

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on
Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present – Mrs V Baker - Chair (VB), Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr C Hill (CH), Mrs L Martin - Clerk (LM), Mr K Field (KF)

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273. Apologies – Mrs Tracey Smith - Vice Chair (TS), Mr R Chaplin (RC), Mr Tim Bearder (TB)

274. Declarations of interest - None

275. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

276. Matters to Report - Tim Bearder

276.1 County Councillor – none

276.2 District Councillor - none

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

- Working document previously circulated
- New printed maps (1:10,000) are to be used by the team in assessing what is where now
- River Thame Conservation (RTC) attended recent TNR meeting and have offered to help in various ways
- Landowners are being approached first by allocated team members. Sandy Lane Farm are keen to help and may be able to install two ponds
- Looking to purchase cameras to observe and track wildlife in the area. Cost tbc
- Wildlife Recovery Corridor proposed in Neighbourhood Plan may still be possible
- History of area still being updated
- Funding will need to come via the Parish Council to TNR project. Trust for Oxfordshire Environment (TOE) can help with identifying various funds & grants
- Need to stop fly tipping into the Tiddington Brook. Notice on Facebook? TS

278. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

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

278.2 Ickford Bridges:

- Ickford Bridges are on the Highways Maintenance Map for **2024/25**
- Ickford Parish Council informed and discussing at their next meeting (12/03/24). Need a coordinated approach **LM**
- Continue to report on Fix my Street

278.3 20mph Consultation

- Meeting confirmed: 22/03/24 with **CH, TB & Cameron Rae** (officer 20 limits South & Vale)
- Update at next meeting **CH**

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

278.5 Fix My Street

- Pavement alongside Notice Board is not deemed bad enough for repair. Report again to SODC LM

278.6 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

- Some legal implications that are being investigated further by the GIS Team Leader & Street Naming and Numbering Officer.
- Need more information from a Parishioner. CH to approach with more information from LM

278.7 Land off A418

- No update on enforcement enquiries

278.8 School Bus Stop signs

- OCC states we can't install Bus markings but can consult with the School Transport and Parking Teams to get a dedicated Parking Bay. Need to contact Philip Earnshaw LM

278.9 Defibrillators

- Replacement defibrillator installed at Fox and Goat. All three now operational

278.10 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 Ledger, OCC. All areas checked (15/02/24) but no response yet. Continue to chase TS
- Alternative quote being sourced – RC to chase

278.11 Albury Lane repairs

- Dragon patcher filled all holes etc and road now functional again!
- 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

278.12 D - Day celebration plans

- See what other villages are doing, i.e. Ickford, Cuddesdon, Great Milton, Great Hasley LM/RS

278.13 Free framed portrait of King Charles

- Ordered, no date for delivery yet LM

278.14 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Meeting unsure as to what Gigaclear are looking for from the Parish Council. Need to investigate further LM

279. Planning

279.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P24/S0568/HH** - The application is for: Rear single storey extension, loft conversion, and garage conversion, 5 Fernhill Close Tiddington. Consultation ends: 26th March.
- **No objections**
- **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 ends: 27th March.**
- Letter of objection to be drafted for PC to approve before being submitted LM

279.2 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

279.3 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**

279.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **None**

280. Finance

280.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

a. Membership OALC (2024-2025)	£168.00
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280.2 Accounts for payment this month

a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£403.35
b. Guardian Fencing - Play area entrance & repairs to Fort	£1,236.00
c. Mobbs new gate to recreation area	£46.39
d. R Mead ship hire 12yd (for fencing)	£432.00
e. R Mead ship hire 6yd (for fencing)	£276.00
f. New Salt Bin for Albury View	£300.00
g. Table Tennis Table	£3,114.00
h. Guardian Fencing – shade netting	£750.00
i. Chris Hill (for printing of maps TNR project)	£18.00

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

- **None**

280.4 Receipts:

a. Interest as of 5 th February	£47.06
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280.5 Balances at bank:

a. Current Account as of 5 th February	£50.00
b. Deposit Account as of 5 th February	£35,729.61

281. Bank - set up BACs and 2nd user

- New account, finally, open! Switch on 1st April 2024 **LM**
- Due to the delay & inconvenience caused, Lloyds Bank credited the account with £200 (maybe use this money for something specific?)

282. Financial Regulations

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

283. Standing Orders

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

284. Newsletter

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

285. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- New Table Tennis Table installed 12th March, in much mud and rain! To post on FB when new picture can be taken in the sunshine **TS**
- New bats and balls have arrived. Need to work out a system for lending them out **LM/Village Hall**
- **LM** updated on funding options for:
 - Two benches – 2024/25 budget
 - One picnic table - 2024/25 budget
 - Basket swing – 2024/25 budget
 - Zip wire in new area – 2024/25 budget
 - Possible replacement of existing swings or new surfacing – 2024/25 budget
- Agreed to proceed with new basket swing, benches and table.
- Hold zip wire until renovation of area is completed and then look for grants/additional funds
- Hold on new swings/ new surfacing until inspection completed

286. Playground Maintenance

- Checking monthly **RS**
- Benches to be repaired in March in time for inspection **RS/KF**
- New bark delivered, to be put under swings 16/17 March? **KF/RS**
- Signs to be cleaned, checked and put back up **RS**
- Ropes to be removed before inspection **RS/KF**
- New fencing around play area completed including repairs to Fort and new entrance to area, shade netting to be installed 18/03/24 **LM**
- Green metal bench needs repairing and repainting, need a supplier **KS/RS/LM**
- Quotes for landscaping of new area resurfacing options obtained from ODS. Need to look for alternative quote/ options **KF/RS/TS/LM**
- Resurfacing options for football goal mouth obtained from ODS. Agreed to proceed **LM**
- Playground inspection will take place in April 2024

287. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan. Meeting to be arranged **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC. Send in GDPR form requesting help **LM**

288. Archives, including minutes retention

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

289. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter sent to Thames Water (copying **TB**) from the PC (26/02/24) regarding latest sewage spills into the Thame and surrounding rivers. Also, asked why measures and data surrounding the Waterstock station are not published. Received initial email response, circulated to Councillors. Full response expected by 22/03/24 - **LM**

290. Flooding/Drains

- Contact at OCC is Daniel Depp and email asking for update sent 07/02/24 and 08/03/24 **LM**
- Drains around Draycot Corner are blocked. To be notified on FMS **TS**

291. 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:

- Need to clarify who is Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer **LM/TS**
- Need to ensure Thames Water make good all the verges and grass left damaged by recent water repairs **LM/RC**
- Fruit Trees – request by Parishioner to plant Fruit Trees on the recreation ground. This could be an option but will need to be considered and planned after work to play area and pollarding of trees has finished.
- Need to arrange a litter blitz for weekend after next PC meeting: w/e 13/14th April

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall