

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs T Smith - Chair **(TS)**, Mr C Hill- Vice Chair **(CH)**, Mrs R Stogden **(RS)**, Mr W Meadows **(WM)**, Tim Bearder **(TB)**, Judith Edwards **(JE)**

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One Parishioner present

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75. Apologies – Mr J Russell **(JR)**, Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**

76. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

77. Resignation of Councillor

- There has been one application for the role, but applicant did not attend the meeting

78. Matters to Report

- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor**
 - Discussion on Section 19 report, Freddie van Mierlo is pushing on the actions as well as **TB**. Need to ensure actions from meeting with Carl Stallwood and Lee Travers are included.
 - Also discussion on Local Government re structuring - which is ongoing and very complicated!
- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor**
 - Requested a copy of the Section 19 Report and to be copied in on emails with Carl Stallwood and Lee Travers - sent by **TS**
 - **CH** updated the meeting on a request from Towersey Parish Council to object to construction of four houses outside the Settlement Boundary as specified in their Neighbourhood Plan. **JE** requested copy of email and also planning application for Solar Farm planned at Postcombe/ Lewknor - **CH**

79. Flooding/Drains

- Following an extensive site visit (on 02/07/25) with Carl Stallwood (OCC Chief drainage Engineer), Lee Travers (SODC Drainage Engineer), **TS** and **LM**, there will be further surveys and work conducted:-
 - in Sandy Lane (where the Spring is running down the road)
 - under the A418 in the Culvert, along Ickford Road
 - along the brook behind Brookside and North Close
 - Draycot Corner
- Still awaiting final minutes from meeting and actions with timings (chased 15/07/25 and 25/07/25). Needs chasing again, copy **JE** and **TB** - **TS**
- Sandy Lane road (near Willow Spring Farm) is deteriorating very fast. Pot holes at the bottom, near the bridge have been marked up for repair. Additional report on FMS has resulted in an investigation and proposed action within 28 days from 08/08/25

80. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Granted £1,000 (24/25 financial year) for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Money to be spent on optimising camera positioning and a study of plants/wildlife and insects. Will need to keep records - **CH**
- TOE (Trust for Oxfordshires Environment) visited Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site. However, farm owners want to use the pond for irrigation purposes as well which TOE will not fund. Team to discuss possibility of a second pond on the Farm or in the wet area on Lower Chilcott Farm - **CH**
- A member of TNR team walked the length of the brook (as much as possible), some evidence of fly tipping which will need clearing up, probably in the winter when vegetation is lower. The next meeting will be held alongside Brook on 02/09/25. Land owner (Mr Green) to be advised - **CH**
- Sighting of a rare Jersey Tiger moth in Albury View
- Meeting held with Ryan from Oxfordshire Tree Planing on 31/07/25 who will now review the area and advise what trees could be planted - **CH**

81. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

81.1 Ickford Bridges

- Detailed response received from Robin Culver (18/07/25) stated that: - *The work being carried out in reviewing the best solution to protect this bridge is nearing a stage when a suitable decision can be made. This will include repair work to the bridge, and possibly additional strengthening or the provision of signage, to reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles crossing the bridge, reducing the rate of deterioration of the structure and frequency in which it needs to be repaired.* Work is due in Spring 2026
- Permissions and discussions are underway with the Environmental Agency, Historic England (both bridges are Grade II listed) and Bucks CC.
- Ickford Parish Council have been updated (08/07/25 and 18/07/25) - **LM**
- Email from Freddie van Mierlo with results of HGV survey of bridges in Henley shared with Councillors and Ickford PC - **LM**
- The PC were notified of the removal of some hedgerows along either side of the Oxfordshire bridge by SODC - no further information on this process or removal timings - **LM**

81.2 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. Antony Kirkwood (previously Safety Officer) now heads up this area, including Vision Zero.
- The Parish could conduct our own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available. Currently monitoring actions of '20s Plenty for Us' group - **ALL**
- Possibility of speed bumps was raised by a Parishioner, PC to evaluate, especially with increased traffic flow from Ickford due to new houses – **LM/JE**

81.3 Fix My Street

- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again when it rains - **RS/JR**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, see item 79. Also been reported again on FMS July - **TS/LM**
- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported, some repaired, report again - **LM**

81.4 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators are operational - however they are at the end of their operational life and need replacing. **LM** sent report separately to Councillors with options for replacements, discussions concluded:-
 - Replace defibrillator at VH asap with the latest model CU-SPR from WelMedical @ £800 plus VAT - **LM**

- Defibrillator at Lassco is sufficient to cover Milton Common 24/7 plus back up from the ones at ASM Auto Engineering works and Lower Chilworth Farm during working hours (although ASM and Chilworth locations are not in this Parish)
- Further discussion is needed on location of second defibrillator, if needed - **ALL**
- Sourced training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & a donation (£10/person). LM is trying to arrange training for end September/early October. Waiting for new dates from SCAS and then Village Hall availability - **LM**

81.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear will set up a meeting in the Tiddington Village Hall in September - **LM**
- Build is due to start August/ September with the system going live by the end October 2025. No update currently - **LM**

81.6 Dog fouling bins

- SODC have confirmed the Belfry will take ownership of the bin and empty it (18/08/25) - **LM**
- 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 for 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. So to replace all three, total cost about - £840 plus VAT and installation. Need to investigate alternatives further - **LM**

81.7 Salt Bins

- Need to order more salt, if needed, by end September - **LM**

81.8 Community Governance Review

- Do the PC want to make any amendments that will impact the 2027 elections? Councillors to respond at September meeting - **ALL**

82. Planning

82.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

82.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

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

P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road: Replacement of one dwelling with four. Two recent (11/08/25) detailed assessments have been submitted from specialist Ecological and Drainage companies.

Decision date was 15th July 2025 but no decision has been made or changes to the date

P25/S1987/FUL - Solar Farm: land bordering either side of the M40 near Postcombe and Lewknor Villages OX9 7EG. Tetsworth PC and several other individuals have objected. **Consultation end date: 9th September, decision date: 15th October 2025.** TwPC to add their objections - **LM**

82.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.

- Due to changes in Government laws/ recommendations, Greystoke have submitted to Inspectorate additional evidence supporting their appeal. Waterstock responding with counter comments - **CH**

82.5 Planning Consultations - Land east of Worminghall Road, Ickford

- Sigma development of 70 houses - Ickford meeting held, currently awaiting copy of the drainage report from Sigma. No update from Ickford as no meeting held in August - **LM**
- Responded to Consultation as the Parish Council - **LM**

82.6 Planning breaches

- The Parish Council had concerns over a mobile home (converted ambulance) situated in a field in Albury Lane. The field is for Agricultural use only and cannot be used as storage for any items not for agricultural use or as a permanent dwelling for more than 28 days (otherwise planning permission is required). The mobile home has now gone as have the vehicles and sheds. Monitor in case of future changes - **JR/RS**

83. Finance

83.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- a. None

83.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £479.33 |
| b. Big Luke Handyman Services - repairs to Fort & playground equipment | £615.00 |
| c. South Bucks Tree Surgeons Ltd - Work to tree in Village Hall car park | £360.00 |
| d. Parchments - Printing of Aug/Sept newsletter | £270.00 |
| e. Bank charges (July) | £4.25 |

83.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

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| a. BGG grass cutting | £1,338.00 |
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83.4 Receipts:

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| a. Newsletter income | £80.00 |
| b. Interest (deposit account) - July | £25.95 |

83.5 Balances at bank on 1st August:

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| a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) | £1,818.59 |
| b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) | £41,521.15 |
| c. Current Account (Nat West Bank) | £0 |

84. 2024/25 Accounts

- External auditors requested additional information which was supplied on 24/07/25, since requested further clarification which is due by 23/08/25 - **LM**

85. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to check names on Bank account have been changed to have Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories - **TS**
- Need to reclaim VAT for 2024/25 in September - **TS/LM**

86. Newsletter

- Approaching new advertisers, chasing outstanding invoices - **JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/09/25): Chairs report, Gigaclear update

87. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms including July received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Leave goal posts till September to allow grass to fully recover - **LM/RS**
- Aerial Runway repairs completed and reopened
- Need to start the process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years time. Start by obtaining a couple of quotes to assess the amount of funds required. Chase name given by OPFA - **LM/RS**
- Weeding party required to remove brambles coming under the fence webbing (which is working well) - **TS/RS**

88. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed and all finalised by end October - **JR**
- TS has located old Standing Orders to revive alongside new requirements/template and will work with JR - **TS**

89. IT Policy

- The PC needs to develop an IT Policy to circulate and publish on the website. Need to include cyber security and email hacking - **LM**

90. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently - **TS/LM**
- Sent latest update 10/07/25 - **TS**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

91. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter received from Freddie van Mierlo requesting information on: Sewage Leaks, Tankering in the Parish and Bill. CH is monitoring and will feedback as required, generally when it rains - **CH**

92. 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:

- **Parish Clerk pay increase:**
 - PC agreed pay increase from £14.50/hour to £15.00, effective immediately and back dated to 01/04/25 - **ALL**
 - Discussion held on whether this could be raised each year in line with Precept. To be included in 2025/26 budget planning
 - LM to review number of hours required/ week and whether this can/needs to be increased - **LM**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th September 2025, Tiddington Village
Hall at 7.30pm**