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 10th November at 7.30pm**

Luci Martin, Clerk/RFO

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PUBLIC FORUM

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128. Apologies: Chris Hill(CH), Russell Chaplin (RC)

129. Approve and sign minutes

130. Matters to Report

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

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

131. 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 investigation/work is planned for Winter 2026
- Next actions from Section 19 report:
  - Parish Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan - **ALL**
  - Parish Council to implement a Flood Warden scheme. Requested volunteers on Facebook and via newsletters. No offers received, submit again & on FB - **ALL**
  - "Explore options for natural flood management measures in upper catchment": Outcomes from William Piotrowski's visit on 02/03/26 seem to have been lost. Site visit to look at culverts, leaky dams and vegetation in the brook planned: date still unknown - **LM**
  - Drains and gullies are due to be cleared in November 2026, although Ickford Road gullies were cleared at the end of September, but probably due to planned Thames Water works

132. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

132.1 Neighbourhood Plan

- Questionnaires collected from drop off points and with the NP team for analysis - **CH**
- Drafting of the actual 'lite touch' review of the NP is ongoing, including comments by PC
- A full review of the outputs from the questionnaire plus the progress of the NP plan is scheduled for the December meeting. The Parishioners will be invited to review the Plan in January **- CH/ALL**

132.2 Tiddington Nature Recovery (TNR)

- Meeting with the TNR team planned for December when hopefully there is more clarity on point **131** - **CH**

133. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

133.1 Ickford Bridges

- Work is now due in **Spring 2027** due to the lack appropriate stone needed for the repair and budget - **LM**
- The PC were notified of the removal of some hedgerows along either side of the Oxfordshire bridge by the OCC Structures unit. Need to contact them - **LM**
- The Tiddington end of the bridge wall has been badly damaged. Reported on FMS and directly to the Structural Engineering team at OCC, again in March, July and August. Email response from Micheal Coogan saying will have a look.
- The weight limit looks very unlikely given the response from **Cllr Gareth Epps**. Massive backlog in requests for Environmental weight limit and cost potentially into six figures. Review underway so may hear more in next month, or so - **LM**

133.2 20mph Consultation

- There will be a review of the impact of 20mph restrictions in due course (probably 2026. Check status with **JE - LM**
- The Parish could conduct its own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available. Possibility of access to a shared mobile SID, investigate - **LM**
- Permanent Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Ickford Road will be installed once Thames Water have completed the roadworks, hopefully before Christmas - **LM/RC**

133.3 Fix My Street

- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Weeds blocking the drains on A418 - **LM**
- Broken safety bollards on road crossing outside Tiddington garage, have been earmarked for potential repair in future budget, submit again - **LM**
- Service road alongside A418 **- RC/LM**

133.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational. Looking for a volunteer to help - **TS**
- Relogged back onto 'The Circuit'

133.5 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**

133.6 Bus shelters

- Great Milton is looking into getting hedges cut around the bus shelter but have questioned if it is needed as they don't have many parishioners living near it. Chase again (06/11/26) - **LM**

133.7 Grass Cutting

- Requested one more grass cut but?- **LM**

133.7 Notice Board Tiddington

- Has been varnished shut, need to look at getting it opened - **TS**

133.8 Parking during events at F&G

- Issue raised by a parishioner regarding dangerous parking during the F&G music event. Albury View was almost completely blocked. Look again at double yellow line, talk to Jon Beale - **LM**

133.9 Parish Council Elections

- Scheduled for 6th May 2027 - **ALL**

133.10 Deep Clear Request

- Deep Clean requests agreed and submitted for work to be carried out 12/01/17 to 14/01/27

134. Projects

134.1 Sandy Lane

- The left-hand side needs piping. Quote (from AAA Surfacing) received for £5,500 but this seems low as the road will have to be closed which will cost about £2,500.
  - Action: need second quote plus discussion with landowners and Carl Stalwood from Highways before any further action taken - **TS/JR/RC**

134.2 Dog fouling bins

- Purchase new closed bins for the play area and along Albury View & move one of the bins by the far gate. Request for dog bin at top of Albury Lane, but the PC needs to fund emptying it.
  - Action - **WM** concluded the search and found an appropriate bin for £225. Sent to **LM** to order and arrange installation for 3 replacement bins - **LM**
  - Action - Review as part of project a request from Parishioner to move the bin opposite the Village Hall on Albury View Road. To be finalised - **ALL**

134.3 Pavement alongside the Notice Board near A418

- Quotes received from ODS, DJT Surfacing Ltd circa £6,000 exc VAT, and AAA Surfacing (who did the previous pavement work) at £5,500. Quote held
  - Action - Licences needed for road closure, should be done? - **JR/RC**

134.4 Bus stops/shelters

- Quotes received from three contractors for constructing a small bus shelter on Tiddington side of A40, options included a living roof and wooden ones. To be funded by CIL money and included in the 26/27 budget. Issue with power lines near potential spot, shelter may need to arrive flat packed and then constructed
  - Action - awaiting updated quotes and logistics (foundation preparations, etc) and PC agreed to proceed with this project. Re-send all details to - **JR/RC/LM**

134.5 Replacement of Fort

- Obtained three quotes and first designs, none quite right. Need to keep height via a Fort type design.
  - Action - Received revised design, need to discuss what next, including access to grant. In November meeting - **RS/LM**

134.6 Information signs in Albury to mark Saxon Village

- The project arose as part of the NP review. Should we put 2 information signs at the top of Albury Lane and bottom of Oxfordshire Way in Tiddington depicting the Saxon village? Cost, based on ones at Waterstock, would be about £1,000 each
  - Action - Need to assess response from more parishioners and the NP before proceeding. Ringfence budget (£2,000) - **LM/TS**

134.7 Notice Board at Milton Common

- Need to assess whether the notice board can be repaired or we purchase a new one - **LM**

135. Planning

135.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P26/S4437/PIP - Land to the rear of Fairview Old London Road Milton Common OX9 2JR:** Permission in Principle for 5 self build/custom build dwellings. NB. Received comments from Sandy Lane Farm regarding contact and damage to adjoining boundary from proposed works already. **PC to comment by 12th November.**

135.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

135.3 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. (application submitted 25th June 2025). Objection *submitted from PC*. **No decision yet**
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC Objected*. Permission granted, but appeal maybe launched
- **P26/S3404/FUL - Albury Farmhouse, Draycott, Tiddington, Thame, OX9 2LX:** Erection of agricultural barn and associated external works. *PC had No Objections.* **Consultation ends: 12th October 2026. No decision yet.**
- **P26/S1377/FUL - Brimpton Grange Access To Hotel From A40 Milton Common Thame OX9 2JW:** Proposed demolition of existing detached property. Replacement with 1 x three bedroom detached unit and 2 x three bedroom semi-detached units and associated parking.

Consultation ends: 14th November NB. AMENDMENT PC Commented: *Objection as outside the Settlement Boundary*

- **P26/S4266/DIS - Manor Farm, Tiddington, OX9 2LQ:** Alteration of position of consenting retaining garden wall to allow for single parking space at front of property. **No Comments allowed. Consultation ends 23rd October. No decision yet.**
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135.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- None

135.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

136. Finance

136.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

● Howe Trust (Wheatley)Christmas Hamper	£60.00
● Citizens Advice Bureau	£125.00

136.2 Accounts for payment this month

● Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£451.54
● Bank charges (15th October)	£4.25

136.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

136.4 Receipts:

● Interest on Account (9th October)	£35.44
● Moreland House Surgery (advert)	£129.60

136.5 Balances at bank - 06/11/26

● Current Account (Lloyds Bank)	£201.61
● Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank)	£62,982.96

137. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to confirm names on Bank account authorise **RS** and **JR** as signatories **- TS**
- Tax rebate to be applied for **- TS/LM**

138. 2026/27 Budgets

- Insurance renewed on 01/06/26, still need to consider cover for Cyber crime **- LM/TS/JR**

139. 2027/28 budgets

- Need to be prepared for review in December meeting and sign off in January - **LM**

140. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/11/26): Chairs report, TNR, Flood Wardens, Neighbourhood Plan update
- Invoices paid to date - Moreland House Surgery
- **JR** chasing outstanding payments

141. Playground

- Checked weekly - all forms up to September received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated. Need to purchase green paint from Mobbs - **TS**
- Follow up on Playground Inspection findings **- LM/RS/TS**
- Chicken wire exposed along one fence in playground, get Bill to check and quote for

additional screening - **TS**

142. Standing Orders

- Good progress achieved on all policies covering and the following agreed:
  - Final versions of Code of Conduct and Standing Orders signed off - **ALL**
  - Financial Regs need updating and linking to the Risk and Asset Registers - **LM**
  - Need to link Employment Policy, Risk Register and Data Protection Policy back to insurance and Hugo Fox - **LM/JR**
  - All policies need to be reviewed annually at Annual Meeting. New agenda to be used in May **- LM/JR**
  - Final versions of all policies sent to Councillors for review and sign off at November meeting - **LM**

143. IT Policy/ Move to .gov

- New website operational and updated: tiddingtonparish.gov.uk
- Emails need to be set up on Spacemail, following the Hugo Fox instructions **TS** - **ALL**
- Need to continue to update website - **LM**

144. Community Emergency Plan

- Part of Standing Orders project - **TS/JR/LM**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts
- Parishioner volunteer has started working on the plan - **TS**

145. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Need to continue monitoring and report directly to the Environment Agency - **LM**
- No discharges reported at the date of the October PC meeting

146. Correspondence Received: To be recirculated

- Rural Bulletin, Public Sector Network Newsletter, Thames Valley Alerts, Citizen Advice, Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, 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 8th December 2026 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm