TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm**.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

One Parishioner present - query about Quiet Lane

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55. Apologies –Mr W Meadows **(WM),** Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**

56. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

57. Matters to Report:

- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor: - Absent**
- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor: - Absent**

58. 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 inspection identified areas for future investigation:
  - Top end around house - running ok at the moment so leave alone
- 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 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. WP** 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. **WP** to 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** chased **WP** again)- **TS/WP**
- Drains and gullies are due to be cleared in November 2026

59. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan
  - The parishioners questionnaire to be agreed and signed off by PC
  - Need to work out how to do an online version of the questionnaire - **LM**
  - Drop off points will be: Fox and Goat, Garage and Belfry(TBC) **- TS**
  - Post on Facebook **- TS/LM**
- TNR - Team currently conducting a strategic review of the role and objectives for Tiddington Nature Recovery Team, including funding opportunities. Meeting tbc - **CH**

60. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

60.1 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. Email sent from **CH** to **JE** in July - **CH/JE**

60.2 20mph Consultation

- There will be a review of the impact of 20mph restrictions in due course (probably 2026)
- 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**
- Received £4,000 from Thames Valley Police Community Fund for a permanent Speed Indicator Device on Ickford Road. **TS** met with Jon Beale to discuss location 10/06/26. Check logistics information with JB - **TS/LM**

60.3 Fix My Street

- 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 pot holes on Albury Lane, might need **JE** support to get fixed **- RS/JR**
- 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**

60.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational

60.5 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, requested update 05/05/26 and 08/06/26 - **LM/RS**
- Gigaclear have requested a supportive quote from the PC regarding engagement and improvement for the Parish. PC to reconsider once all the issues have been resolved, ie Albury Lane and top of Station Yard, inc. Housing Association houses - **LM/TS**

60.6 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**
- Notice board needs some more work - **LM/TS**

60.7 Bus shelters

- Need to ask Great Milton to get hedges cut around the bus shelter - **LM**

60.8 Winter Preparedness!

- No salt required this season

61. Projects

61.1 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. Need new quote after conversation with **CS**
  - Action: need second quote plus discussion with land owners and Carl Stalwood from Highways before any further action taken - **TS/JR/RC**

61.2 Dog fouling bins

- Purchase new closed bins for the play area and along Albury View & move one of the bins by the far gate. Cost for a Maelor Trafflex Round Litter Bin 90L (to match current versions in the Parish & ones used by SODC) is circa £280 plus VAT & installation. Alternative is a plastic version costing circa £180 plus VAT, including 4 bins within budget. Request for dog bin at top of Albury Lane, but the PC need to fund the emptying of it
  - Action - PC agreed to progress with 3 replacement bins only for the moment - **WM/LM**

61.3 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 - Liaise with Sid at AAA Surfacing re timing of work, and licences needed - **JR/RC**

61.4 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 - need to review quotes and logistics (foundation preparations, etc) and PC agreed to proceed with this project - **JR/RC**

61.5 Repairs to top end of Albury Lane

- Quote obtained from AAA Surfacing (total £30,800 ex-vat) and from Hazel & Jefferies £38,000 ex-vat. Albury Lane residents have agreed to match fund the repair cost, if the Parish Council can provide some funds, a 50:50 split. Also asked the Diocese for funding who came back with two questions which have been answered, awaiting response.
  - Action - Agreed to proceed with AAA quote, proposed and seconded (JR and RS declared interest and did not vote)- **ALL**
  - If Diocese does provide funds, this will be split - **ALL**
  - Need to check on VAT situation - **TS/LM**

61.6 Replacement of Fort

- Obtained three quotes and first designs, none quite right. Need to keep height via a Fort type design
- Need to look at the company who did the Wheatley playground - **TS**
  - Action - Send current designs round to **PC** - **RS**

61.7 Replace all signage in the play area

- RS progressing with this project, money allocated in the 26/27 budget.
  - Action - Review need first **- RS/TS**

61.8 Information signs in Albury to mark Saxon Village

- The project rose as part of the Neighbourhood Plan review. Should we put two 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 before proceeding. Ringfence budget (£2,000) - **LM/TS**

61.9 Notice Board at Milton Common

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

62. Planning

62.1 Planning Applications received:

62.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P26/S1573/1A - 10 Station Yard**: Proposal: Single storey rear extension, depth: 6m height: 3.76m, height to Eaves: 2.73m. PC agreed *No Objections.***Approved**

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

- **P26/S0687/FUL - Fairview, Milton Common:** Proposed 6 self build units. PC submitted *No Objections*, however a request was made to apply a 'permitted development rights' to prevent over expansion of the site. **Consultation end: 8th July. No decision yet**
- **P26/S1048/RM - 46, Ickford Road:** Resubmitted 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. **Consultation end: 16th July**

- **P25/S1987/FUL - Solar Farm:** land bordering either side of the M40 near Postcombe and Lewknor Villages OX9 7EG .*Objection submitted from PC*. **Still awaiting decision**
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC Objected*. **Still awaiting decision**

62.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- None

62.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

63. Finance

63.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- None

63.2 Accounts for payment this month

- Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) £406.00
- Hut Six Digital (old domain name hosting) £7.50
- Bank charges (19th June) £4.25

63.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

63.4 Receipts: TBC

- AXE Advertising £108.00
- Interest on Account - **NB. Need to check as two entries on Bank Account** £

63.5 Balances at bank - July

- Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £322.12
- Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) £81,129.09

64. 2025/26 Accounts

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

65. 2026/27 Budgets

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

66. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 14/07/26): Chairs report, TNR volunteers/update, Flood Wardens, Neighbourhood Plan update including questionnaire
- Invoices paid to date TBC. Two paid into Nat West but transferred to Lloyds - **LM**

67. Playground

- Checked weekly - all forms up to March received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated. Need to purchase green paint from Mobbs - **TS**
- Follow up on Playground Inspection findings **- LM/RS/TS**
- Recent grass cutting and strimming not up to standard, chase with BGG. Their lack of communication is appalling, need to consider re-tendering in the Autumn - **TS**
- Consider getting Big Luke to fully weed kill entire area and strim along fence - **RS**

68. 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

- Need Code of Conduct, Reserves and Standing Orders confirmed asap and loaded onto website. To be re-circulated and signed - **JR/ALL**
- Cover in detail at August meeting - ALL
- Need to review all requirements and create a system, including responsibilities by Councillors, to update and monitor all documentation required. For **August** meeting - **TS/JR**

69. IT Policy/ Move to .gov

- New website operational: tiddingtonparish.gov.uk
- Emails need to be set up on Spacemail, following the Hugo Fox instructions sent out in the by **TS** - **ALL**

70. 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**

71. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Need to continue monitoring and report directly to the Environment Agency - **LM**

72. 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:

- Parishioner raised a comment about an increase in overall noise levels from events/ music in Fox & Goat pub and Cricket Club, motorbikes (using A418 as a race track)which the PC agrees with. Talk to F&G and Cricket Club re volume of noise and stopping time (10.30pm)

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th August 2026, Tiddington Village Hall at 7.30pm