

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 14th April at 7.30pm**

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213. Apologies:

214. Approve and sign minutes

215. Matters to Report

215.1 County Councillor – Judith Edwards (**JE**) Apologies

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

216. 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 three areas for further work/investigation:
 - Top end around house - running ok at the moment so leave
 - Down Sandy Lane on the left-hand side where traffic has pushed in the ditches. Ideally needs piping but should we look at the Flooding Grant? - **ALL**
 - The bottom end of the pipe by bus stops requires digging/cleaning out. The ditch down the right-hand side of the road has been dug out w/c 26/01/26 by the Farmer, so do we need to dig out the left-hand side? - **CS/RC**
- Next actions from Section 19 report:
 - Parish Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan. See point **226** - **ALL**
 - Parish Council to implement a Flood Warden scheme with training and guidance documents for the volunteers. Requested volunteers on Facebook and via Feb/Mar newsletter. No offers received, submit again and on FB - **ALL**
- ***“Explore options for natural flood management measures in upper catchment”***: - Site visit took place on 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/WP**

217. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan - NP team need a few more volunteers, especially from Milton Common, so an article was put in the Newsletter (£2,000 allocated in 2026/27 budget). SODC informed. Need to discuss how and who needs to be involved in the review in the April meeting - **CH/LM**

- TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) visited Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site. Team to discuss possibility of a second pond on the Farm or in the wet area on Lower Chilcott Farm - **CH**
- The TNR team need to look for alternative grants/funds on top of the £1,000 grant from 24/25 financial year from SODC Community Councillor Grants- **CH/LM**
- The request for additional volunteers had some success via FB/newsletter, put in again for April/ May - **CH/JR**

218. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

218.1 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 of the appropriate stone needed for the repair, which the PC feels is unacceptable. The stone is not a problem; it was the concrete that needed replacing. Add **TB** into correspondence - **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**

218.2 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
- The Parish could conduct its own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers available. There could be a possibility of access to a shared mobile SID, to investigate - **LM**
- Received £4,000 from Police Community Fund (suggestion from parishioner) for a permanent Speed Indicator Device on Ickford Road. To be installed in late Spring - **LM**

218.3 Fix My Street

- Milton Common, potholes & worn-out road. **Surface dressing planned from A418 to Old London Road on: 26th April to 30th April, 04.00 to 18.00 and again 11th to 15th May, 04.00 to 18.00**
- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Weeds blocking the drains on A418 - **LM**
- Need to report big potholes on Albury Lane, might need **TB** support again to get fixed - **RS/JR**
- Reported broken safety bollards on road crossing outside Tiddington garage. Have been earmarked for potential repair in future budget - **LM**

218.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational

218.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Service is available throughout Tiddington
- 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 - **LM/RS**
- Gigaclear have requested a supportive quote from the PC regarding engagement and improvement for the Parish. PC to agree? - **LM/ALL**

218.6 Dog fouling bins

- 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. Alternative is a plastic version costing circa £180 plus VAT, included 4 bins within budget - **LM**
- Request for dog bin at top of Albury Lane, but the PC need to fund the emptying of it - **LM**

218.7 Highways Asset Response Team (HART)

- Offer to repair various areas we identify. So far identified and agreed: pavement alongside the A40 in Milton Common, pavements in Albury View up the road and along A418. Chased 09/04/25 - **LM**

218.8 Pavement alongside the Notice Board near A418

- Quotes received from ODS and DJT Surfacing Ltd circa £6,000 exc VAT. Need further review. Awaiting quote from AAA Driveways (who did the previous pavement work) -**LM/RC**

218.9 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**
- Perspex/glass on the notice board to be replaced. Quote approved - **LM**

218.10 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. PC to agree which to proceed with - **LM**
- Issue with power lines near potential spot, shelter may need to arrive flat packed and then constructed - **LM**
- Quote for cleaning all bus shelters approved including a contribution from Great Milton for the one on A40 (13/02/26). In 2026/27 budget - **LM**

218.11 Notice Board in Tiddington

- Quote approved to revarnish Notice Board in early June - **LM**

218.12 Grass Cuts

- Urgent grass cuts requested again 09/04/26 - **LM**

218.133 - Roadworks Albury View, alongside notice board

- Temporary road closure whilst essential excavation to install new 1200mm aerial post marker, connect ducting to existing chamber from **29 April 2026 up to and including 01 May 2026**. This is a 24-hour closure and restriction.

219. Planning

219.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P26/S0687/FUL - Fairview, Milton Common:** Proposed 6 self-build units. **End Consultation 15th April. Decision date:13th May 2026**
- **P26/S0943/LDP - Hillside, Oxford Road:** Part single storey side extension. The applicant submits that the proposed use or development can be carried out as permitted development under the allowances of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and, on that basis, can proceed without the need for a planning application to be submitted. Currently being assessed.

219.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

219.3 Planning Decisions Pending (awaiting decision from SODC/ Bucks planning departments):

- **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, but no decision made yet*
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC Objected. Still awaiting decision*

219.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- None

219.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

220. Finance

220.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (CPLA) £50.00
- 220.2 Accounts for payment this month**
 - Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) £459.60
 - HMRC Payments to 5th April 2026 £23.49
 - Parchments Print - Newsletter April /May £270.00
 - Bank charges (17th February) £4.25
- 220.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting**
 - None
- 220.4 Receipts:**
 - Precept First half year £7,500.00
 - TAX rebate??????
 - CIL (Houses between Fairview and Belfry) £30,650.71
 - Interest on deposit account (9th February) £19.11
- 220.5 Balances at bank on 19th February:**
 - Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £39.58
 - Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) £41,400.29
- 221. 2025/26 Accounts**
 - Need to confirm names on Bank account authorise Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories - **TS**
 - Need to complete AGAR (year-end accounts) by 30th June 2026 - **LM/TS**
 - VAT reclaim for 2024/25 sent to TS 06/01 - **TS/LM**
- 222. 2026/27 Budgets**
 - Final Budget amended due to total increase of £55,171.27 in CIL money - **ALL**
- 223. Newsletter**
 - For inclusion next edition (submission due 14/05/26): Chairs report, Gigaclear statement? TNR volunteers, Flood Wardens, Litter pick photos, Money from Police Commissioner Fund for SID in Ickford Road
- 224. Playground**
 - Checked weekly - all forms up to December received - **RS**
 - Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
 - Big Luke to moss kill tarmac with safety netting installed. Planned for early June - **LM**
 - 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 - **LM/RS**
 - Need to update all the signage in the playground, money allocated in 26/27 budget - **RS/LM**
 - Playground Inspection booked for April 2026. Cost £138.00 (inc VAT) - **LM**
- NB.** Evaluation form for Grant monies (Feb 2025) for repairs to Fort submitted early April - **LM**
- 225. Standing Orders**
 - Presentation from **JR** on requirements that need to be met covering the following areas:
 - Procedural and Governance
 - Financial and Audit
 - Transparency and Public Information
 - Policies
 - Need to review all requirements and create a system, including responsibilities by Councillors, to update and monitor all documentation required. For **April** meeting - **TS/JR**

226. IT Policy/ Move to .gov

- Appointed Hugo Fox for move to .gov including website and email, in line with Assertion 10 requirements- **LM**

227. 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**

228. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Via our email to Freddie van Mierlo, we received a response from Thames Water following our letter of complaint. Circulated to Councillors. Need to continue monitoring and report directly to Environment Agency - **LM**

229. Correspondence Received:

- Rural Bulletin, Public Sector Network Newsletter, Thames Valley Alerts, Citizen Advice, Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, Community First, Wheatley Parish Council Newsletter, Haseley's Newsletter plus other general correspondence - circulated
- SODC general communications - circulated
- OCC general communication - circulated
- OALC general communications - circulated

AOB:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2026, Tiddington Village Hall at
7.30pm**