

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs T Smith - Vice Chair (TS), Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr C Hill (CH), Mr K Field (KF), Mrs L Martin - Clerk (LM)

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20. Apologies – Mrs V Baker - Chair (VB), Mr R Chaplin (RC), Tim Bearder (TB)

21. Declarations of interest - None

22. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

23. Matters to Report - Tim Bearder

4.1 County Councillor – none

4.2 District Councillor - none

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

- SODC have done a spelling and grammar check on the NHP, one item to be corrected which needs to be completed by the consultant. Awaiting completion **CH**
- PC agreed that CH should purchase four cameras to locate on private land within the Parish, (well hidden) to monitor wildlife movements. Invoice needs to be payable to Tiddington with Albury Parish Council **CH**

25. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

25.1 The Fox & Goat – Community Asset Renewal: - need to review existing paperwork **VH/RS**

25.2 Ickford Bridges:

- Ickford Bridges are on the Highways Maintenance Map for **2024/25** – no date yet
- Awaiting any update from Ickford Parish Council following discussions at their meeting **LM**
- Continue to report on Fix my Street

25.3 20mph Consultation

- Meeting on 22/03/24 with **CH, TB** and **Cameron Rae** (officer 20 limits South & Vale). Now waiting for feedback/ next stage. Email requesting update sent 07/05/24, but no response **LM**

25.4 Hexagonal Bench

- Now installed around the tree
- Base ordered, awaiting delivery. Sand and cement to be ordered, as required, from Mobbs **RS/KF**

25.5 Fix My Street

- Pavement alongside Notice Board is not deemed bad enough for repair. Continue to report **LM**
- Drains around Draycot Corner are blocked. Been put on FMS by **TS**

25.6 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

- Final householder to approve, but still considering change. **LM**

25.7 Land off A418

- No official update on enforcement enquiries, despite chasing **LM**

25.8 Defibrillators

- All three are now operational. Parishioner checking monthly
- Possibility of training needs investigating **TS**

25.9 Pollarding of Trees

- Quote to pollard trees - £2,616 inc. VAT. This is not eligible for a Grant from the Nature Recovery Fund.
- Positive feedback from Andy Lederer, OCC. All areas checked (15/02/24) but no response yet. TS Chase up with Andy Lederer **TS**
- Alternative quote being sourced – **RC to chase**

25.10 Albury Lane repairs

- The road will remain a restricted by-way, but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. Will need further dialogue to sort out so that longer term it gets on the Highways Asset register **TB**
- Top part of the road (up to the Church) is already starting to deteriorate **TB**

25.11 Free framed portrait of King Charles

- Received and at VH. TS to speak to the VH committee about where to place. **TS**

25.12 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- To be discussed at the June meeting **LM**

25.13 Bus Shelter Cleaning

- The cleaning of the shelters has been successful. Create and keep on the calendar **LM**

25.14 Thames Water verge repairs

- RC to walk around and speak to Thames Water. **RC**
- Water leak in Albury View and water is also pooling from previous repairs. TW to be informed **RC**

25.15 Litter Blitz weekend

- Successfully took place on Saturday 20th April. Arrange for March next year, add to calendar **LM**

25.16 Fruit Trees

- Revisit after play area completion

25.17 Road Closure A418

- **A418 to be closed** from Waterstock turn off to Thame roundabout from 31st May to 1 June from 05.00 to 18.00 each day for surface dressing
- **Thame Bypass closed** from 15th May to 25th May between 20.00 and 06.00 each night

25.18 VAS Sign at Spring Cottage

- Solgen sent an engineer out, who said it was working. LM asked them to check again, as it is still not working **LM**

25.19 Parish Deep Clean by SODC - 9th July LM

- Agreed priority areas:
 - Pavement from Sandy Lane to Station Yard
 - Basketball court
 - Weeds and moss in car park area around the Village Hall
 - Pavement by Tiddington Notice Board
 - Layby at each end of the Village

26. Planning

26.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P24/S0675/FUL** - The application is for: Erection of six detached dwellings, creation of vehicular and pedestrian access and associated infrastructure and works. Brimpton Grange Access to Hotel from A40 Milton Common. **Planning permission GRANTED**

- SODC Planning Officers considered the Parish Councils' comments (April 2024) unreasonable and under the District Councils constitution sought agreement with the Ward Member(s), Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning committee to refer the decision back to officers, rather than to planning committee, to grant planning permission.
- The PC felt it was pointless to ask for our opinion if the decision was never going to the Planning Committee. Letter to be sent to TB, to be drafted for PC approval by **LM**

26.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P23/S2584/FUL** – Oakfield, Oxford Road. Creation of drives and impact on public footpath (is now less than 1m wide) due to construction work appear not to match submitted and approved plans. Request and photos sent to Planning Officer who have passed it to the Enforcement Team

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

- **P22/S3280/FUL Road Maintenance Depot London Road Milton Common OX9 2JN.** The erection of a single storey office block, maintenance garages and salt barn at the western end of the existing depot site, and the creation of new access and SUDS pond. (As amplified by additional information received 06 October 2022)
- Planning officer requesting contractor to re- submit or withdraw plans **LM**

26.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **None**

27. Finance

27.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

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| a. ONPA Subscription | £50.00 |
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27.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £296.35 |
| b. Base for new bench | £171.28 |
| c. Annual inspection of play area | £126.00 |
| d. Bus Shelter Cleaning | £240.00 |
| e. Bark for under swings | £351.00 |

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

- **None**

27.4 Receipts:

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| a. Interest as of 2nd May | £22.32 |
| b. Contribution to bus shelter cleaning – Great Milton | £40.00 |

27.5 Balances at bank (NatWest) - now closed:

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| a. Current Account as of 2nd May | £50.00 |
| b. Deposit Account as of 2nd May | £18,742.04 |
| c. Balance at Lloyds Bank | £200.00 |

28. Bank account switch to Lloyds

- After a very long and difficult process (taking 6 months)the Bank Account has finally been switched to Lloyds to NatWest and all payments will now be made electronically **LM**
- Lloyds reimbursed the PC a total of £250 for failings in opening and transferring of the account

29. Financial Regulations

- New Financial Regulations have recently been issued by the NALC and passed on by OALC. Need to work through any changes that might be needed **VB/TS/LM**

30. Standing Orders

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

31. Newsletter

- Investigating additional revenue and income from current advertising - **TS**

32. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- New bats and balls have arrived for Table Tennis Table. Need to work out a system for lending them out **LM/ VH**
- Following equipment to be installed **w/c03/06/24 LM**
 - Two benches
 - One picnic table
 - Basket swing
- Benches and a picnic table need to be moved to create space. working party meeting Saturday 18th May (tbc) **TS/VH/RS/KF**
- Height barriers to be opened Monday morning of installation **KS**
- Area in front of Goal Mouth has been renovated and reseeded but needs additional attention. ODS contacted (15/05/24) New Goal Posts to be installed 22/05/24, weather permitting **LM**
- Funding to be sought for:
 - Zip wire in new area
 - Another piece of equipment in new area

33. Playground Maintenance

- Checking monthly **RS**
- Playground inspection took place on 30th April 2024. PC discussed findings and will be reviewed again after all new equipment fitted **All**
- More bark to be ordered for swings **RS/KF**
- Green bench to be renovated, need quote **TS/LM**
- New area recently mowed, still to be rotavated and reseeded when Andy has time available **TS**
- Play area to be closed from **Monday 20th** for installations. Put on FB & put up notices **LM/TS**

34. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC.
- Team to report back on plan in June **VB/TS, plus volunteer parishioner**

35. Archives, including minutes retention

- Established what can be submitted to Oxford History Centre and now files to be sorted – **LM**

36. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- All felt that response from Thames Water was not acceptable regarding the latest sewage spills into Thame and surrounding rivers. Keep communication ongoing to disapprove and ask for change **All**

37. Flooding/Drains

- Contact at OCC is Daniel Depp and email asking for update sent 07/02/24, 08/03/24 and 26/04/24 with no response **LM**

38. 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:

- AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.30pm
- Year end finances for PC submitted to Internal Auditor - 15/05/24 **LM**
- AGAR to be submitted by 30/06/24 **LM**

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th June 2024 after AGM from 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall