TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.30pm**.

Present – Mrs T Smith - Chair **(TS)**, Mr J Russell **(JR),** Mr C Hill - Vice Chair **(CH),** Mrs R Stogden **(RS**), Mr R Chaplin **(RC),** Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**

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One Parishioner present

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230. Apologies – Mr W Meadows **(WM)**

231. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

232. Matters to Report:
- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor: Absent**
- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor - Apologies**

233. Flooding/Drains
- Sandy Lane road (near Willow Spring Farm) has been repaired, but the drain is blocked so it's running down the road again.
- Further inspection identified areas for future investigation:
  - Top end around house - running ok at the moment so leave, some work happening at entrance to Willow Spring Farm
  - Down Sandy Lane on the left hand side where traffic has pushed in the ditches and ideally needs piping. On the right hand side, the bottom end of the pipe by the bus stop requires digging/cleaning out. The ditch down the side of the road was dug out (w/c 26/01/26) by the Farmer. Quote (from AAA Surfacing) received for £5,500. Do not have the right criteria to apply for a flooding grant.
  - Discuss with land owners - **TS**
  - Next actions from Section 19 report:
  - Parish Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan. See point **244** - **ALL**
  - Parish Council to implement a Flood Warden scheme. Requested volunteers on FaceBook and via Mar/April newsletter. No offers received, submit again & on FB - **ALL**
- ***"Explore options for natural flood management measures in upper catchment":*** - Site visit 02/03/26 with William Piotrowski, OCC and **TS/RC/CH.** William will talk to the Michaelis family about dredging the pond on the edge of Fernhill Woods. They have put a pipe in from the stream under the footpath, but a licence is required for this, **WP** to check. William will also talk to Carl Stallwood and Lee about removing the build up of silt in the culvert on both sides of the A418. Full notes **still** to be issued - **TS/WP**

234. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery
- Neighbourhood Plan - NP team need a few more volunteers, especially from Milton Common
  - SODC informed and provided maps, templates for the biodiversity/nature recovery section. RTC providing flooding elements
  - Parishioners questionnaire will go out in June/July newsletter, based on original plus a few new questions - **CH/JR**

- TNR - Team currently conducting a strategic review of the role and objectives for Tiddington Nature Recovery Team, including funding opportunities - **CH**
- Officially measuring the depth of the Tiddington Brook now, and the data can be linked back to rainfall - **CH**

235. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

235.1 Ickford Bridges

- Permissions and discussions are underway with the Environmental Agency, Historic England (both bridges are Grade II listed) and Bucks CC. Work is now due in **Spring 2027** due to the lack of the appropriate stone needed for the repair and lack of funds. - **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. Need to check on plans - **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 2026 - **LM**

235.2 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; some volunteers may be available. There could be a possibility of access to a shared SID, investigate further - **LM**
- Received £4,000 from Police Community Fund (suggestion from parishioner) for a permanent Speed Indicator Device on Ickford Road. To be installed in late Spring. **TS** to meet with Jon Beale to discuss location - **TS/LM**

235.3 Fix My Street/ Roadworks

- Milton Common, potholes & worn-out road. Surface dressing to be completed **1st to 3rd July**
- SSE tree work in Ickford Road between Oxford Road and Waterstock turnoff **- 31st July**
- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Weeds blocking the drains on A418 - **LM**
- Need to report big potholes on Albury Lane, might need **TB** support again to get fixed **- RS/JR**
- Reported broken safety bollards on road crossing outside Tiddington garage. Have been earmarked for potential repair in future budget - **LM**
- Service road alongside A418 **- RC/LM**

235.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational and checked in April 2026.

235.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Meeting held with Gigaclear, who are looking into the options of getting Albury Lane and the Church connected after Rycote Trust refused access via the other road. **Still** awaiting feedback from Gigaclear - **LM/RS**
- Gigaclear have requested a supportive quote from the PC regarding engagement and improvement for the Parish. PC agreed once all the issues have been resolved, ie Albury Lane and Station Yard - **LM/ALL**

235.6 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 from 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**

235.7 Pavement alongside the Notice Board near A418

- Quotes received from ODS and DJT Surfacing Ltd circa £6,000 exc VAT. Also received a quote from AAA Surfacing (who did the previous pavement work) at £5,500. Need to decide which projects are progressing in 2026/27 and in which order - **ALL**

235.8 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**
- Perspex/glass on the notice board replaced, but sign needs some more work - **LM**

235.9 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. PC to agree which Projects to proceed with - **LM**
- **I**ssue with power lines near potential spot, shelter may need to arrive flat packed and then constructed **- LM**
- Bus shelters all cleaned and invoice issued to Great Milton, April - **LM**

235.10 Notice Board in Tiddington

- Notice Board to be revarnished in June - **LM**

235.11 - Repairs to top end of Albury Lane

- Quote obtained from AAA Surfacing (total £30,800 ex-vat) but will need two other contractor quotes. Albury Lane residents have agreed to match fund the repair cost, if the Parish Council can provide some funds. Also asked the Diocese for funding, no reply as yet - **JR/RC**

236. Planning

236.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P26/S1048/RM 46 - Planning Application Consultation 46, Ickford Road:** Resubmit comments made in original planning application relating to:- road down middle of site, height of houses, affordable homes, sustainability report completed before flooding on September 2024, the need for porous surfacing to prevent run off into river. **By 1st June 2026 - LM**

236.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

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

- **P26/S0687/FUL - Fairview, Milton Common:** Proposed 6 self build units. **End Consultation 15th April. Decision date: 13th May 2026.** PC submitted *No Objections*, however a request was made to apply a 'permitted development rights' to prevent over expansion of the site
- **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, Still awaiting decision**
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC Objected*. **Still awaiting decision**

236.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- None

236.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

237. Finance

237.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- None

237.2 Accounts for payment this month

● Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£432.59
● Big Luke (repairs to Fort)	£156.00
● Core Clean (Bus shelter cleaning)	£150.00
● Bank charges (20/04/26)	£4.25

237.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

237.4 Receipts:

● SODC CIL payment	£30,650.71

- Thames Valley Police Commission Fund (for SID Ickford Road) £4,000.00
- Interest on Deposit account (11/05/26) £27.95

237.5 Balances at bank on 5th May 2026:

- Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £4,245.10
- Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) £80,834.39

238. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to confirm names on Bank account authorise Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories **- TS**
- Need to complete AGAR (year end accounts) by 30th June 2026 **- LM/TS**

239. 2026/27 Budgets

- The Budget was amended due to a total increase of £55,171.27 in CIL money. Need to prepare a projects list for discussion at the June meeting - **LM/ALL**
- Insurance to be renewed by 01/06/26. Need to consider cover for Cyber crime **- LM/TS/JR**

240. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 14/05/26): Chairs report, TNR volunteers/update, Flood Wardens, Litter pick photos, Money from Police Commissioner Fund for SID in Ickford Road, Neighbourhood Plan update, Bus shelters cleaned?
- Invoices for new financial year sent out 06/05/26 - **JR**

241. Playground

- Checked weekly - all forms up to March received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated. Need to purchase green paint from Mobbs - **TS**
- Big Luke to moss kill tarmac with safety netting installed. Planned for early June - **LM**
- Started the process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years time. Obtained three quotes and first designs to assess the amount of funds required. Need separate meeting - **LM/RS**
- Need to update all the signage in the playground, money allocated in 26/27 budget **- RS/LM**
- Playground Inspection completed April 2026. Summary report sent to councillors. No red flags, some orange, some green. Include findings as part of playground discussion - **TS/RS/LM**

242. Standing Orders

- Updated presentation from **JR** on requirements that need to be met but good progress achieved on policies covering**:**
  - Procedural and Governance, Financial and Audit, Transparency and Public Information, Policies

243. IT Policy/ Move to .gov

- Appointed Hugo Fox for move to .gov including website and email, in line with Assertion 10 requirements - **LM**
- Work commenced, and Domain name: tiddingtonparish.gov.uk purchased. Website to be completed by mid June. First draft to be reviewed.

244. 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**

245. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Via our email to Freddie van Mierlo, we received a response from Thames Water following our letter of complaint. Circulated to Councillors. Need to continue monitoring and report directly to Environment Agency - **LM**

246. 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:

- Requested grass is cut asap, apart from a strip in the recreation area for 'No Mow May'

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th June 2026, Tiddington Village Hall at 7.30pm