

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on
Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs T Smith (Vice Chair) (VB), Mrs A Rogers (Clerk) (AR), Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr R Chaplin (RC), Mr C Hill (CH)

PUBLIC FORUM

1 Member of the public – Curious to understand the footpath numbering and what they are, unsure as to where to find details, came from an email from another parishioner querying the gates and had mentioned numbers, would like to know what path relates to what number. Likely to be on OCC website. In addition to this the noisy manhole cover outside the Fox and Goat but this has been dealt with via fix my street ACTION: Clerk to find website and send to parishioner.

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204.Apologies

Mrs V Baker (VB) (Chair) and Mr K Field (KF)

205.Declarations of interest

None

206.Approve and sign minutes of meeting held on 10th January 2023, these were accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. In addition, the minutes to the emergency meeting held on 21st January 2023 were also signed as a true record of the meeting.

207.Matters to Report

207.1County Councillor – Tim Bearder (TB)

207.2District Councillor - Tim Bearder (TB)

TB arrived and apologised for being late and for the lack of communication, accepted that better comms were required. They are due the budget on Tuesday 14th Feb 2023 and extra money for road maintenance and HGV strategy to be requested relating to Ickford Bridges, doesn't seem to be high priority though as not huge traffic flow – TS mentioned many do use it especially more HGVs – TB stated in the grand scheme of things it is of lower priority – CH suggested a small amount financially to sort problem, clearer signage may help to deter traffic – TS stated some do turn round in Brookside and North close - CH suggested even interim signage – TS stated that drivers unknown to the area would follow GPS and Sat Nav as no weight restriction on bridges – CH again said improved signage may help – TB stated is more expensive than you think, timeframe to do assessment, procuring signs takes a while, people not looking at signage, if you did you the route more regularly they may not use it but most not going by the rules, TB will look into the possibility of more signage.

General discussion regarding routes and what ways people could travel. TB stated weight restriction is the ideal scenario RC suggested an advisory weight restriction/consultation for width restriction. Bridge surveys are carried out every 4 years – CH feels more attention required, has been de-prioritised, on behalf of the parishioners this isn't good enough. Worse in

the last few year due to extra traffic and lorries, lots still going over. Bucks responsible for one bridge, what are they doing? TB – Not keen on weight restriction, would rather environmental restriction TS asked what information are Ickford PC getting on this?

Nothing much else to report from TB – grant applications have been shut down, didn't know about the full allocation so may have gone over but budget is happening tomorrow (Tuesday 14th) so will know then what can be allocated.

RC – Potholes and road repairs should be done in house rather than external contractors – TB looking at renewal for contractors, don't have the funds to have it in-house but is something that is wanted – RC not getting money's worth out of contractors, sweep and fills are expensive and don't last TB – do have external people looking at contracts, politically do want to go back to in-house but initial set up is expensive in itself. General conversation regarding vehicles/workshops/facilities etc how best to do works in-house.

TB – In-house planning, bespoke planning and in-house checkers but have to rely on complaints to check works, its then fixed but need spot checkers. CH – Are capable of doing good work but current pothole repairs don't last TB – firefighting and filling as many holes as they can as quickly as they can TS – general road upkeep not as good RC – materials not as good

General conversation about traffic flow, damage being caused, 52% cut in funds since 2010, things TB would like to achieve as per flyer relating to new builds and infrastructure.

CH – would like TB to update about the Ickford bridges at next meeting and CH will ask Bucks what they are doing about the bridges from their point view.

ARC – due to clarify investment in cabinet, TB to vote against it, sees no benefit, manifesto for extra growth, overheated market, no infrastructure, no wildlife trusts involved, internal investments but to what cost. Underestimated the environmental sacrifices, they say it's not about housing but more about jobs for people and high end tech growth but more jobs mean more people and the requirement for more housing – vote to happen in Feb and district has to be involved to be able to have their say but will vote no.

CH – Thames water plan to stop sewage from being dumped in the river especially in Shabbington, TB stated new builds being approved but at a later date the sewage is sorted, don't allow sewage to be sorted prior to building, no influence over Thames water though but a lot of councillors are very concerned and putting the pressure on. TB will ask what's happening and let the council know, Our local MP did vote for it to stop, suggestion to write to MP.

208.Neighbourhood Plan – Letter from Fischer German

CH – Read document from examiner, very positive endorsement after report – a lot of work has gone into the plan CH read a couple of particularly positive comments. Some suggestions by the examiner which CH reported the NP Team recommend the PC adopt. One Independent Examiner point was unclear and we would query this in the form of a question. General conversation about how this has gone ahead and all in agreement with the proposed adjustments, as a parish we want to encourage 1st homes within the approach outlined in the NP as amended by the Independent Examiner . ' RC - planners should consult with us and if we don't have an NP then they are free to go ahead to do them without asking the parish. All in agreement ACTION CH to draft a response for clerk to email to consultant

Regarding the response back to Fischer German, we stand by the NP ethos and feel best to respond once the NP has been approved ACTION CH to draft response and clerk to email to Fischer German

209.Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

209.1 The Fox & Goat – Community Asset Renewal – TS and VB to do

209.2 Additional Dual / Dog Bin – Still no response but to be kept on agenda

209.3 Ickford Bridges As discussed with TB, only when significant damage is done will it be looked at

209.4 Flood near Ickford Bridge No floods, can be removed, add back on as and when/if it happens

209.5 Parish Grass & Verge Cutting no cutting until April but can be removed as new contract agreed

209.6 Dangerous Bridge Area OCC Ownership – Albury View Nothing done until new financial year

209.7 20mph Expression of Interest Email response stating this will be done by 2024, not sooner date given

210 Planning

210.1 Planning Applications received: None

210.2 Planning Decisions to be noted: None

210.3 Planning Decisions Pending (awaiting decision from SODC planning department):

P22/S2788/FUL Brimpton Grange Access To Hotel From A40 Milton Common OX9 2JW - Erection of six detached dwellings, creation of vehicular and pedestrian access and associated infrastructure and works. (As amplified by additional energy information received 31 August 2022) – Target Decision date 13th October 2022 – Councillors have reviewed the plans and have objected to the application. 25th January - The amendment is for: As amplified by ecological information submitted on the 23 January 2023.

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).

210.4 Planning Appeals in progress: None

211 Finance

211.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations:

211.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Ally Rogers) | |
| Inclusive of Google mail | £515.44 Approved |
| b. Administration to the Parish Council Newsletter | £72.50 Approved |
| c. Parchments Newsletter Feb/Mar | £311.41 Approved |

211.3 Invoices approved and signed at the previous meeting under AOB

211.4 Receipts:

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| d. Interest | £31.01 |
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211.5 Balances at bank:

e. Current Account as of 5 th January 2023	£50.00
f. Deposit Account as of 5 th January 2023	£46,123.22

212 Financial Regulations Clerk to action

213 Standing Orders Clerk to action

214 Draft Budget 2023/24 All approved, can be removed

215 Newsletter – additional revenue only way to increase revenue is to increase advertising, editor to do so

216 Tree Planting Project To be done in March

217 Additional Play Equipment in Playground ACTION – clerk to email proposals

218 Playground Maintenance RC to do monthly check and waiting on date of Annual inspection

219 Waterstock Golf Course Potential Development Still in discussions, as a parish we support Waterstock and object to development

220 Bank - set up BACs and 2nd user OALC couldn't advise but said many parishes use Unity, ACTION Clerk check with Nationwide and Lloyds to see if they do dual authorisations and monthly costs

221 VAS Installation Meeting on site to discuss location on 23rd Feb

222 Car crash outside Fox and Goat Lamp post has been replaced, bollards still to be done

223 Advertising board All done and to be installed – can be removed

224 New housing in Wheatley Clerk entered our comments to the planning portal, to be monitored for response.

225 Commemorative Bench and Tree in Recreation ground Action – clerk to email proposals

226 Poor bus service RC sent a survey to Arriva regarding the service but no response, clerk had emailed the duty manager of Arriva but again no response, not enough drivers, working their hours and having to take break which stops service ACTION Clerk to email TB

227 Service road tidy up Initial response from Fix my Street was it wasn't their responsibility ACTION Clerk to reword and state potholes filling and surface redressed

228 Old London Road Closure All complete, this can be removed

229 Precept All complete, this can be removed

230 P20/S2189/FUL – application for the erection of static caravans Clerk emailed the planning dept and it will be addressed

- 231 Multiple Fix my Street requests – Noisy drain outside F&G, Potholes on Ickford Road, Blocked drains at Draycott Corner and junction of A418 and Ickford Road** Noisy drain to be replaced as has crack in it, potholes on Ickford road have been filled (this can be removed) blocked drains were not blocked at time of visit, if happens again report to fix my street (these can be removed)
- 232 Thames Water – River Thame Sewage discharges** Discussed with TB, station is at the edge of Shabbington, putting sewage into the river. CH suggested sending a letter to Thames Water, article about it in The Times and Waterstock are pushing this to be resolved ACTION Clerk to draft a letter to Thames Water
- 233 Stop the Arc/Expressway development** Discussed with TB, parish to donate 20GBP ACTION Clerk to donate and claim back from parish council
- 234 A418 traffic surveys** Survey that we part funded which were filled in for Waterstock are not available for the developers, they cannot access the surveys, this is just for information and can be removed from agenda
- 235 Litter Picking – Set a date** Date agreed at Saturday 15th April and 10am. Publish in news letter and on FB page, add a footnote to state parishioners carry this out at their own risk.
- 236 Email from Parishioner – requesting financial help for new kissing gates on footpaths 5 and 6**
Discussed and are unsure as to which gates are being referred to ACTION Clerk to email parishioner and request they meet to show what gates are the problem,
- 237 King Charles III coronation** Parish to support the event and like the idea of a party to commemorate the coronation TS suggested getting volunteers to help RS suggested doing a fete/village games, all in agreement to support and fund a similar budget to the jubilee. ACTION Clerk to advise parishioner organising the event
- 238 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
SLCC AGM – circulated
- 239 AOB**

AR – Thames water damaged the notice board at Milton Comment after their works, parishioner email photos ACTION clerk to get in touch with Thames Water and ask for them to replace damaged notice board. Copy in RC

TS and AR have received letters through their doors relating to unpaid PAYE caused by a previous clerk, AR has now received letters from a debt collection agency. TS had spoken to the parish accountant and to HMRC, AR have spoken to debt collectors advising them HMRC are investigating and they will contact HMRC themselves

Meeting closed at 21:45, next meeting Tuesday March 14th 2023