

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 13th January 2026 at 7.30pm**

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162. Apologies: Jon Russell

163. Approve and sign minutes

164. Matters to Report

164.1 County Councillor – Judith Edwards (**JE**)

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

165. Flooding/Drainage:

- Sandy Lane road (near Willow Spring Farm) has been repaired, but this will be temporary as the spring is still running over it. Further inspection took place 15/16th December, awaiting outcome - **LM**
- Next actions from Section 19 report:
 - Parish Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan, complete with supporting information from Joint Oxfordshire Resilience Team's (JORT) webpage. See point 176 - **ALL**
 - Parish Council to implement a Flood Warden scheme with training and guidance documents for the volunteers. Request volunteers on FaceBook and via Feb/Mar newsletter - **ALL**
 - ***"Explore options for natural flood management measures in upper catchment"*** – OCC have contacted SODC for an update on this recommendation as they are the lead stakeholder, but no response. Contacted **JE/TB on 15/12/25, no response** - **LM**

166. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan - The government will not fund anything to do with NP in future. TWAPC review is due in 2026, £2,000 allocated in 2026/27 budget. Meeting on 28th Jan - **LM**
- 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**
- The TNR team has submitted a proposal which includes working with RTC and gaining volunteers to help out. The plan includes the use of the £1,000 grant from 24/25 financial year from SODC Community Councillor Grants. District Grant application submitted on 05/12/25 requesting funds of £3,650. Outcome expected in February 2026 - **CH/LM**

- Meeting held with Ryan from Oxfordshire Tree Planning on 31/07/25 who advised planting 10 trees along Fernhill Close. Councillors thought that seemed excessive and questioned the quantity & type of trees. Nine trees planed on 08/01/26 without any further consultation!- **CH**
- It would be good if the RTC could come and present their role/work at a future PC meeting - **CH**

167. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

167.1 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**
- 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, again December 25. Repairs will take place in Spring due to the need to use lime rendering (which cannot be used if there is a risk of frost) - **LM**
- Suggestion that we contact the industrial estate at Worminghall to request lorries avoid the bridges. This has been tried previously but without success especially as Sat Nav will direct them that way. Try again? - **ALL**

167.2 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
- The Parish could conduct its own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available. There could be a possibility of access to a shared SID, investigate further - **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**
- Should we request our own Consultation? - **ALL**

167.3 Fix My Street

- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported, some repaired, report again. Big dips and bumps in the road just after Milton Common - **RC**
- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Weeds blocking the drains on A418 - **LM**
- Need to report big pot holes on Albury Lane, might need **TB** support again to get fixed - **RS/JR/LM**
- Reported broken safety bollards on road crossing outside Tiddington garage - **LM**

167.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational

167.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Service is available throughout Tiddington and goes live on 2nd February, in some areas
- Gigaclear planning to hold a drop in session in the Village Hall, date tbc

167.6 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. Alternative is a plastic version costing circa £180 plus VAT, included 4 bins within budget - **LM**
- Request for dog bin at top of Albury Lane, but the PC need to fund the emptying of it - **LM**

167.7 Highways Asset Response Team (HART)

- Offer to repair various areas we identify. So far identified and agreed: pavement alongside the A40 in Milton Common, pavements in Albury View up the road and along A418.

- Requested quote for PC to fund the repair of the pavement alongside the Notice Board from ODS and sourcing one other - **LM**

167.8 Milton Common - concerns

- Speed limits along A40 through Milton Common/ speed indicators - look to borrow from another Parish via Road Safety contact at OCC - **LM**
- Bus stops/shelters - The one on the other side of A40 is owned by Great Milton PC. Estimate for constructing a small bus shelter on Tiddington side of M40 is £5,000, to be funded by CIL money and included in 26/27 budget - **LM**

167.9 Mess outside Fairview property at Milton Common

- Email received from Parishioner regarding the 'eyesore' left after recent trees were felled at the Fairview property in October.
- Update from OCC and Highways established trees were on Fairview property and they are responsible for clearing up the mess. Property owners assured PC that it would be done as soon as equipment and, weather permits - **LM**

168. Planning

168.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

168.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P25/3537/HH - Quinton, Sandy Lane, Milton Common:** Proposed single storey extension & fenestration alterations. *No objections. **Approved***
- **P25/S3423/HH - Albury Farmhouse, Draycott:** Demolition of existing garage and provision of replacement garage. *No objections. **Approved***
- **P25/S3424/HH - Albury Farmhouse, Draycott:** Orangery and rear lobby extensions. Provision of dormer windows on the main roof. Raising of central flat roof area to main roof. *No objections. **Approved***

168.3 Planning Decisions Pending (awaiting decision from SODC/ Bucks planning departments):

- **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: 28th February 2026***
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC **Objected**. Still awaiting decision*

168.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.** Greystoke appeal has ***failed***. Judicial review concludes 13th January - **CH**
- Letter of congratulations sent to Waterstock Parish (Dec 2025) - **LM/CH**

168.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

169. Finance

169.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

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| a. Wheatley Park School - Prize giving | £50.00 |
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169.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £418.05 |
| b. HMRC | £43.58 |
| c. Bank charges (19th December) | £4.25 |

169.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

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| a. None | |
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169.4 Receipts:

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| a. Interest on deposit account (9th December) | £20.94 |
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169.5 Balances at bank on 6th November:

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| a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) | £101.16 |
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b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank)

£42,739.41

170. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to check names on Bank account have been changed to have Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories - **TS**
- VAT reclaim for 2024/25 sent to TS 06/01 - **TS/LM**

171. 2025/26 Budgets

- Final Budgets to be approved at Meeting on 13th, including Precept request. Final budgets circulated 08/01/26 for discussion at meeting - **ALL**

172. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 14/01/26): Chairs report, Gigaclear update, Waterstock update, TNR volunteers, Flood Wardens, Litter Pick date

173. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to December received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- Big Luke to clean the basketball backboard and post when the weather improves. Goal posts moved, and repairs to Fort carried out - **LM**
- Started the process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years time. Obtaining three quotes to assess the amount of funds required (05/01/26) - **LM/RS**
- Need to update all the signage in the playground, money allocated in 26/27 budget - **RS/LM**

174. Standing Orders

- Presentation from **JR** on requirements that need to be met covering the following areas:
 - Procedural and Governance
 - Financial and Audit
 - Transparency and Public Information
 - Policies
- Need to review all requirements and create a system, including responsibilities by Councillors, to update and monitor all documentation required. For January meeting - **TS/JR**

175. 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**

176. Community Emergency Plan

- Part of Standing Orders project - **TS/JR/LM**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

177. Councillor responsibilities

- Need to agree project responsibilities for Councillors to ensure all the planned work, especially Standing Orders, IT/Comms and Emergency Plan are completed - **ALL**

178. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter received from Freddie van Mierlo requesting information on: Sewage Leaks, Tankering in the Parish and Bills.
- Emailed Freddie van Mierlo and JE with details and letter of complaint to forward to Thames Water (06/01/26) - **CH/LM**

179. 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:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2026, Tiddington Village
Hall at 7.30pm**