

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs V Baker - Chair (VB), Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr C Hill (CH), Mr K Field (KF), Mr R Chaplin (RC), Mrs T Smith (TS)

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1. Apologies – Mrs L Martin (clerk)

2. Declarations of interest - None

3. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

4. Matters to Report - Tim Bearder

4.1 County Councillor – none

4.2 District Councillor - none

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

- SODC have done a spelling and grammar check on the NHP, one item to be corrected which needs to be completed by the consultant. Awaiting completion.
- TNR would like landowners on board and work together with them. They are talking to 4 main owners. One more landowner to be spoken too. CH to provide a synopsis for PC members **CH**
- TOE manage funds so P Rizza and C Friend are meeting with them re cameras to put at ponds etc.

6. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

6.1 The Fox & Goat – Community Asset Renewal: - ongoing

6.2 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

6.3 20mph Consultation

- CH reported that TB had been on the call and had made a good case. Next stage is for Cameron Rae to talk to their boss, and then their boss. Waiting for decision and then consultation for the A418 and A40. LM to thank TB and chase any info LM

6.4 Bench to be installed around tree when drier. **RS/KF**

6.5 Fix My Street

- Pavement alongside Notice Board is 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**

6.6 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

- TJS to speak to R Ilbery if he has time. R Ilbery has and continues to only use 1 x T in the spelling of Draycot. **TS**

6.7 Land off A418

- Landowner has been contacted from council as he informed KF, he has vehicle access directly off A418 along the front and can put a shed up where there used to be one. KF to meet landowner for more info. PC still awaiting official information, to chase **LM**

6.8 School Bus Stop signs

- Following OCC visit where they deemed not unsafe or a problem, we discussed what we could do. It was felt that there are no options. Instances of cars parking and blocking when bus comes, to be photographed and go back to OCC at that point.

6.9 Defibrillators

- New defibrillation installed at Fox and Goat. All three now operational. Possibility of training TS to investigate. **TS**

6.10 Pollarding of Trees

- Quote to pollard trees - £2,616 inc. VAT. This is not eligible for a Grant from the Nature Recovery Fund.
- Positive feedback from Andy Lederer, OCC. All areas checked (15/02/24) but no response yet. TS to follow up with Andy Lederer. **TS**
- Alternative quote being sourced – **RC to chase**

6.11 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**

6.12 D - Day celebration plans

- Surrounding villages have no plans. No interest from our parish. Remove from agenda.

6.13 Free framed portrait of King Charles

- Received and at VH. TS to speak to VH committee about where to place. **TS**

6.14 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- To be discussed at May meeting.

6.15 Bus Shelter Cleaning

- The cleaning of the shelters has been successful. Possibly to get done every other year – keep on calendar.

6.16 Thames Water verge repairs

- RC to do walk around and speak to Thames Water. **RC**

6.17 Litter Blitz weekend

- To organise for Saturday 20th April. TS to put on FB 10 – 11.30 **TS**
- VB to cover Village Hall to give out pickers and receive back etc **VB**
- TS to contact Biffa re collection of rubbish bags after the weekend **TS**

6.18 Fruit Trees

- Revisit after play area completion

6.19 Road Closure A418

- Waterstock turn to Thame roundabout 05.00 Friday 19th to 18.00 Tuesday 23rd April for surface dressing – TS to put on fb. **TS**
- RC advised OCC hoping to complete much quicker, weather depending.

6.20 Car Charging at Village Hall / in Tiddington

- To leave on agenda, but we felt there needed to be some convincing as a positive. Need to tap into main trunk and not into domestic feed as advised by RC. Need more information

7. Planning

7.1 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. **Consultation ended.**

- Discussions on our response after case officer asked PC to drop our objection. This application has removed any concerns the Inspector had from the Appeal and Case Officer will recommend approval.
- PC to stick with original objections, biodiversity concerns, settlement boundary issue from NHP, lack of parking, no mention of the footpath **LM**
- **P24/S1132/HH** – Treetops, MC – conversion of garage to gym/utility room.
- No objections.

7.2 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

7.3 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)
- **Awaiting further amendments – planning officer chasing**

7.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **None**

8. Finance

8.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- **None**

8.2 Accounts for payment this month

All approved to pay

a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£488.20
b. Newsletter – April/May	£325.00
c. Hedge cutting around Rec	£114.00

Approved for future payment

d. Bus Shelter cleaning – awaiting invoice	£240.00
e. Goal posts and ground renovation – awaiting works	£2,101.62
f. Renovation to new play area – awaiting works	£500.00 + seed
g. Basket swing, new benches and table	£8,588.20

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

- **None**

8.4 Receipts:

a. Interest as of 5 th March	£38.89
b. Precept payment	£7000.00
c. Contribution to bus shelter cleaning – Great Milton	£40.00
d. Contribution from Lloyds Bank	£200.00

8.5 Balances at bank:

a. Current Account as of 5 th March	£50.00
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b. Deposit Account as of 5th March

£18,443.23

9. Bank - set up BACs and 2nd user

- Arrange switch on 6th April 2024 **LM**

10. Financial Regulations

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

11. Standing Orders

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

12. Newsletter

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

13. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- New Table Tennis Table installed 12th March. Being used already.
- New bats and balls have arrived. Need to work out a system for lending them out **LM/ Village Hall**
- Two benches, one picnic table and a basket swing to be installed when weather improves **LM**
- Funding to be sought for zip wire and another piece of equipment in new area **LM**
- Maintenance of Goals posts to happen when drier **LM**

14. Playground Maintenance

- Checking monthly **RS**
- Benches in interim to be maintained
- Signs have been cleaned, agreed which ones to put back up, need a new No Dogs sign **TS/LM**
- Ropes to be removed before inspection **RS/KF**
- Green metal bench needs repairing and repainting, TS to speak to companies **TS**
- Playground inspection will take place in April 2024
- Agreed to close play area again when renovation taking place.

15. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan. Meeting to be arranged **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC **LM**
- A reply to request for help in newsletter, could be a possibility to help with this.

16. Archives, including minutes retention

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

17. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

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

18. Flooding/Drains

- Contact at OCC is Daniel Depp – awaiting rain to stop to ask again. **LM**

19. 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:

- VB wished to thank all those who turned up to help put bark under the swings in the play area.
- Berrick Salome requested we join a support group regarding flooding in our area. Agreed to join but nothing active here, keep us posted and we would be happy to support.
- 30mph sign outside Spring Cottage hasn't been working for 3 weeks. Find our contact to have a look at it. **LM**

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall