

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs V Baker - Chair (VB) , Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr C Hill (CH), Mr K Field (KF), Mrs L Martin - Clerk (LM)

PUBLIC FORUM

One parishioner attended the meeting

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98. Apologies – Mrs T Smith - Vice Chair (TS), Mr R Chaplin (RC)

99. Declarations of interest - None

100. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

101. Matters to Report - Tim Bearder (TB) - District and County Councillor

- **TB** covered the impact of flooding on 23rd September and 20 mph as well as other items within the agenda. Comments are recorded within the individual relevant minutes

102. Flooding/Drains

- Major floods throughout the Parish on Monday 23rd September, resulting in many flooded homes and businesses, and the closure of the A418 for hours.
- A formal investigation by OCC under Section 19 has been triggered. Reports and outcomes are likely to take about 6 months.
- Drains contact at OCC is Daniel Depp and email asking for update sent 07/02/24, 08/03/24, 26/04/24 and 30/09/24 with no response, despite floods on 23rd September - **LM**

103. Neighbourhood Plan / Tiddington Nature Recovery (TNR) CH

- Update on working group Tiddington Brook Project - **CH**
- Funding for cameras, batteries & memory cards from TOE not available, will come from this years budget - **CH**
- Apply for funds for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from SODC Community Councillor Grants - **LM**
- TOE visiting Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site - **CH**
- Neighbourhood Plan meeting being held on Saturday 12th October 10.30 to 12.30 by ONPA - **CH**
- A reminder that the NP will need to be formally reviewed in 2025/26. Need to confirm which financial year so budget can be allocated accordingly - **CH**

104. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

104.1 The Fox & Goat – Community Asset Renewal:

- Need to review existing paperwork - **VB/RS**

104.2 Ickford Bridges:

- Ickford Bridges are on the Highways Maintenance Map for **2024/25** – no date yet, but will probably just be a structural assessment
- Continue to report on Fix my Street, need to add new photos - **KF/TS**
- No feedback from Highways Engagement Team after their visit on 19th August (who agreed they were in a poor condition) - **TS/CH**

104.3 20mph Consultation

- **TB** updated the PC on further discussions following the Transport Management Meeting held on 05/09/24. Our new MP Freddie van Mierlo is also disappointed that the 20mph speed limit will not be introduced along the A418 in Tiddington.
- Alternative solutions included some road calming methods (examples sent by TB to Councillors) but this will cost in the region of £250,000 and there is no budget allocation for this.
- Getting the speed camera working (outside the Fox and Goat) would be a big help in driving compliance with the 30mph limit, which is often ignored.
- **TB** suggested we email Freddie asking him to write to Andrew Gant and Matthew Barder (Police and Crime Commissioner) requesting camera is made operational again and the 20mph speed limit is revisited in 6 months after some road traffic monitoring has been carried out - **LM**

104.4 Hexagonal Bench

- Base installed but joints are coming apart. Bench is out of its 12 month warranty (purchased in April 2024) but still need to pursue with supplier Stowe - **LM**

104.5 Fix My Street

- Drains around Draycot Corner are blocked, reported as part of Highway visit on 19/08, awaiting feedback - **TS/CH**
- Bottom of Albury Lane, drain blocked, TS and RS to put on FMS - **TS/RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, near Spring, included in Highways visit 19/08, but no action taken yet. Repost on FMS - **LM**
- Blocked drain 10 Albury View put on FMS by LM, a 'reactive gully cleaning to address the blockage initiated' by OCC
- Blocked drains in Ickford Road put on FMS by LM, a 'reactive gully cleaning to address the blockage initiated' by OCC
- Blocked drains in Brookside Close put on FMS by LM, a 'reactive gully cleaning to address the blockage initiated' by OCC
- Put a request for a Fix My Street Super User in last edition of newsletter, no response, include again in next one - **LM**
- Lots of litter left over from floods, including larger white goods items. Put on FMS - **RS**

104.6 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

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

104.7 Unauthorised changes in Parish

- **Albury Lane - new gate:** awaiting response Enforcement Team, email sent 24/09/24 - **LM**

104.8 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators operational
- New battery ordered and received for Village Hall defib - **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
- Need to source training for using Defibrillators and general CPR - **LM/TS**

104.9 Pollarding of Trees

- OCC assessed trees on bank **15/02/24**, now confirmed no action currently required - **TS**

104.10 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**

104.11 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear hoping to get government sign off mid-October - **LM**
- The Digital Infrastructure Programme team is giving a webinar/ update for Councils and Councillors on Monday 14th October 19.00 to 20.00. **CH** attending

104.12 VAS Sign at Spring Cottage

- OCC have confirmed they now own the signs and are responsible for repairing them. Order placed with Solagen to fix it. OCC chasing 02/10/24 - **LM**

104.13 Road Sign cleaning kit - on loan for 6/8 weeks

- We have been given a loan of a Road Sign cleaning kit for use by volunteers.
- Volunteers for Milton Common are planning to use it 02/11
- We have volunteers for Tiddington too!
- RC has kit - **RC**

104.14 Milton Common

- The white village gates at MC are falling down and look awful. Approximate replacement cost £2000, apply for SODC Councillors Community Funds - **LM**
- Request by parishioner to plant daffodils on the north side of A40 - completed
- Parishioner organising litter picking session: 2/11/24. Pickers, hi-vis jackets & bags supplied - **TS**

104.15 Oxfordshire County Council Bus Stop data capture exercise

- Request by OCC to capture data on bus stops in our Parish by 29th November - **LM**
- Also make a request to Oxford Bus Company for 280 to continue onto Oxford Railway station, or stop at Frideswell Square which is very close to the station - **LM/TB**

104.16 Salt Bins

- Order placed with OCC to refill bin at Draycot Corner, no charge - **LM**
- KF has broken up salt in bins at Draycot, and two in Albury View

104.17 ROW/ 3324983 Change of footpath No 11

- Inspector agreed that the path can be relocated

105. Planning

105.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P24/S2535/HH: The White House Albury View Tiddington:** Planning request for a loft conversion and associated alterations and repairs. Comments made by PC regarding access, ownership and parking. Similar comments also made from two other interested parties. **Decision date now: 04/11/24**

105.2 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

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

- None

105.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O** - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775

- Appellants name: Greystoke CB Ltd. Appeal start date: 4th June 2024 and representations (Under Rule 6) submitted by 10th July.
- The Inquiry starts on 15/10/24 in Cholsey and will last 16 days. The PC has the opportunity to address the inquiry and has notified the authorities of our intent to do so. Emails sent to the Inspector to endorse Waterstock Parish case who have replied saying Councillor could attend at 10.00 on 15/10/24 - **CH/?**

105.5 Planning Consultations - NPPF

- Now closed

106. Finance

106.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

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| a. Citizens Advice Bureau | £100.00 |
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106.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £499.73 |
| b. Battery for Village Hall defibrillator | £279.54 |
| c. Newsletter Oct/Nov | £325.00 |
| d. Daffodils for Milton Common | £139.90 |
| e. Moore (external auditors) | £378.00 |
| f. Grass cutting | £942.00 |

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

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| a. none | |
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106.4 Receipts:

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| a. Interest (no deposit account open) | £0 |
| b. Precept 12/09/24 (Lloyds Bank) | £7,000.00 |
| c. Precept 02/09/24 (Nat West Bank) NB. For use in April 2025 | £7,000.00 |

106.5 Balances at bank (Lloyds Bank):

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| a. Current Account as of 1st October | £7,701.79 |
| b. Deposit Account (not open) | £0 |

107. 2023/24 year end accounts

- Questions received from the auditors have been resolved

108. 2024/25 accounts

- VAT reclaim to be completed, **ASAP - TS**
- Deposit account to be agreed and opened **ASAP - VB/TS**

109. Budgets 2025/26

- Draft to be prepared for November meeting and approval in December - **LM**
- Councillors to submit any requests for budget inclusions, by end October - **ALL**

110. Financial Regulations

- New Financial Regulations still to be agreed - **VB/TS**

111. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements still to be confirmed - **VB**

112. Newsletter

- Investigating additional revenue and income from current advertising - **TS**
- Newsletter deadline for December/ January edition - **15th November**

- For inclusion: FMS Supersusers

113 Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- Balls to be put in a bag on a hook under table, bats to be stored in VH - **TS/KF**
- Submission to SODC Capital Funding Grant made on 02/09/24 for:
 - Zip wire, Adventure Trail, Spinning roundabout, Replacement of swings
- Submission to National Lottery Grants for balance of funds submitted 04/10/24 - **LM**
- Decision from SODC is made at the end of February, National Lottery request takes 16 weeks from submission

114. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - need latest forms - **RS**
- List to be followed up **asap** - **RS/TS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Old picnic tables and cannon need to be removed **asap** - **TS/RS/KF**
- New area is grassed but lots of weeds are coming up - **ALL**
- Orange netting to be returned to Guardian Fencing - **LM/TS**
- Need to get some repairs organised for the Fort, asap. Possible contractor sourced from **CH** - **RS/LM**

115. 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**

116. Archives, including minutes retention

- Archives from Village Hall all sorted on 26/09/24. Documents to be dropped at Oxford History Centre w/c 14/10/24 - **LM**
- Massive thanks to Ann and Michael Short for their help. Much appreciated by the Parish Council

117. 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

118. 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 8th October 2024 at 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall