

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs Tracey Smith- Vice Chair (TS), Mrs L Martin - Clerk (LM), Mr K Field (KF), Mr R Chaplin (RC), Councillor Tim Bearder (TB) - part of meeting

PUBLIC FORUM

Three residents of Albury Lane attended the meeting to raise the issue of the lane which is full of large potholes and has fallen away badly at the sides. Even walking up the road is problematic, let alone for cars or vans. The road is not on the Highways Maintenance Asset list and there are no registered owners, as the land has not been sold since Land Registry was originally set up. In the past Highways have maintained it but not since 2016. From 2017 the residents have contributed too and organised repairs themselves, however, more substantial repairs are now required.

The residents proposed a contribution from each of them and requested a contribution from the Parish Council. The Dioceses have refused any funding.

TB informed the meeting, and subsequently confirmed the next day, that Highways have agreed to “send in a Dragon patcher w/c 19/02/24. They have a whole day scheduled in and if they don't nail it, they will come back afterwards. In short, they are serious about making it reasonable for access to the properties and the church. However, the lane will remain a restricted by-way for the moment but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. There will need further dialogue to sort out so that long term it gets on the Highways Asset register.”

The residents thanked TB for sorting the issue so quickly

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254. Apologies – Mrs V Baker - Chair (VB), Mrs R Stogden (RS), Mr C Hill (CH)

255. Declarations of interest - None

256. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

257. Matters to Report - Tim Bearder

- TB updated the PC on various matters such as:
 - SODC is the best council for recycling in the country!
 - Everyone should take advantage to comment on the Joint Local Plan
 - The very tight budgets for year end and ongoing into 2024/25
- TB also agreed to look further into
 - extending the Green Belt further eastwards (LM sent TB an email from CH)
 - contacting Andrew Grant again regarding the 20mph consultation
 - look into what the programme for works on the Ickford Bridges in 2024/25 might actually entail

258. Neighbourhood Plan / Tiddington Nature Recovery (TNR)

- Work on the background and history of the brook/area has already started
- Project plan submitted February, for further discussion in March meeting
- Grants from the Nature Recovery Fund can be applied for quarterly, next deadline 8th April

259. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

259.1 The Fox & Goat – Community Asset Renewal: - ongoing

259.2 Ickford Bridges:

- Ickford Bridges are on the Highways Maintenance Map for **2024/25**
- Inform Ickford Parish Council **LM**
- Continue to report on Fix my Street

259.3 20mph Consultation

- Formal Consultation held on Thursday 16th November DEFFERED implementing 20mph speed limits in Tiddington until the issue of 20mph on the A418 and 30mph on A40 have been resolved. A further formal consultation will be held in March /April with implementation, hopefully in June/July.
- Need to follow up with Andrew Gant. **LM** to email **TB** who will contact AG again **CH/TB**

259.4 Bench to be installed around tree when drier. **RS/KF**

259.5 Fix My Street

- The drain opposite the proposed new site of the salt bin in Albury View has been mended, need to monitor for next couple of months
- Pavement alongside Notice Board is not deemed bad enough for repair. Report again to SODC

259.6 Installation of posts at Milton Common

- Posts installed 1st February 2024

259.7 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T

- Some legal implications that are being investigated further by the GIS Team Leader & Street Naming and Numbering Officer. Forward info to TS **LM**

259.8 Land off A418

- No update on enforcement enquiries

259.9 Ickford Road closure

- Ickford Road due to be open 20/02/24. Closure, extensive rains and subsequent flooding have caused many issues; including a lorry and car stuck in a ditch plus many burst tyres, and much damage to the verges in Waterstock. At one point there was no way out for the residents of Ickford Road, Brookside Close and North Close.

259.10 School Bus Stop signs

- OCC states we can't install Bus markings but can consult with the School Transport and Parking Teams to get a dedicated Parking Bay **LM**

259.11 Defibrillators

- New battery and pad installed in Fox and Goat defibrillator failed to work and has been sent to CE Medical for repairs. Need to check when due to be returned **TS**

259.12 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 Ledger, OCC. All areas being checked (15/02/24) and we will be notified what OCC can do shortly - **TS/KF/RC**.
- Alternative quote being sourced – **RC to chase**

260. Planning

260.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P23/S4366/HH** - Loft conversion, dormer extension, and fenestration changes, 11 North Close Tiddington OX9 2LT – **NO Objections**
End Consultation – 15/02/24

260.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **None**

260.3 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).
Awaiting further amendments – no decision issued

260.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **None**

261. Finance

261.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- **None**

261.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| • Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £441.86 |
| • Deposit for Fencing (25%) inc. VAT | £4,143.00 |
| • Balance of payment for fencing inc. VAT | £12,429.00 |
| • Defibrillator battery and pads inc. VAT | £339.54 |

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

- **None**

261.4 Receipts:

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| • Interest- 5 th February | £47.06 |
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261.5 Balances at bank:

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| • Current Account as of 5 th February | £50.00 |
| • Deposit Account as of 5 th February | £35,729.61 |

262. Bank - set up BACs and 2nd user

- Lloyds Bank have referred themselves to their own Complaints department and subsequently to the Financial Ombudsman Service for failing to set up the account correctly during the last three months. Continue to pursue **LM**

263. Financial Regulations

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

264. Standing Orders

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

265. Newsletter

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

266. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- New Table Tennis Table ordered for installation 12th March - **LM**
- **LM** to investigate funding options for:
 - Two benches – 2024/25 budget
 - One picnic table - 2024/25 budget
 - Basket swing – 2024/25 budget
 - New surfacing at goal mouth – 2024/25 budget
 - Possible replacement of existing swings – 2024/25 budget
 - Zip wire in new area created by moving fences back – 2024/25 budget

267. Playground Maintenance

- **RS** checking monthly. February completed
- Benches maintenance in interim to be agreed
- New bark to be ordered to go under existing swings – **KF/TS**
- Removal of old fence and new fencing around play area to commence on **19th February** for two weeks including repairs to Fort and cannons plus repainting of green metal bench - **LM**
- Need to put up signs and announce on social media - **LM/TS**
- New extended area around playground has been strimmed and now needs landscaping. Get a quote from ODS **LM**
- Playground inspection by independent assessor booked. Will turn up between now and end of March – **LM**

268. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan. Meeting to be arranged - **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC. Revisit in March meeting - **Councillors**

269. Archives, including minutes retention

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

270. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter to be sent to Thames Water (copying Tim Bearder) from the PC regarding latest sewage spills into the Thame and surrounding rivers. Also, to ask why measures and data surrounding the Waterstock station are not published – **LM**

271. Flooding/Drains

- Actions from last meeting all implemented **LM**
- Our thanks to the Wynns for clearing the ditches towards Draycot Corner. It has highlighted that the drains are also blocked. To be notified on FMS **TS**
- New contact at OCC is Daniel Depp and email asking for update sent 07/02/24 **LM**

234. 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:

- D- Day Celebrations – to be discussed at next meeting, and info passed to Village Hall Committee **ALL**
- Picture of King Charles (free) requested
- Creation of drives and impact on public footpath (is now less than 1m wide) due to construction work on Oakfield, Oxford Road, appear not to match submitted and approved plans **(P23/S2584/FUL)**. Need to raise issue with Planning Office **LM/VB**

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall