

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the **Cricket Club** on **Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs T Smith - Chair **(TS)**, Mr C Hill - Vice Chair **(CH)**, Mr J Russell **(JR)**, Mr W Meadows **(WM)**, Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**, Tim Bearder **(TB)**

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Three Parishioners present. Enquires about Gigaclear - covered in 132.5

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Russell Chaplin was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Welcome!

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127. Apologies – Mrs R Stogden **(RS)**, Judith Edwards **(JE)**

128. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

129. Matters to Report

- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor**
 - The three alternative council plans will be submitted to the Secretary of State on 29/11/25, with a final decision in June 2026 and elections, including Mayoral elections, in May 2027
 - Congestion charge implemented and will be reviewed after one month. The objective is to keep the buses running on time
 - The 46 bus will continue to run whilst the Manoir is shut but on a more reduced timetable
 - May try to use ANPR to reduce traffic over the Ickford bridges but project in early stages
 - Deadline for District Council grants is 5th December
- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor**
 - Judith had been instrumental in getting the actions to the Section 19 investigation report implemented

130. Flooding/Drains

- 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 due 15/16th December
- Update on next actions from Section 19 report:
 - ***“Refresh and improve community awareness, resilience and preparation for flooding, including production of community emergency plan”*** – Parish Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan, complete with supporting information from Joint Oxfordshire Resilience Team’s (JORT) webpage - **ALL**
 - ***“Support community flood groups and flood warden activities with additional training and materials.”*** – Parish Council to implement a Flood Warden scheme with training and guidance documents for the volunteers. OCC will support us in that - **ALL**
 - ***“Property flood resilience (PFR) measures which improve the resilience of the community before a flood occurs.”*** – Useful information on PFR is available via the [Flood Toolkit](#)
 - ***“Explore options for natural flood management measures in upper catchment”*** – OCC have contacted SODC for an update on this recommendation as they are the lead stakeholder - **OCC/SODC**

131. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan - The government will not fund anything to do with Neighbourhood Plans in future. TWAPC review is due in 2026 so will need to allocate circa £2,000 in 2026/27 budget. Parts of the Green Belt are being reclassified Grey Belt and there appears to be reduced recognition of environmental protections and the Green Belt in general
- TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's 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**
- The TNR team has submitted a proposal which includes working with TOE and gaining volunteers to help out. The plan includes the use of the £1,000 grant from 24/25 financial year from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Agreed to try and get some District Grant funding (deadline 05/12/25) - **CH/LM**
- Meeting held with Ryan from Oxfordshire Tree Planning on 31/07/25 who advised planting 10 trees along Fernhill Close. Councillors thought that seemed excessive and questioned the quantity and type of trees. More will be known when they come to plant - **CH**
- OCC/SODC's new Local Nature Recovery Plan has been published and adopted adding protection to areas threatened by development on the Waterstock Golf Course. Parts of our Parish along the Tiddington Brook and the water meadows by the R Thame also benefit

132. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

132.1 Ickford Bridges

- Permissions and discussions are underway with the Environmental Agency, Historic England (both bridges are Grade II listed) and Bucks CC. Work is due in Spring 2026 - **LM**
- The PC were notified of the removal of some hedgerows along either side of the Oxfordshire bridge by SODC, currently with Highways to schedule in
- The Tiddington end of the bridge wall has been badly damaged. Reported on FMS and directly to the Structural Engineering team at OCC. Repairs will take place in Spring/ Summer due to the need to use lime rendering (which cannot be used if there is a risk of frost) - **LM**

132.2 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 our own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available, on A418, Ickford Road and Milton Common. Look into the possibility of borrowing a SID via Road Safety Officer at OCC (Andy Ford) - **LM**
- 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**

132.3 Fix My Street - Currently on report

- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again - **RS**
- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported, some repaired, report again - **LM**
- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Weeds blocking the drains on A418 - **LM**
- Railway Bridge, Albury Road - cracks appear to be getting worse. Report on FMS - **RS/JR**

132.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational. Just need to double check dates on pads and batteries - **TS/LM**
- Sourced training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service. Training took place on Wednesday 15th October and had 16 attendees and received very favourable feedback

132.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Builds happening across the Parish. Planned ones for:

- **top of Albury View from 24/11/25 to 05/12/25.** Road will be shut (apart from access) during this period

- No formal date for the service to go live, believed to be before the end of the year
- The cables will run to the top of Albury View, including Tiddington House and beyond, and out to the end of the village on both ends of the A418

132.6 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. So to replace all three, total cost about - £840 plus VAT and installation. Need to investigate alternatives further - **LM**
- Request for dog bin at top of Albury Lane, but the PC would need to fund the emptying of it - **LM**

132.7 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.
- Requested quote for the PC to fund the repair of the pavement alongside the Notice Board - **LM**

132.8 Milton Common - concerns

- Speed limits along A40 through Milton Common/ speed indicators - look to get a SID, borrow from another Parish and use Road Safety contact at OCC - **LM**
- Bus stops/shelters - The one on the other side of A40 is owned by Great Milton PC. Need to discuss further at next PC meeting - **LM**
- Pedestrian crossing - need to discuss further at next PC meeting - **LM**

132.9 New Street names in Milton Common

- Agreed new street names for roads either side of the Belfry
 - Milton Meadows
 - Either: 'Withey Close' or 'Kite Close'

133. Planning

133.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P25/S2016/PIP - Fairview, Old London Road, Milton Common:** Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with six detached units. PC *Approved*, but with comments. **Under consultation, decision date: 20th November**
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. PC *Objected*. **Consultation ends 20th November**
- **P25/S3060/HH - Manor Farm, Tiddington:** Alteration to position of consented retaining wall to allow for single parking space at front of property. **Consultation ended 13th November**
- **P25/S3423/HH - Albury Farmhouse, Draycott:** Demolition of existing garage and provision of replacement garage. *No objection* - **Consultation ends 28th November**

133.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Outline planning permission granted**

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

- **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: 20th December 2025**

133.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.** Due to changes in Government laws/ recommendations, Greystoke have submitted to Inspectorate additional evidence supporting their appeal. Waterstock have brought the information mentioned in 131 final bullet to the Appeal Planning Inspectors attention - **CH**

133.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

133.6 Planning breaches

- Albury Lane gate - monitor in case of future changes - **JR/RS**

134. Finance

134.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

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| ● Howe Trust Wheatley - Christmas lunch | £50.00 |
| ● Citizens Advice Bureau | £100.00 |
| ● South Central Ambulance Service (Training) | £160.00 |

134.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| ● Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £424.50 |
| ● BGG Grass cutting | £966.00 |
| ● Hire of Cricket Club for Defibrillator training | £40.00 |
| ● Employers National Insurance (Quarter 2 ending 05/10/25) | £57.95 |
| ● Bank charges (20th October) | £4.25 |

134.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

134.4 Receipts:

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| ● Interest on deposit account (10th November) | £23.88 |
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134.5 Balances at bank on 6th November:

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| ● Current Account (Lloyds Bank) | £196.14 |
| ● Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) | £43,618.47 |

135. 2025/26 Accounts

- Confirm 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**

136. 2025/26 Budgets

- Budgets to be approved before 15th January 2026 including Precept request. Draft budget to be presented at the next meeting - **LM**

137. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/01/25): Chairs report, Gigaclear update, TNR volunteers, Flood Wardens

138. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to September received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- Quote received from Big Luke to clean basketball backboard and post, install new net and move goal posts - £150 *Approved* - **ALL**
- Need to start the process for replacing Fort in 2 or 3 years' time. Obtaining three quotes to assess the amount of funds required - **LM/RS**
- Need to update all the signage in the playground - **RS/LM**
- Request for a path around the recreation area although this would be very expensive. Could possibly look at one from the top gate to the play area? - **ALL**
- Request for bench near Table Tennis Table - **LM**

139. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed and all finalised by end 2025 - **JR**
- Using template from OALC - **JR/LM/TS**
- TS has located old Standing Orders to revive alongside new requirements/template and will work with JR to create a system to update and monitor all documentation required by the PC- **TS/JR**

140. IT Policy

- IT Policy generated and circulated to councillors - **LM**
- Extensive work required to implement IT policies to include: website accessibility, Assertion 10 (for AGAR next year), cyber security and email hacking - **LM**

141. 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

142. 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 has identified:
 - A major spill at Stone on 10/11 upstream from Tiddington
 - A 2.5-hour spill on 17/11 in Haddenham
 - A 65-hour spill in Wheatley on 14/11
- Email Freddie van Mierlo and JE - **CH/LM**

143. Village Hall provision

- Request to reinstate financial provision (£2,500) in Parish Council budgets for Village Hall, stopped during COVID - **TS/LM**

144. 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:

- Agreed one more grass cut on the recreation ground (including playground) & graveyard this year
- Agreed one further cut on the hedges this year

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th December 2025, Tiddington Village Hall
at 7.30pm**