

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 13th May 2025 at 7.45pm.**

NB. This meeting will follow the Annual Meeting which starts at 7.30pm

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19. Apologies

20. Declarations of Interest - Jon Russell

21. Approve and sign minutes

22. Resignation of Councillor and Chair - Val Baker

23. Matters to Report

23.1 County Councillor – Judith Edwards (JE)

23.2 District Councillor - Tim Bearder (TB)

24 Flooding/Drains

- Expecting to hear more on the Section 19 investigation in the Spring (emailed 06/05/25) - **LM**
- Requested update from Carl Stallwood (OCC - Senior Engineer) on (06/05/25):
 - Main Road: Aco kerb channels cleaned out. Survey required of Culvert under main road. This has been reviewed by the Section 19 investigation team and they will apply for funding via the Flood Expression of Interest programme - **WP**
 - Railway Culvert: requires additional clearing & will be done when resources are available - **CS**
 - Ickford Road: root mass discovered along the drains at the back of houses, to be cleared 24th February. Ditch alongside the allotments needs digging out urgently
 - Draycot Corner: need a discussion with the house owner and OCC about the broken pipe. House owner details passed to **CS**
 - Sandy Lane: Discussion needed between landowners, OCC and SODC on altering the side of the road the drainage ditch currently runs. To be arranged - **TS/CS**

25. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Granted £1,000 for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Team to confirm how it will be spent - **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**

- Offers of help from a DofE student. The team offered camera picture sorting and/or hedgerow study. **CH/ NRT**
- Could ask the OCC Nature team to conduct a biodiversity study off the railway bank with a view to requesting funds in 2026 - **CH**

26. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

26.1 Ickford Bridges

- Ickford Bridges have been assessed & agreed work is required, although they are not on the Highways Capital Maintenance map for 25-26. **TB** emailed Robin Culver to request an update, a report was due at the end March - **TB/ LM**
- Ickford Parish Council have given up & taken it off their agenda until new Councillors start, requested update 07/05/25 - **LM**
- Reported on Fix My Street, with new photos added (Jan 25). Under investigation now but cracks are getting worse (April 25) - **LM**

26.2 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**

26.3 Fix My Street

- Drains appear to be blocked higher up Albury View, report on FMS - **TS/CH**
- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again - **RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, assessment due in May - **TS/LM**
- Potholes and worn out road on A40 through Milton Common reported, some repaired - **VB**
- Ickford Bridges reported on FMS - **LM**

26.4 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators operational
- Sourced some training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & a donation. Article on Facebook got at least 11 interested plus one via email - **TS**
- Stickers are printed(with What3words) just need to be applied - **TS**
 - newlywed.split.adjusting - Cricket Club
 - tickling.decency.rumble - F&G
 - intricate.panning.limelight - VH

26.5 Albury Lane repairs

- The road remains a restricted by-way, and this is unlikely to change. **TB**, via Freddie va Mierlo's office, has written to Land Registry to see if they can shed any light on ownership - **TB**

26.6 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear held a meeting in Tetsworth on 3rd April attended by a CH and several parishioners. There may be other meetings in the pub or at coffee mornings. Dates not set yet. **LM**
- Build is due to start at the mid May and last about 6 months - **LM**
- No digging or trenching is currently planned along the A418 outside Spring Cottage

26.7 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. Survey completed (Dec 24), still awaiting response, but we would probably need to request a project to be completed - **LM**

26.8 Trees

- The tree on the corner by the entrance to Village Hall car park needs assessing. **LM** spoke briefly to South Bucks Tree Surgeons and they can provide a formal quote, would be about £400 - **LM**
- OCC arrived w/c 6th May to take down trees along the embankment marked with red dots

26.9 Parking Restrictions for School Bus

- Submitted parking measure request, three times, still awaiting feedback from Highways - **LM**
- Received response from Jon Beale however. If we require a parking sign, we will need to request a TRO and may be asked to contribute to the cost - circa £8,000 to 10,000.
- Need to talk to Tracey (at Highways) again. Email and copy **TB - LM**

26.10 Litter - Waterstock

- Need to talk to Waterstock about the vast quantity of Frosty Jack Cider and Stella tins being constantly thrown out along the road from Ickford Road into Waterstock village - **LM**

26.11 Dog fouling bins

- Asked if we can replace open bin in Albury View with closed double bin, sent 27/02/25 - **LM**
- SODC are contacting the Belfry to see if it's their bin and will advise us further - **LM**
- Need to look into getting closed bins into the play area - **LM**

26.12 Part-Night Lighting

- A new group run by OCC is conducting a review into Night Street Lighting via a series of workshops. Circulate findings as they occur - **CH**

27. Planning

27.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

27.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

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

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Decision date now: 15th July 2025.**

27.4 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 and concluded end January, final report due end of March

27.5 Planning Consultations - Land east of Wormingham Road, Ickford - until Sunday 1st June

- Sigma development of 70 houses. Contact details to leave comments:
 - Website: ickford.your-feedback.co.uk
 - Email: mail@your-feedback.co.uk
 - Leave a message on: 0800 099 6712

28. Finance

28.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- None

28.2 Accounts for payment this month

a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£415.90
b. Creative Play (Aerial Runway, Swings, Spinner)	£24,333.60
c. Play Inspection Company	£129.60
d. Bank charges (22/04/25)	£4.25

28.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- a. None

28.4 Receipts:

a. Interest (deposit account) @ 09/04/25	£21.41
b. CIL Share - April 25	£35,109.86
c. Advertising income - newsletter 24/25 (total to date)	£932.40
d. Advertising income - newsletter 25/26 (total to date)	£599.40

28.5 Balances at bank on 2nd April:

a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank)	£316.00
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b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank)	£72,136.12
c. Current Account (Nat West Bank)	£0

29. 2024/25 accounts

- AGAR to be submitted to external auditors by 30/06/25 - **LM**
- Need urgent meeting with Rob to agree formats etc. - **LM**

30. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to change names on Bank account, remove Russell Chaplin, Ken Field and Val Baker. Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell have agreed to be signatories - **TS**
- Need to reclaim VAT for 2024/25 - **TS/LM**

31. Newsletter

- Invoices and new rates sent to all current advertisers w/c 03/02/25, chased 06/03/25 and subsequently - **JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/05/25): Chairs report, results of Spring Clean inc. pictures, Playground changes, Gigaclear update

32. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed asap

33. IT Policy

- The PC need to develop a IT Policy to circulate and publish on the website - **LM**

34. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- New equipment installed w/c 28/04/25, should all be operational w/c 12/05/25- **LM**

35. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to April received - **RS**
- Annual Inspection completed 17/04/25, no major issues. Action list created - **LM/RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Further Fort repairs required and re-painting. Ask OPFA to advise - **LM/RS**
- Move goal posts to the other side and add additional cable ties to the net. Tug of War teams agreed to help - **LM**

36. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

37. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter received from Freddie van Mierlo requesting information on: Sewage Leaks, Tankering in the Parish and Bill. Need to agree who to feedback - **All**

38. 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:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th June 2025, Tiddington Village Hall at
7.30pm**