been asked for and given its views on the impact of the proposal on flooding, but ultimately, WBC was the decision maker regarding the application; the EA had recommended an increased finished floor height to ensure it was above expected flood levels, with the risk of a significant fluvial event being deemed to be 1 in 30 years. The Council also considered that an increase in finished internal floor height might help.
- The SuDS report clearly set out their objections to the application.

Having taken all points into consideration and having heard from the applicant earlier in the meeting, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council would continue to rely on the SuDS report and its objection to the application (given that SuDS is the expert in their field) and on national flooding regulations and policies, and thus the Council would maintain its objection to the application, as set out in the Council's original consultee letter of 24 October 2025, and for a response in line with this decision to be submitted on WBC's planning portal.

25/107 Financial Matters

(a) Grant to Parish Magazine

The Council discussed the grant request; there was a budget of £1000 for General Grants in this financial year, with only £179 spent to date.

IT WAS AGREED (Proposer: JC, Seconder: MF) that:

(a) A grant of £500 be awarded to the Parish Magazine at this point.

(b) The Editor should be requested to seek additional advertising revenue streams and check with other parish councils as to how they generate advertising revenues, and for her to be invited back in early 2026 to report on the success or otherwise of income generation. **JC**

(c) An allocation of at least £500 to be made by way of a grant should be budgeted for 2026-2027.

(b) Bank Statements

The latest Current Bank Account Statement was noted.

(c) Income & Expenditure Table for November for review

FOR 12 NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING - Receipts and payments for authorisation/approval and Bank Reconciliation						
Amounts received						
Date	**Description**		**Payment Method**	**Ref**	**Total amount**	**Date Received at Bank**
09/10/2025	Lloyds Bank Interest (Gross) Community Inst Access Acct		Credit	Acct No. 07230570	£14.33	09/10/2025
27/10/2025	3rd instalment - Reimbursement by JL for overpayment of salary		Credit	Acct No. 00372930	£301.10	27/10/2025
31/10/2025	Balancing payment- reimbursement by JL for overpayment of salary		Credit	Acct No. 00372930	£1,204.42	31/10/2025
		Total receipts			**£1,519.85**	
Payments (already made in period or due for payment and submitted for approval/noting)						
Invoice Date	**Description**	**Invoice #**	**Payment Method**	**Ref**	**Total amount**	**Date Paid/ Cleared at Bank**
24/10/2025	Cloud Next:Upgrade to Premium Hosting package (extra Mailbox capacity)	#255962	BACS		£89.96	24/10/2025
16/04/2025	Village Hall - Charge for Clerk Interviews booking	960	BACS		£24.00	24/10/2025
10/10/2025	Lloyds Bank Service Charges (10 Sept - 9 Oct 2025)	468830791	BACS		£4.25	
01/10/2025	Green Maintenance charges J Murby (July-Sept 2025)		BACS		£330.00	
26/10/2025	Tactical Facilities October 2025 Dog Waste Collections	SI-4450	BACS		£71.45	
12/11/2025	Parish Magazine - Grant		BACS		£500.00	
			Subtotal		£1,019.66	
Other Payments (Already made or due for payment and submitted for approval/noting)						
30/11/2025	Clerk's salary - W Rapley (N.B. Clerk's salary reduced due to taking more leave than entitled to & reimbursing extra hours)	Month 08	BACS	November Salary	£304.21	
30/11/2025	Clerk's Office Allowance - Wendy Rapley	Month 08	BACS	November Office Allowance	£26.00	
		Total payments			**£1,349.87**	

IT WAS RESOLVED (Proposer: JC, Seconder: BW) to approve the payments made since the last meeting (Cloud Next & Village Hall) or to be made shortly (Tactical, Lloyds Bank Service Charges, Green

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Maintenance Charges, Clerk's Salary and HOA, and grant to Magazine), and to approve the Income & Expenditure table.

(d) Review of Actuals vs Budget Monitoring Report
The report was reviewed. All expenditure was in line with or on Budget with the exception of the Clerk's salary costs.
IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the Actuals vs Budget Monitoring Report (Proposer: JC, Seconder: BW).

25/108 Highways & Speeding

(a) **VAS/SID**

Cllr Pearson reported on the meeting held between he and members of WBC's Highways team to clarify the positioning and technical requirements for a VAS/SID in Tidmarsh; WBC's team did not have the time at that meeting to check on a possible location for a device in Sulham. WBC had stated any device would need to meet their technical criteria and were currently undergoing a review of preferred suppliers, and advocated the use of a mobile device, operated by a battery, that could be moved to different locations within Tidmarsh and Sulham and affixed to poles which would enable better coverage.
A members' bid was submitted to WBC for approval for the purchase of a battery operated VAS/SID with data capture; at present, the outcome of the application was unknown. Cllr Pearson reminded the Council that he had previously requested via email approval to £1000 from the Council as funding towards the purchase of the device and this had been granted via email. Should the members' bid be successful, Cllr Pearson would approach 3 different suppliers for quotations for a sign.
If the Council paid for a mobile device, it would be entitled to position it in any part of the parish subject to obtaining a licence (which would be free).
IT WAS AGREED to ratify the decision taken by email to approve funding of £1000 from the Council towards the purchase of a mobile, battery-operated VAS/SID.

The temporary device fitted to a pole on the A340 last month had data capture but the Council had not been given the results of the data.

(b) **Speed Cameras**

A brief discussion was held regarding the GATSO cameras located in the village which no longer worked; although the property of the police who no longer wanted them, WBC were responsible for maintenance of the poles on which they were attached.
The DC had approached the police with a view to having a police mobile speed detection van situated in the village, but it was unclear as to what progress had been made with this.
The costs of auto-speed watch cameras had increased; Thames Valley Police were recommending an alternative machine but auto-speed watch camera devices could be installed on private land.
IT WAS AGREED that:

(a) MF should follow up with the District Councillor regarding the implementation of a police mobile speed detection van within Tidmarsh and Sulham. **MF**

(b) JP should contact the District Councillor to ascertain the progress of the Council's members' bid. **JP**

25/109 Community
IT WAS AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting.

25/110 Date of next meeting
The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday, 10th December 2025 at 8p.m.
The meeting closed at 22.40

Signed: ______________________ **(Chairman)** **Date: 10th December 2025**