

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned to the Parish Council Meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Luci Martin, Clerk

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PUBLIC FORUM

Co-option of Parish Councillor

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198. Apologies

199. Declarations of Interest

200. Approve and sign minutes

201. Matters to Report

210.1 County Councillor – Tim Bearder **(TB)**

210.2 District Councillor - Tim Bearder **(TB)**

201.3 County Councillor Priority Fund submission - TNR consultancy project (£1,000) - Awarded!

202. Flooding/Drains

- Update on meeting held on 17th October with SODC and OCC regarding investigation into floods on 23rd September. We are not expected to hear more on the investigation until at least the Spring, although it may be longer given the amount of areas to investigate - **LM/TS**

203. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Update on working group Tiddington Brook Project - **CH**
- Applied for funds for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from OCC County Councillor Priority Fund - received £1,000. Project team to confirm where this is to be spent - **CH**
- TOE 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. Further discussion required - **CH**

204. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

204.1 Ickford Bridges

- Ickford Bridges have been removed from the Highways Maintenance Map for 2024/25, an issue raised with **TB**. Email from 27/01/25 resent 17/02/25 to **TB** - no response - **LM**
- Ickford Parish Council have given up & taken it off their agenda until new Councillors start- **LM**
- Reported on Fix My Street, with new photos added (Jan 25). Under investigation now - **LM**

204.2 20mph Consultation

- Further email sent to Freddie van Mierlo on 06/02/25 regarding no response from Councillor Gant. TB has received a response however, requested a copy 06/03/25 - **TB/LM**

- There will be a review of the impact of 20mph restrictions in due course and Tiddington may get more support after this is completed. Asked **TB** when that might be (06/03/25) - **LM**

204.3 Bench installed around the tree.

- Base installed but joints are coming apart and need to investigate what guarantees are in place with supplier (purchased in April 2024) - **LM**

204.4 Fix My Street

- Drains appear to be blocked higher up Albury View, report on FMS - **KF/CH**
- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again -- **RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, near Spring, put on FMS again - **TS/LM**
- Potholes and worn out road on A40 through Milton Common reported - **VB**
- Ickford Bridges reported on FMS - **LM**
- Put information in next newsletter on how to use Fix My Street - **LM**

204.5 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

- No update from Royal Mail - **LM**

204.6 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators need checking - **TS**
- Sourced some training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & donation. Put article in Newsletter to gauge interest - **TS**
- Need stickers with What3words on them to be applied - **TS**
 - newlywed.split.adjusting - Cricket Club
 - tickling.decency.rumble - F&G
 - intricate.panning.limelight - VH

204.7 Albury Lane repairs

- The road remains a restricted by-way, but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. Will need further dialogue to sort out longer term so it gets on the Highways Asset register - **TB**
- Update from investigation into old files - **RS**
- Once picture is clearer need to email Freddie van Mierlo to ask for help - **LM/RS**

204.8 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear sent letters to all residents w/c 15/01/25, awaiting further update on plans etc.
- Requested update 06/03/25 - **LM**

204.9 Road Cleaning kit

- We have been given a loan of a Road Sign cleaning kit for use by volunteers.
- Volunteers will hopefully be out and about in the next month - **LM**

204.10 South Central Probation UPW Consultation 2024

- The PC had a survey from South Central Probation UPW (Unpaid Work) Community Service Team regarding utilising these resources in the Parish. LM completed the survey and requested more information, awaiting response - **LM**

204.11 Trees

- The tree on the corner by the entrance to Village Hall car park needs assessing **asap** - **TS/KF**

204.12 Parking Restrictions for School Bus

- Submitted parking measure request, three times & emailed **TB**, still awaiting feedback - **LM**

204.13 Spring Litter Pick

- Agreed date of Saturday 29th March, 10am as part of Great British Spring Clean. Need to put on Facebook and arrange bags etc. - **LM/TS**

204.14 Dog fouling bins

- Asked if we can replace open bin in Albury View with closed double bin, sent 27/02/25 - **LM**

205. Planning

205.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P25/SO325/LDP - Ambleside, Oxford Road** - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension. No comments as under permitted development. **Decision date: 16th April 2025**
- **P25/SO543/A - Belfry Hotel** - replacement signage (seems to have already happened). **Consultation ends: 19th March 2025**

205.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P23/S2584/FUL – Oakfield, Oxford Road.** Creation of the drive and impact on public footpath appear not to match submitted and approved plans. Request and photos sent to Planning Officer who have passed it to the Enforcement Team
- Parishioner, attending the meeting, clarified 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 for a response from the SODC Enforcement Team. Requested update: 05/03/25

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

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Decision date: 27th February 2025 but no decision yet, awaiting ecology and drainage comments**

205.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.**
- The Inquiry started on 15/10/24 in Cholsey and was attended by CH and RS to make representations on behalf of the PC and in support of Waterstock Parish. The inquiry is due to conclude at the end January with final report due end of March - **CH**
- Waterstock is still considerably short of funds to pay the legal fees. Mentioned in Chairs report in Feb/ March Newsletter - **VB**

205.5 Planning Consultations

- None

206. Finance

206.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

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| a. OALC | £240.00 |
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206.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £372.13 |
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206.3 Invoices approved and signed at the previous meeting under AOB:

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| a. None | |
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206.4 Receipts:

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| a. Interest (deposit account) @ 10/02/25 | £14.14 |
| b. Advertising income - newsletter 24/25 (total to date) | £644.40 |

206.5 Balances at bank on 6th February:

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| a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) | £762.00 |
| b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) Precept April 2025, Grant money | £28,022.54 |
| c. Current Account (Nat West Bank) | £50.40 |

207. 2024/25 accounts

- VAT reclaim submitted 16/01/25, awaiting payment- **TS**
- Newsletter invoices chased 06/03/25, 9 out of 16 payments to date - **TS/JR**
- Need to change names on Bank account, remove Russell Chaplin and Ken Field. Rebecca Stodden has agreed to be a signatory - **TS**

208. Budgets 2025/26

- Final draft to be approved at March meeting - **ALL**
- Precept agreed at £14,500 for 25/26
- Article for April/ May newsletter explaining increase to be written - **VB**

209. Standing Orders

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

210. Newsletter

- Invoices and new rates sent to all current advertisers w/c 03/02/25, chased 06/03/25 - **TS/JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/03/25): Using FMS, Defib training, Chairs report Spring Clean, Playground changes

211. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- Installation of new equipment w/c 28/04/25, pre site visit 01/04/25 - **LM/TS/RS**
- Bark from under swings to be removed and soil level restored, prior to installation date - **ALL**

212. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to February received - **RS**
- Balls to be put in a bag on a hook under table, bats to be stored in VH - **TS/KF**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Fort repairs to be carried out 17/18th March. Signage and FB notices needed - **LM/RS**

213. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently given recent floods - **VB/TS**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

214. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Presentation from Thames Water received by CH shows plans to mitigate sewage dispersals, looks positive on paper, await actions

215. 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: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th April 2025, Village Hall at 7.30pm