

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Monday 14th October 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs T Smith - Chair **(TS)**, Mr C Hill - Vice Chair **(CH)**, Mr J Russell **(JR)**, Mrs R Stogden **(RS)**, Mr W Meadows **(WM)**, Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**, Judith Edwards **(JE)**

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Three Parishioners present

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Resignation of Councillor

- We now have two applicants for the role. There will be a co-opt session at the next meeting in November to appoint a Parish Councillor - **ALL**

110. Apologies – Tim Bearder (TB)

111. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

112. Matters to Report

- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor**
 - September report circulated to Councillors and circulation list
- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor**
 - September report circulated to Councillors and circulation list

113. Flooding/Drains

- Following an extensive site visit (on 02/07/25) with Carl Stallwood (OCC Chief drainage Engineer), Lee Travers (SODC Drainage Engineer), **TS** and **LM**, there will be further surveys and work conducted:-
 - in Sandy Lane (where the Spring is running down the road)
 - under the A418 in the Culvert, along Ickford Road
 - along the brook behind Brookside and North Close
 - Draycot Corner
- **Still** awaiting final minutes from meeting and actions with timings (chased 15/07/25, 25/07/25 and 03/09/25). The latest email copied **JE**, **TB** and **TS**. **TS** to email again copying **JE - TS**
- Sandy Lane road (near Willow Spring Farm) has been repaired, but this will be temporary as the spring is still running over it. Pot holes at the bottom, near the bridge, have also been repaired.
- No update on next actions from Section 19 report, **JE** will look into it as a matter of urgency - **JE/LM**

114. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Granted £1,000 (24/25 financial year) for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Money to be spent on optimising camera positioning and a study of plants/wildlife and insects. Will need to keep records - **CH**

- TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) visited Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site. However, farm owners want to use the pond for irrigation purposes as well which TOE will not fund. Team to discuss possibility of a second pond on the Farm or in the wet area on Lower Chilcott Farm - **CH**
- TNR team held alongside Brook on 02/09/25 with the landowner, planning to monitor wildlife more closely but need lots of volunteers! Project plan required from Thame River Conservation Trust and put article in Dec/Jan newsletter - **CH**
- Meeting held with Ryan from Oxfordshire Tree Planning on 31/07/25 who will now review the area and advise what trees could be planted - **CH**
- Otters have been spotted on the cameras, along with deer and foxes. Owl boxes for Tawny and Barn owls have also been put up around the Parish

115. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

115.1 Ickford Bridges

- Permissions and discussions are underway with the Environmental Agency, Historic England (both bridges are Grade II listed) and Bucks CC. Work is due in Spring 2026 - **LM**
- Ickford Parish Council have been updated (08/07/25 and 18/07/25) - **LM**
- The PC were notified of the removal of some hedgerows along either side of the Oxfordshire bridge by SODC, currently with Highways to schedule in.
- The Tiddington end of the bridge wall has been badly damaged. Reported on FMS and directly to the Structural Engineering team at OCC. Repairs will take place in Spring/ Summer due to the need to use lime rendering (which cannot be used if there is a risk of frost) - **LM**
- There are some white marks on the Ickford side of the bridges, LM asked the Clerk at Ickford PC if they knew what they were for - **LM**

115.2 20mph Consultation

- There will be a review of the impact of 20mph restrictions in due course (probably 2026) and Tiddington may get more support after this is completed. Antony Kirkwood (previously Safety Officer) now heads up this area, including Vision Zero.
- The Parish could conduct our own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available, on A418, Ickford Road and Milton Common. Look into the possibility of borrowing a SID via Road Safety Officer at OCC (Andy Ford) - **LM**
- Possibility of speed bumps was raised by a Parishioner, PC to evaluate, especially with increased traffic flow from Ickford due to new houses – **LM/JE**

115.3 Fix My Street - Currently on report

- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again when it rains - **RS/JR**
- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Drains blocked by weeds along A418 at the end of Albury View, still not sorted - **LM**
- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported, some repaired, report again - **LM**
- Railway Bridge, Albury Road - cracks appear to be getting worse. Report on FMS - **RS/JR**

115.4 Defibrillators

- Replaced defibrillator at F&G with the latest model CU-SPR from WelMedical which has a 10 year Warranty - **LM**
- Cricket Club will now provide and maintain a defibrillator for their premises although the PC will maintain ownership of the outer case
- Sourced training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service. Training arranged for Wednesday 15th October at 6pm, Cricket Club. Twenty signed up - **LM**

115.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear held a useful meeting in the Tiddington Village Hall on 17th September - **LM**
- Builds happening across the Parish. Planned ones for:
 - **top of Albury View from 24/11/25 to 05/12/25.** Road will be shut (apart from access) during this period

- **A418 from 20/10/25 to 30/11/25.** Road will be shut (apart from access) during this period
- **Sandy Lane from 31/10/25 to 13/11/25.** Road will be shut (apart from access) during this period

115.6 Dog fouling bins

- We can get closed bins into the play area and along Albury View & move one of the bins by the far gate, but we need to pay for them. SODC will continue to empty them - **LM**
- Cost for a Maelor Trafflex Round Litter Bin 90L (to match current versions in the Parish and ones used by SODC) is circa £280 plus VAT and installation. So to replace all three, total cost about - £840 plus VAT and installation. Need to investigate alternatives further - **LM**
- Due to cleaning survey we now also have all the bins in the parish mapped

115.7 Deep Clean request

- Agreed on the following: Basketball court area, Albury View pavements plus pavements along A418 from Albury View towards Albury Road
- However they cleaned the pavement alongside the bus stops and along to Albury View

115.8 Milton Common - concerns

- Speed limits along A40 through Milton Common/ speed indicators - look to get a SID, borrow from another Parish and use Road Safety contact at OCC - **LM**
- Bus stops/shelters - The one on the other side of A40 is owned by Great Milton PC. Need to discuss further at next PC meeting - **LM**
- Pedestrian crossing - need to discuss further at next PC meeting - **LM**

116. Planning

116.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P25/S2016/PIP - Fairview, Old London Road, Milton Common:** Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with six detached units. **Under consultation, decision date: 14th October**
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. Need to object and comment on impact to Ickford Road/ bridges/ floods/lack of amenities and facilities to support additional homes, especially schools and doctors surgeries. **Comments by 17th October**

116.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Outline planning permission granted**

116.3 Planning Decisions Pending (awaiting decision from SODC planning department):

- **P25/S1987/FUL - Solar Farm:** land bordering either side of the M40 near Postcombe and Lewknor Villages OX9 7EG. *Objection* submitted from PC. **Decision date: 15th October 2025**

116.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.** Due to changes in Government laws/ recommendations, Greystoke have submitted to Inspectorate additional evidence supporting their appeal. Waterstock responded - **CH**

116.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

116.6 Planning breaches

- The Parish Council had concerns over a mobile home (converted ambulance) situated in a field in Albury Lane. Monitor in case of future changes - **JR/RS**
- Still need to ascertain the legality of the gate into the field. Letter drafted and sent to Enforcement Team 16/10/25 - **JR/LM**

117. Finance

117.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- a. None

117.2 Accounts for payment this month

a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£456.65
b. WEL Medical Defibrillator	£991.14
c. OALC Training	£78.00
d. Moore - external audit	£283.50
e. Parchments - Sept/Oct newsletter	£270.00
f. Bank charges (September 19th)	£4.25

117.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- a. None

117.4 Receipts:

a. Newsletter income	£108.00
b. Interest (deposit account) - September 9th	£22.99

117.5 Balances at bank on 3rd September:

a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank)	£182.38
b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank)	£47,371.32
c. Current Account (Nat West Bank)	£0

118. 2024/25 accounts

- External auditors have signed off the accounts and documents loaded onto the website - **LM**

119. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to check names on Bank account have been changed to have Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories - **TS**
- Need to reclaim VAT for 2024/25 - **TS/LM**

120. Newsletter

- Approaching new advertisers - **JR**
- Agreed to write off 2024/25 outstanding invoices - **ALL**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/11/25): Chairs report, Gigaclear update, TNR volunteers

121. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to September received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- Requested quote from Big Luke to clean basketball area, backboard and post, install new net and move goal posts - **RS/LM**
- Need to start the process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years time. Obtaining three quotes to assess the amount of funds required - **LM/RS**
- Need to update all the signage in the playground - **RS/LM**

122. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed and all finalised by end 2025 - **JR**
- Using template from OALC - **JR/LM/TS**
- TS has located old Standing Orders to revive alongside new requirements/template and will work with JR to create a system to update and monitor all documentation required by the PC- **TS/JR**

123. IT Policy

- IT Policy generated and circulated to councillors - **LM**
- Extensive work required to implement IT policies to include; website accessibility, Assertion 10 (for AGAR next year), cyber security and email hacking - **LM**

124. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently - **TS/LM**
- Sent latest update 10/07/25 - **TS**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

125. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter received from Freddie van Mierlo requesting information on: Sewage Leaks, Tankering in the Parish and Bill.
- CH has identified an 8 hour spill at Wheatley on the weekend of 13/ 14th September and discharge in Cuddington, upstream of the Parish around 30/09/25. Email Freddie van Mierlo and JE - **CH/LM**

126. Correspondence Received:

- Rural Bulletin, Public Sector Network Newsletter, Thames Valley Alerts, Citizen Advice, Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, CommunityFirst, Wheatley Parish Council Newsletter, Haseleys Newsletter plus other general correspondence - circulated
- SODC general communications - circulated
- OCC general communication - circulated
- OALC general communications - circulated

AOB:

- Temporary Congestion Charge in Oxford goes into effect on 29th October. Parishioners are eligible for 25 free permits but need to apply online. Buses from the Park and Ride will be free for three months. The aim is to get the buses to run on time by reducing congestion in the city.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2025, Tiddington Village
Hall at 7.30pm**