

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs T Smith - Chair **(TS)**, Mr C Hill - Vice Chair **(CH)**, Mrs R Stogden **(RS)**, Mr R Chaplin **(RC)**, Mrs L Martin - Clerk/RFO **(LM)**

PUBLIC FORUM

One Parishioner was present.

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162. Apologies – Mr J Russell **(JR)**, Mr W Meadows **(WM)**

163. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

164. Matters to Report

- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor - Absent**
- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor - Apologies**

165. 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 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 would require budget/grant from somewhere - **ALL**
 - The bottom end of the pipe by bus stops require digging/cleaning out. OCC responsibility after further investigations completed - **CS**
- Next actions from Section 19 report:
 - Parish Council to produce a Community Emergency Plan. See point 176 - **ALL**
 - Parish Council to implement a Flood Warden scheme with training and guidance documents for the volunteers. Request volunteers on FaceBook and via Feb/Mar newsletter - **ALL**
 - ***“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, but no response. Emailed **JE** and **TB** on 15/12/25 and again on 12/01/26 to request clarity on who is responsible for driving this action forward - **LM**

166. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan - The government will not fund anything to do with NP in future. TWAPC review is due in 2026 and will need an additional volunteer to help out. £2,000 allocated in 2026/27 budget. Meeting on 28th Jan being attended by a NP team member, any questions to be raised at the meeting need to be sent to **CH** asap - **LM/CH**
- 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 RTC 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. District Grant application submitted requesting funds of £3,650. Outcome expected in February 2026 - **CH/LM**
- The request for additional volunteers has had some success via FB and the newsletter, put in the newsletter again for February/March - **CH/JR**
- Meeting held with Ryan from Oxfordshire Tree Planning on 31/07/25 who advised planting 10 trees along Fernhill Close. Eight trees planted on 08/01/26 without any further consultation.
 - Need to establish what trees they are and how big they might grow. Email Luke Rowland- **CH**
- It would be good if the RTC could come and present their role/work at a future PC meeting - **CH**

167. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

167.1 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, again December 25. Repairs will take place in Spring due to the need to use lime rendering (which cannot be used if there is a risk of frost) - **LM**

167.2 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 portable SID via Road Safety Officer at OCC (Andy Ford) - **LM**
- Should we request our own Consultation? - **ALL**
- Email Little Milton & Chinnor Clerks to see how their speed calming measures were introduced - **LM**

167.3 Fix My Street - Currently on report

- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported Surface dressing planned 2026/27
- Damaged wall on Ickford Bridges - **LM**
- Weeds blocking the drains on A418 - **LM**
- Need to report big pot holes 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**

167.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G fully operational.

167.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Service is available throughout Tiddington and goes live on 2nd February, in some areas
- Gigaclear is planning to hold a drop in session at the Fox and Goat on 28th January, 2.30 to 6.30 including free drink!
- Check is Albury Lane is included and if both the village Hall and Church are eligible for free connection as they are public areas - **LM**

167.6 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**

167.7 Highways Asset Response Team (HART)

- Offer to repair various areas we identified. So far agreed: pavement alongside the A40 in Milton Common, pavements in Albury View up the road and along A418.
- Getting private contractor quotes for the PC to fund the repair of the pavement alongside the Notice Board. ODS and one other - **LM**

167.8 Milton Common

- Speed limits along A40 through Milton Common/ speed indicators - look to get a portable SID, borrow from another Parish and use Road Safety contact at OCC - **LM**
- Bus stops/shelters - Getting two quotes for constructing a small bus shelter on Tiddington side of M40, to be funded by CIL money (included £5000 in 26/27 budget) - **LM**
- Perspect/glass on the notice board to be replaced. Quote needed - **LM**

167.9 Mess outside Fairview property at Milton Common

- Email received from Parishioner regarding the 'eyesore' left after recent trees were felled at the Fairview property in October.
- Update from OCC and Highways established that the trees were on Fairview property and they are responsible for clearing up the mess. Property owners have commenced clear up - **LM**
- Property owners requested support for long drop curb outside Fairview, but not within the remit of the Parish Council

167.10 CCTV cameras for Waterstock area

- A large amount of Frosty Jack cans are being found in the Waterstock area (83 last count!). Talk to Cuddesdon Parish Council about their plans to install CCTV and Waterstock Council - **LM**

168. Planning

168.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

168.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P25/3537/HH - Quinton, Sandy Lane, Milton Common:** Proposed single storey extension & fenestration alterations. *No objections. **Approved***
- **P25/S3423/HH - Albury Farmhouse, Draycott:** Demolition of existing garage and provision of replacement garage. *No objections. **Approved***
- **P25/S3424/HH - Albury Farmhouse, Draycott:** Orangery and rear lobby extensions. Provision of dormer windows on the main roof. Raising of central flat roof area to main roof. *No objections. **Approved***

168.3 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***
- **25/02196/AOP - Land East of Worminghall Road, Ickford:** Construction of 68 houses. *PC Objected. Still awaiting decision*

168.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.** Greystoke appeal ***failed***. Greystoke also did not apply for a judicial review of the appeal finding by the due date of 13th January
- Letter of congratulations sent to Waterstock Parish (Dec 2025) - **LM/CH**

168.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

169. Finance

169.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- Wheatley Park School - Prize giving £50.00

169.2 Accounts for payment this month

- Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) £418.05
- HMRC £43.58

- Bank charges (19th December) £4.25

169.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

169.4 Receipts:

- Interest on deposit account (9th December) £20.94

169.5 Balances at bank on 6th January:

- a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £101.16
- b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) £42,739.41

170. 2025/26 Accounts

- Names on Bank accounts changed to Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories. Just need authorising and final set ups - **TS**
- VAT reclaim for 2024/25 sent to TS 06/01 - **TS/LM**

171. 2026/27 Budgets

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172. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 14/01/26): Chairs report, Gigaclear update, Waterstock update, TNR volunteers, Flood Wardens, Litter Pick date (14th March), trees planted in Albury View

173. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to December received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- Big Luke to clean the basketball backboard and post when the weather improves. Need to moss kill tarmac with safety netting installed. Need quote - **LM**
- Goal posts moved, and repairs to Fort carried out
- Started 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, money allocated in 26/27 budget - **RS/LM**
- Check height on swings, too high? - **LM**

174. 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 February meeting - **TS/JR**

175. 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. Got 5 quotes to assess - **LM**

176. Community Emergency Plan

- Part of Standing Orders project - **TS/JR/LM**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

177. Councillor responsibilities

- Need to agree project responsibilities for Councillors to ensure all the planned work, especially Standing Orders, IT/Comms and Emergency Plan are completed - **ALL**

178. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter received from Freddie van Mierlo requesting information on: Sewage Leaks, Tankering in the Parish and Bills.
- Emailed Freddie van Mierlo and **JE** with details and letter of complaint to forward to Thames Water (06/01/26) - **CH/LM**

179. 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: Send a list of upcoming Training courses available to Councillors

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2026, Tiddington Village Hall
at 7.30pm**