

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 12th August 2025 at 7.30pm.**

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PUBLIC FORUM

Election of new Parish Councillor

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75. Apologies: Luci Martin (Clerk/RFO)

76. Approve and sign minutes

77. Matters to Report

77.1 County Councillor – Judith Edwards (**JE**)

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

78. Flooding/Drainage:

- 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) - **LM**
- These actions will also link to the output from the Section 19 investigation and identify if we can apply for any flood prevention grants. Final report from Section 19 investigation issued (15/07/25) and circulated to Councillors. Not clear who takes the lead in ensuring actions are followed up.

79. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Granted £1,000 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**

- OCC tree man visiting 31/07/25. Update? - **CH**
- ONPA survey completed (20/07/25) as no more funding is available from central Government for Neighbourhood plans. PC will need to budget for updates in 2026/27 - **CH/LM**

80. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

80.1 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, unknown if this has happened yet.

80.2 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**

80.3 Fix My Street

- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again - **RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, see item 78. Also been reported again on FMS July - **TS/LM**
- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported, some repaired, report again - **LM**
- Ickford Bridges reported on FMS, report again - **LM**

80.4 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 - **ALL**
- Sourced some training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & a donation (£10/person). LM trying to arrange training for September. Waiting for new dates from SCAS and then Village Hall availability - **LM**

80.5 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**

80.6 Dog fouling bins

- SODC are contacting the Belfry to see if it's their bin and will advise us further (chased 17/07/25) - **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 Traffex 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. Investigate further? - **ALL**

80.7 Salt Bins

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

80.8 Community Governance Review

- Do the PC want to make any amendments that will impact the 2027 elections? Details sent out 10/07/25, need to submit by 19th September - **ALL**

81. Planning

81.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

81.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

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

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Application under consideration, date of decision unknown**
- **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: 23rd August, decision date: 15th October 2025**

81.4 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 Autumn 2025

81.5 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, still waiting 31/07/25 - **LM**
- Responded to Consultation as the Parish Council - **LM**

81.6 Planning breaches

- The Parish Council have 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 situation is being monitored, and a discussion is needed with the Planning Enforcement Team at SODC - **JR/RS/LM**

82. Finance

82.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- a. None

82.2 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 |

82.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

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

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

82.5 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 |

83. 2024/25 accounts

- External auditors requested additional information which was supplied on 24/07/25 - **LM**

84. 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 - **TS/LM**

85. Newsletter

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

86. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to April received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Further Fort and other equipment repairs completed
- Leave goal posts till September to allow grass to fully recover, additional cable ties added
- Aerial Runway repairs completed and reopened - **LM**
- Need to start process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years time - **LM**

87. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed and all finalised by end October - **JR**
- Template sent 10/07/25 - **JR/LM**

88. IT Policy

- The PC needs to develop an IT Policy to circulate and publish on the website - **LM?**

89. 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

90. 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 - **CH**

91. 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 9th September 2025, Tiddington Village
Hall at 7.30pm**