

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Cricket Club on **Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs V Baker - Chair (VB), Mrs T Smith - Vice Chair (TS), Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr C Hill (CH), Mr K Field (KF), Mrs L Martin - Clerk (LM)

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39. Apologies – Mr R Chaplin (RC), Tim Bearder (TB)

40. Declarations of interest - None

41. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

42. Matters to Report - Tim Bearder

- County Councillor – none
- District Councillor - none
- Prepare list of outstanding actions for next meeting **LM**

43. Neighbourhood Plan / Tiddington Nature Recovery (TNR) CH

- Final checks on the NHP completed and now with SODC **CH**
- Three cameras have been purchased and will be located on private land within the Parish (well hidden) to monitor wildlife movements. Thame River Conservation trust are preparing a proposal on the best locations. Each camera is being 'managed' by a member of the TNR team and ownership of any pictures remains with the Parish Council. **CH**
- The PC can claim funding for cameras, batteries and memory cards from TOE. Need to approach Paul to apply **LM/CH**
- Next project meeting beginning of July **CH**
- Hedgehog Tunnels, project team to review when appropriate **CH**

44. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

44.1 The Fox & Goat – Community Asset Renewal: - need to review existing paperwork **VH/RS**

44.2 Ickford Bridges:

- Ickford Bridges are on the Highways Maintenance Map for **2024/25** – no date yet
- Awaiting any update from Ickford Parish Council following discussions at their meeting **LM**
- Continue to report on Fix my Street, need to add new photos **KF/TS**
- Will be on the list for Highways Engagement Team visit on 19th August **TS/CH**

44.3 20mph Consultation

- Consultation will be either w/c 17th or 24th July **LM**

44.4 Hexagonal Bench

- Base delivered. Sand and cement to be ordered, from Mobbs, and installed **RS/KF**

44.5 Fix My Street

- Pavement alongside Notice Board not deemed bad enough for repair, continue to report **LM**
- Drains around Draycot Corner are blocked. Been put on FMS by **TS**

- Bottom of Albury Lane, drain blocked, TS and RS to put on FMS **TS/RS**
 - Side of Ickford Road up from F&G reported **LM**
 - Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, near Spring **LM**
- 44.6 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T**
- Final householder to approve, but still considering change. **LM**
 - Parishioner attended PC meeting for update on situation
- 44.7 Land off A418**
- No official update on enforcement enquiries, despite chasing **LM**
- 44.8 Defibrillators**
- All three are now operational. Parishioner checking monthly
 - Possibility of training needs investigating **TS**
 - Location code on VH one has rubbed away and needs to be replaced with ‘What3 Words’ **TS**
- 44.9 Pollarding of Trees**
- Quote to pollard trees - £2,616 inc. VAT.
 - Positive feedback from Andy Lederer, OCC. All areas checked (15/02/24) but still no response. Chase up with Andy Lederer **TS**
 - Alternative quote being sourced – **RC to chase**
- 44.10 Albury Lane repairs**
- The road will remain a restricted by-way, but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. Will need further dialogue to sort out so that longer term it gets on the Highways Asset register **TB**
 - Top part of the road (up to the Church) is already starting to deteriorate **TB**
- 44.11 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear**
- Awaiting update from Gigaclear, build not due until August **LM**
 - To be discussed at the July meeting **LM**
- 44.12 Thames Water verge repairs**
- RC to walk around and speak to Thames Water. **RC**
- 44.13 Fruit Trees**
- Revisit after play area completion
- 44.14 Road Closure A418**
- Road from Jct 8A to Waterstock turnoff closed by SEEN: **18/07/24, 08.00 to 18.00**
- 44.16 VAS Sign at Spring Cottage**
- OCC have confirmed they now own the signs and are responsible for repairing them. Waiting for Solagen to fix it **LM**
- 44.17 Parish Deep Clean by SODC - 9th July**
- Form submitted 20/05/24 **LM**
 - Copy form to Councillors **LM**

45. Planning

45.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P24/S0675/FUL** - The application is for: Erection of six detached dwellings, creation of vehicular and pedestrian access and associated infrastructure and works. Brimpton Grange Access to Hotel from A40 Milton Common. **Planning permission GRANTED**
- SODC Planning Officers considered the Parish Councils’ comments (April 2024) unreasonable and under the District Councils constitution sought agreement with the Ward Member(s), Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning committee to refer the decision back to officers, rather than to planning committee, to grant planning permission. The PC felt it was pointless to ask for our opinion if the decision was never going to the Planning Committee.
- Letter sent to TB, but no response received **TB**

45.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P23/S2584/FUL** – Oakfield, Oxford Road. Creation of drives and impact on public footpath (is now less than 1m wide) due to construction work appear not to match submitted and approved plans. Request and photos sent to Planning Officer who have passed it to the Enforcement Team
- Parishioner attended the meeting to seek clarity over the issue and stated “as a Public Footpath it is subject to restrictions and conditions relating to a Field Path which is how that path is officially designated.”
- Parishioner also requested the following statement be included: “Councillor Ken Field said that he had been and measured the footpath and that the width of the footpath is at least a metre wide along its length across the garden.” **NB.** measurement was subsequent to report having been submitted to the Enforcement Team.
- Still waiting response from SODC Enforcement Team

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

- **P22/S3280/FUL Road Maintenance Depot London Road Milton Common OX9 2JN.** The erection of a single storey office block, maintenance garages and salt barn at the western end of the existing depot site, and the creation of new access and SUDS pond. (As amplified by additional information received 06 October 2022)
- Planning officer requesting contractor to re- submit or withdraw plans **LM**

45.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775**
- Appellants name: Greystoke CB Ltd. Appeal start date: 4th June 2024 and any representations (Under Rule 6) must be submitted by 10th July, by either TwA PC or in conjunction with another PC
- PC agreed to support Waterstock objections, rather than submit independent objection, and letter to be drafted with additional items added as suggested by Waterstock **LM/CH**
- Poster and leaflets circulated to Councillors for posting through letter boxes throughout Parish and posted on relevant FB groups including request for crowdfunding **Councillors**
- The Inquiry starts on 15/10/24 and will last 16 days. We have the opportunity to address the enquiry and will notify the authorities of our intent to do so if a Councillor is available on the appropriate day. A written Statement to be submitted **LM/CH**

46. Finance

46.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- PC agreed a policy of only approving donation requests that directly impact or support Parishioners

46.2 Accounts for payment this month

a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£520.75
b. Annual insurance for Parish	£427.66
c. Cameras, etc for Tiddington Nature Recovery Project	£296.73
d. BGG - grass cutting	£798.00
e. Newsletter	£311.41
f. Creative Play - new equipment for play area	£8,259.60
g. Bit Defender	£19.99
h. BGG - grass cutting	£942.00

46.3 Invoices approved and signed at the previous meeting under AOB:

- None

46.4 Receipts:

- a. Interest as of 4th June £0

46.5 Balances at bank (Lloyds Bank):

- a. Current Account as of 4th June £16,920.21
- b. Deposit Account as of 4th June £0

NB Need to investigate Savings account at Lloyds **LM/TS**

47. Approval 2023/24 year end accounts

- Final accounts approved and to be submitted to AGAR and for external audit **LM**

48. Financial Regulations

- New Financial Regulations to be recirculated and approved by July meeting **VB/TS/LM**

49. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed **VB**

50. Newsletter

- Investigating additional revenue and income from current advertising **TS**

51. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- Balls to be put in a bag on a hook under table, bats to be stored in **VH TS/KF**
- Following equipment installed **w/c 03/06/24**
 - Two benches
 - One picnic table
 - Basket swing
- Funding to be sought for:
 - Zip wire in new area
 - Another piece of equipment in new area
- Area in front of Goal Mouth has been renovated, reseeded and new Goal Posts installed **LM**

52. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly **RS**
- List to be followed up **RS/TS/LM**
- Green bench to be renovated **TS**
- New basketball net to be purchased and installed **LM**
- Old picnic table to be assessed for repair or removal **TS/RS/KF**
- New area is being seeded **w/c 17/06/24** and will need to be protected by netting whilst grass grows. Need to find out where orange netting has gone **LM**

53. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC.
- Team to work on plan in June/July **VB/TS**

54. Archives, including minutes retention

- Established what can be submitted to Oxford History Centre and now files to be sorted **LM**

- Ask for volunteers to help in next newsletter **LM**

55. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- All felt that response from Thames Water was not acceptable regarding the latest sewage spills into Thame and surrounding rivers. Keep communication ongoing to disapprove and ask for change **All**

56 Flooding/Drains

- Contact at OCC is Daniel Depp and email asking for update sent 07/02/24, 08/03/24 and 26/04/24 with no response **LM**

57. Correspondence Received:

- Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network, 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:

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th July 2024 from 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall