

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned to the Parish Council Meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Luci Martin, Clerk

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PUBLIC FORUM

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179. Apologies

180. Declarations of interest - Bill Meadows

181. Approve and sign minutes

182. Matters to Report

182.1 County Councillor – Tim Bearder **(TB)**

182.2 District Councillor - Tim Bearder **(TB)**

182.3 Councillor Community Grant Fund submission: - Repairs to Fort (£2,208 inc VAT)- Awarded!
County Councillor Priority Fund submission - TNR consultancy project (£5,440)

183. Flooding/Drains

- Update on meeting held on 17th October with SODC and OCC regarding investigation into floods on 23rd September and work carried out before Christmas - **LM/TS**
- Flood alert line is: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

184. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Update on working group Tiddington Brook Project - **CH**
- Applied for funds for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from OCC County Councillor Priority Fund- still awaiting outcome - **LM**
- TOE visited Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site. TOE agreed it was possible but work would need to be conducted through the PC including grant applications. Need an agreement letter from SLF to start the process - **CH**

185. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

185.1 Ickford Bridges

- Ickford Bridges were on the Highways Maintenance Map for 2024/25, but have been taken off recently. Emailed **TB** on 27/01, awaiting response - **LM**
- Ickford Parish Council have given up & taken it off their agenda until new Councillors start- **LM**
- Reported on Fix My Street, with new photos added (Jan 25)- **LM**

185.2 20mph Consultation

- 20mph signs all in place
- Further email sent to Freddie van Mierlo on 06/02/25 - **LM**

185.3 Bench installed around the tree.

- Base installed but joints are coming apart and need to investigate what guarantees are in place with supplier (purchased in April 2024) - **LM**

185.4 Fix My Street

- Drains at Draycot Corner are blocked, response received from Carl Stallwood 16/01/25 - **TS**
- Drains appear to be blocked higher up Albury View, report on FMS - **KF/CH**
- Bottom of Albury Lane, drain blocked, report on FMS - **RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, near Spring, response from Carl Stallwood 16/01/25, also put on FMS again - **TS/LM**
- Blocked drains in Brookside Close put-on FMS by LM, a 'reactive gully cleaning to address the blockage initiated' by OCC, need to check completed - **LM**
- Ickford Road potholes repaired - **LM**
- Potholes and worn out road on A40 through Milton Common reported - **VB**
- Put information in next newsletter on how to use Fix My Street - **LM**

185.5 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

- No update from Royal Mail - **LM**

185.6 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators checked. New batteries installed at VH and CC
- Sourced some training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & donation. Put article in Newsletter to gauge interest - **TS**
- Need stickers with What3words on them to be applied - **TS**
 - newlywed.split.adjusting - Cricket Club
 - tickling.decency.rumble - F&G
 - intricate.panning.limelight - VH

185.7 Albury Lane repairs

- The road remains a restricted by-way, but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. Will need further dialogue to sort out longer term so it gets on the Highways Asset register - **TB**

185.8 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear sent letters to all residents w/c 15/01/25, awaiting further update on plans etc. - **LM**
- Digital Infrastructure Programme team confirmed all installations etc will be handled by Gigaclear - **LM**

185.9 Road Cleaning kit

- We have been given a loan of a Road Sign cleaning kit for use by volunteers.
- Pass to volunteers for Tiddington - **LM**

185.10 Milton Common

- The white village gates at MC are falling down & look awful. Two quotes discussed: JACS £2,780 & OCC £4,361.82. Leave for moment as OCC looking at alternative solutions - **LM**

185.11 South Central Probation UPW Consultation 2024

- The PC had a survey from South Central Probation UPW (Unpaid Work) Community Service Team regarding utilising these resources in the Parish. LM completed the survey and requested more information, awaiting response - **LM**

185.12 Dangerous Trees

- The tree on the corner by the entrance to Village Hall car park needs assessing **asap** - **TS/KF**

185.13 Parking Restrictions for School Bus

- Submitted parking measure request, twice, now awaiting feedback - **LM**

185.14 Smokefree signage for playarea

- Easier and cheaper to just purchase a sign - **ALL**

185.15 Spring Litter Pick

- Agree date - **ALL**

186. Planning

186.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P24/S3904/S73** - Walters Farm amendment to original design. **APPROVED**

186.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P23/S2584/FUL** – Oakfield, Oxford Road. Creation of drives and impact on public footpath appear not to match submitted and approved plans. Request and photos sent to Planning Officer who have passed it to the Enforcement Team
- Parishioner, attending the meeting, clarified the issue and stated “as a Public Footpath it is subject to restrictions and conditions relating to a Field Path which is how that path is officially designated.” Parishioner also requested the following statement be included: “Councillor Ken Field said that he had been and measured the footpath and that the width of the footpath is at least a metre wide along its length across the garden.” **NB.** measurement was subsequent to report having been submitted to the Enforcement Team.
- **Still** waiting response from SODC Enforcement Team

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

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four but no house sizes specified. PC discussed at length and submitted comments before the end of consultation date. **Decision date: 27th February 2025**

186.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.**
- The Inquiry started on 15/10/24 in Cholsey and was attended by CH and RS to make representations on behalf of the PC and in support of Waterstock Parish. The inquiry is due to conclude at the end January with final report due end of March - **CH**
- Waterstock are still considerably short of funds to pay the legal fees. Mentioned in Chairs report in Feb/ March Newsletter - **VB**

186.5 Planning Consultations

- None

187. Finance

187.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- a. None

187.2 Accounts for payment this month

- a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) £462.74
- b. Newsletter Feb/March 2025 £290.00

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

- a. None

187.4 Receipts:

- a. Interest (deposit account) £5.95
- b. Advertising income - newsletter 24/25 £216.00

187.5 Balances at bank on 6th February:

- a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £1,571.89
- b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) Precept April 2025, Grant £17,008.25
- c. Current Account (Nat West Bank) £0

188. 2024/25 accounts

- VAT reclaim submitted 16/01/25, awaiting payment- **TS**
- Newsletter invoices sent out w/c 03/02/25, three payments to date - **TS/JR**

189. Budgets 2025/26

- Final draft to be approved at January meeting - **ALL**

- Precept agreed at £14,500 for 25/26, still to be approved by SODC - **ALL**
- Article for April/ May newsletter explaining increase to be written - **VB**

190. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements still to be confirmed, need to be finalised before new Councillor joins - **VB**

191. Newsletter

- Invoices and new rates sent to all current advertisers w/c 03/02/25 - **TS/JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/02/25): Using FMS, Defrib training

192. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- Successful submission for playground extension funding, to include: Aerial Runway, Double swings, spinner. To be signed off at PC meeting & time plan for installation agreed - **ALL**
- SODC awarded - £7,745
- National Lottery awarded - £11,000
- PC contribution - £2,510 but includes contingency

193. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to December received - **RS**
- List to be followed up - **RS/TS**
- Balls to be put in a bag on a hook under table, bats to be stored in VH - **TS/KF**
- Some bark moved from baby swings to main swings - **RS/KF**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- **Awarded** Councillor Community Funds for Fort repairs (£2,208) - to be approved in meeting & time plan for repairs agreed - **ALL**

194. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently given recent floods - **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC.
- Team to work on plan - **VB/TS**

195. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Presentation from Thames Water received by CH shows plans to mitigate sewage dispersals, looks positive on paper, await actions

196. 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:

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2025, Village Hall at 7.30pm