

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 10th March at 7.30pm**

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PUBLIC FORUM

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196. Apologies: Tracey Smith **TS**, Jon Russell **JR**

197. Approve and sign minutes

198. Matters to Report

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

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

199. 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 would require a budget/grant from somewhere? - **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 209 - **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 - **CH/TS/RC**

200. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Neighbourhood Plan - The government will not fund anything to do with NP in future. TWAPC review due in 2026, £2,000 allocated in 2026/27 budget. Meeting on 28th Jan, feedback? - **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. Team to discuss possibility of a second pond on the Farm or in the wet area on Lower Chilcott Farm - **CH**
- The TNR team submitted a proposal for a District Grant, which included working with RTC and gaining volunteers to help out, for £3,650 but this was rejected. The plan included the use of

the £1,000 grant from 24/25 financial year from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Need to look for alternative grants/funds - **CH/LM**

- The request for additional volunteers has had some success via FB and the newsletter, put in the newsletter again for April/ May - **CH/JR**

201. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

201.1 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 February 2026. Repairs will take place in Spring due to the need to use lime rendering (when there is no a risk of frost) - **LM**
- **Gigaclear are closing the bridges from 9th March to 20th March for cabling work**

201.2 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 were available. There could be a possibility of access to a shared SID, investigate further - **LM**
- Possibility of gaining a speed indicator device was raised by a parishioner funded from the £200,000 Community Fund from the Police. Grant applications submitted (23/02/26) - **LM**
- Little Milton stated their speed calming measures plus crossings cost in the region of £100,000 in 2001 and were paid for by the Council. Chinnor Clerks confirmed their speed calming measures cost around £35,000 - **LM**

201.3 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**

201.4 Defibrillators

- Defibrillators at Village Hall and F&G need checking

201.5 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. **RS** talking to Rycote Trust - **LM/RS**
- Draycot Corner will get access once Ickford Bridge cabling work is completed
- Ducts outside Fairview, Milton Common had to be lowered further to protect them from the future developments and should also help to reduce the puddles!

201.6 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 2026/27 budget - **LM**
- Request for dog bin at top of Albury Lane, but the PC need to fund the emptying of it - **LM**

201.7 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 - **LM**

201.8 Pavement alongside the Notice Board near A418

- Quotes received from ODS and DJT Surfacing Ltd circa £6,000 exc VAT. Need further review - **LM/RC**

201.9 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**
- Perspect/glass on the notice board to be replaced. Quote approved - **LM**
- Property owners have cleared felled trees however an enormous amount of mud is now along the whole of London Road, with large potholes and big puddles. Emailed both the owners of Fairview and the construction company next to Belfry to request help with clear up and maintenance. Sent 11/02/26. Response received from Fairview - **LM**

201.10 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 26/27 budget - **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**

201.11 Notice Board in Tiddington

- Quote approved to revarnish Notice Board in Spring - **LM**

201.12 Spring Litter pick

- Arranged for **Saturday 14th March at 10am Village Hall**

202. Planning

202.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

202.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

202.3 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*

202.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- None

202.5 Planning Consultations:

- None

NB. CH attended SODC Planning training session on 03/03/26 in Didcot

203. Finance

203.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- OALC subscription £252.00
- Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance £50.00

203.2 Accounts for payment this month

- Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) £423.60
- Bank charges (17th February) £4.25

203.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

- None

203.4 Receipts:

- Interest on deposit account (9th February) £19.11

203.5 Balances at bank on 19th February:

- Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £39.58
- Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) £41,400.29

204. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to confirm names on Bank account authorise Rebecca Stodden and Jon Russell as signatories - **TS**
- VAT reclaim for 2024/25 sent to TS 06/01 - **TS/LM**

205. 2026/27 Budgets

- Precept submitted at £15,000, up from £14,500 in 2025/26.
- Final Budgets to be approved at March meeting - **ALL**

206. Newsletter

- For inclusion next edition (submission due 14/03/26): Chairs report, Gigaclear update, TNR volunteers, Flood Wardens, Budgets/Precept 2026/27

207. Playground

- Checked weekly - all forms up to December received - **RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- Big Luke cleaned the basketball backboard. Need to moss kill tarmac with safety netting installed. Quote approved £120 - **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**
- Check height on swings, too high? - **LM**
- Playground Inspection booked for April 2026. Cost £138.00 (inc VAT) - **LM**
- Subscription of Oxfordshire Playing Field Association due 1st April £50, for approval - **LM**

NB. Evaluation form submitted (04/02/26) for Grant received from SODC in March 2025 - **LM**
Evaluation form for Gant monies received in Feb 2025 for repairs to Fort to be submitted mid Feb - **LM**

208. 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 **March** meeting - **TS/JR**

209. 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 & email hacking. Five quotes received, for discussion - **LM**

210. Community Emergency Plan

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

211. 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 - **LM**
- An enormous amount of mess was left down the pavements and into drives at the bottom of Tiddington after the recent water burst causing a potential flooding issue. Request this is cleared as a matter of urgency by Thames Water - **RC/TS**

212. 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:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th April 2026, Tiddington Village Hall
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