TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday 9th June 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 W Meadows **(WM),** Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**

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One Parishioner present

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35. Apologies – Mr R Chaplin **(RC)**

36. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

37. Matters to Report:

- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor - Apologies**
- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor:**
  - The Parish Council congratulated Tim on becoming the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, although he still remains as our District Councillor
  - Budget meeting: Circa £50m worth of cuts to the budget will be required this year
  - Joint Plans: The Government is requesting Councils start looking into Joint PLan 2 whilst Joint Plan 1 assessment is still underway. The outcome of the current Local Plan will be announced before Summer Recess on 15th July
  - Quiet Lanes: There is currently only one Quiet Lane planned, in Stanton St John, which is about 1 mile long and will allow for safe cycle routes and dog walking. Quiet Lanes can only be introduced if there is a viable alternative route. There was some discussion about Sandy Lane but we need to consult all residents first, especially Sandy Lane Farm
  - 20mph: there is a review of the 20mph planned but no time table in place
  - Design Codes: Aiming to introduce Design Codes into all new builds, at some point

38. 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.** William 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. William will also 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

39. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan - Lots of work going on by the volunteers, so a big thanks to them all from the PC. It's being aligned with the 2041 Local and National plans
  - The parishioners questionnaire will go out in the July/August newsletter, based on original plus a few new questions, including ones about 20mph A418 and 30mph on A40 in Milton Common. Needs to be submitted to Parchments by 15/07/26 and will be an insert in the Newsletter - **CH/JR**
  - Need to work out how to do an online version of the questionnaire - **LM**
- TNR - Team currently conducting a strategic review of the role and objectives for Tiddington Nature Recovery Team, including funding opportunities - **CH**
- Officially measuring the depth of the Tiddington Brook now, and the data can be linked back to rainfall- **CH**
- The flooded camera is to be thrown away & a new one considered as part of strategic review

40. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

40.1 Ickford Bridges

- Permissions and discussions are underway with the Environmental Agency, Historic England (both bridges are Grade II listed) and Bucks CC. 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 2026 - **LM**

40.2 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 (suggestion from parishioner) for a permanent Speed Indicator Device on Ickford Road. **TS** to meet with Jon Beale to discuss location on 10/06/26. **TS/LM**

40.3 Fix My Street

- Milton Common, potholes & worn-out road. Surface dressing to be completed **1st to 3rd July.** Negative comments made on current work completed and fed back to Council **- TS**
- 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. Report again following email from parishioner - **LM**
- Need to report big pot holes on Albury Lane, need **JE** support to get them fixed **- RS/JR/JE**
- Reported broken safety bollards on road crossing outside Tiddington garage. Have been earmarked for potential repair in future budgets. Resubmit request - **LM**
- Service road alongside A418 **- RC/LM**

40.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational and need checking

40.5 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 agreed once all the issues have been resolved, ie Albury Lane and Station Yard - **LM/ALL**

40.6 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**

40.7 Bus shelters

- Bus shelters all cleaned and invoice paid by Great Milton in June - **LM**
- Need to ask Great Milton to get hedges cut around the bus shelter - **LM**

40.8 Notice Board in Tiddington

- Re- varnished in early June - **LM**

41. Projects

41.1 Sandy Lane

- The left hand side needs piping. Quote (from AAA Surfacing) received for £5,500
  - Action: need second quote plus discussion with land owners and Carl Stalwood from Highways before any further action taken - **TS/JR/RC**

41.2 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 and ones used by SODC) is circa £280 plus VAT and 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 the three replacement bins only for the moment - **WM/LM**

41.3 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.
  - Action - PC agreed to progress with this project with AAA Surfacing - **JR**

41.4 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**

41.5 Repairs to top end of Albury Lane

- Quote obtained from AAA Surfacing (total £30,800 ex-vat) but needs 2 other contractor quotes. Albury Lane residents have agreed to match fund the repair cost, if the Parish Council can provide some funds. Also asked the Diocese for funding
  - Action - obtain two further quotes and chase Diocese - **JR/RC**

41.6 Replacement of Fort

- Started the process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years time. Obtained three quotes and first designs to assess the amount of funds required.
  - Action - review quotes and designs and investigate funding options - **LM/RS/TS**

41.7 Replace all signage in the play area

- Need to update all the signage in the playground, money allocated in 26/27 budget
  - Action - PC agreed to progress with this project **- RS/LM**

41.8 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. Discuss at July meeting - **TS**

41.9 Notice Board at Milton Common

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

42. Planning

42.1 Planning Applications received:

- **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* **End Consultation: 18th June**

42.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

42.3 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. **Decision: not made 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. **Decision by 8th June 2026 but not made yet**
- **P25/S1987/FUL - Solar Farm:** land bordering either side of the M40 near Postcombe and Lewknor Villages OX9 7EG .*Objection submitted from PC*. **Decision date: 28th February 2026, Still awaiting decision**
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC Objected*. **Still awaiting decision**

42.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- None

42.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

43. Finance

43.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- None

43.2 Accounts for payment this month

● Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£421.20
● Big Luke (repairs to Notice Board)	£200.00
● Newsletter for June/ July	£311.41
● BGG Grass Cutting - April	£846.00
● BGG Grass Cutting - May	£846.00
● Play Inspection Company (annual inspection)	£138.00
● Annual Insurance	£905.88
● Bank charges (19th May 2026)	£4.25

43.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

43.4 Receipts:

● From Great Milton Parish Council for bus shelter cleaning	£50.00
● Income from newsletter advertising (June)	£129.60
● Interest on Account (11th May 2026)	£27.95

43.5 Balances at bank on 6th June 2026:

● Current Account (Lloyds Bank)	£586.86
● Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank)	£84,362.34

44. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to confirm names on Bank account authorise **RS**and **JR** as signatories **- TS**
- Need to complete AGAR (year end accounts) by 30th June 2026. Sent to RM end May **- LM/TS**

45. 2026/27 Budgets

- The Budget was amended due to a total increase of £55,171.27 in CIL money. Need to review review and agree which projects to progress - **ALL**

- Insurance renewed on 01/06/26, with an increase from £642.31 to £905.88. Increase due to CIL money included within Annual Budget and re-evaluation of Defibrillator outer cases replacement costs. Still need to consider cover for Cyber crime **- LM/TS/JR**

46. 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 £534.60, balance to be paid £723.60 - **JR**
- Need to check if all payments are being made into Lloyds account & not Nat West - **JR/TS/LM**

47. Playground

- Checked weekly - all forms up to March received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated. Need to purchase green paint from Mobbs - **TS**
- Big Luke to moss kill tarmac with safety netting installed. Completed
- Follow up on Playground Inspection findings **- LM/RS/TS**
- Recent grass cutting and strimming not up to standard, chase with BGG - **TS**
- Consider getting Big Luke to fully weed kill entire area and strim along fence - **RS/LM/TS**

48. Standing Orders

- Updated presentation from **JR** on requirements that need to be met but good progress achieved on policies covering**:**
  - Procedural & Governance, Financial & Audit, Transparency & Public Information, Policies
- Need Code of Conduct, Reserves and Standing Orders confirmed asap - **WM/RS**

49. IT Policy/ Move to .gov

- Work commenced, and Domain name: tiddingtonparish.gov.uk purchased.
- Website to be completed by mid June. Second draft to be circulated to Councillors for comments w/c 15/06/26 - **LM/ALL**

50. 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**

51. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Need to continue monitoring and report directly to the Environment Agency. More sewage dispersal in early June - **LM**

52. 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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2026, Tiddington Village Hall at 7.30pm