

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Mrs T Smith - Chair **(TS)**, Mrs R Stogden **(RS)**, Mr C Hill **(CH)**, Mr J Russell **(JR)**, Judith Edwards **(JE)**, Mrs L Martin - Clerk **(LM)**

PUBLIC FORUM

One Parishioner present - who requested clarification on which properties, (especially new ones) will get access to Gigaclear. **LM** to requested information from Gigaclear and property is included in build

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57. Apologies – Mr W Meadows **(WM)**, Tim Bearder **(TB)**

58. Approve and sign minutes – Completed

59. Resignation of Councillor

- There have been no applications for the role, so advert is still on the notice board and website and need to re-post on Facebook - **LM**

60. Matters to Report

- **Tim Bearder (TB) District Councillor** - none
- **Judith Edwards (JE) County Councillor** -
 - JE updated the PC on three consultations taking place currently:
 - Reorganisation of district and county councils. Currently three options are being considered, the Secretary of State will decide which two will progress to the next round in November with the final choice being made in February, in time for May elections. There *may* also be a Major appointed for Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire Counties
 - Recycling - change to hours
 - Congestion charge in/around Oxford city
 - Councillor County Grants will be open soon for applications - consider for TNR projects?

61. Flooding/Drains

- Following an extensive site visit (on 02/07/25) with Carl Stallwood (OCC Chief drainage Engineer), Lee Travers (SODC Drainage Engineer), **TS** and **LM**, there will be further surveys and work conducted: -
 - in Sandy Lane (where the Spring is running down the road)
 - under the A418 in the Culvert
 - along Ickford Road
 - along the brook behind Brookside and North Close
 - Draycot Corner
- Awaiting final minutes from meeting and actions with timings - **LM**
- These actions will also link to the output from the Section 19 investigation and identify if we can apply for any flood prevention grants. The Executive Summary is out but the full report isn't available until w/c 14th July. For discussion at August meeting

62. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Granted £1,000 for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Money to be spent on optimising camera positioning and a study of plants/wildlife and insects. Will need to keep records - **CH**
- TOE (Trust for Oxfordshires 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**
- TNR team suggested the following and the PC agreed that the following should be done in conjunction with the outcome from the Section 19 investigation and the meeting in early July (see item 61):
 - o to approach a possible source of funding for flood management in the Parish to understand better the process and opportunities
 - o to hold a discussion with largest Parish landowner to create a joint project to clear up the Brook, especially round the back of North and Brookside Close

63. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

63.1 Ickford Bridges

- Ickford Bridges have been assessed & agreed work is required, possibly starting in Spring 2026. Permissions and discussions are underway with the Environmental Agency, Historic England (both bridges are Grade II listed) and Bucks CC.
- Ickford Parish Council have been updated (08/07/25) - **LM**
- Email from Freddie van Mierlo with results of HGV survey of bridges in Henley shared with Councillors and Ickford PC - **LM**
- Reported on Fix My Street, with new photos added Jan 25 and April 25 - **LM**
- The PC were notified of the removal of some hedgerows along either side of the Oxfordshire bridge by SODC

63.2 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. Antony Kirkwood (previously Safety Officer) now heads up this area, including Vision Zero.
- The Parish could conduct our own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available. Currently monitoring actions of '20s Plenty for Us' group - **ALL**
- 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**

63.3 Fix My Street

- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again - **RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, see item 61 - **TS/LM**
- Potholes & worn-out road on A40, Milton Common reported, some repaired, report again - **LM**
- Ickford Bridges reported on FMS, see item 63.2 - **LM**

63.4 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators are operational - however they are at the end of their operational life and need replacing. Need to assess which model to replace them with and which locations. Check if the Belfry has one or whether one could be sited up in Milton Common, ask SCAS for their opinion - **LM**
- Sourced some training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & a donation (£10/person). LM arranging training for September - **LM**

63.5 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Gigaclear will set up a meeting in the Tiddington Village Hall in September - **LM**

- Build is due to start August/ September with the system going live by end October 2025

63.6 Dog fouling bins

- Asked if we can replace open bin in Albury View with closed double bin, sent 27/02/25 - **LM**
- SODC are contacting the Belfry to see if it's their bin and will advise us further - **LM**
- Need to look into getting closed bins into the play area & move one of the bins by far gate - **LM**

63.7 Salt Bins

- Need to order more salt, if needed, by end September - **LM**

63.8 Road Closures

- A40 London Road through Milton Common from A329 to Lobb Farm (the other side of Milton Common to us) - 14th July to 22nd August.

64. Planning

64.1 Planning Applications received:

- None

64.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- None

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

- P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road: Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Decision date now: 15th July 2025.**

64.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775. The Inquiry started on 15/10/24 and concluded end January, final report now **due in the Autumn**

64.5 Planning Consultations - Land east of Worminghall Road, Ickford

- Sigma development of 70 houses - Ickford meeting held, currently awaiting copy of the drainage report from Sigma - **LM**
- Responded to Consultation as the Parish Council - **LM**

64.6 Planning breaches

- The Parish Council have concerns over a mobile home (converted ambulance) situated in a field in Albury Lane. The field is for Agricultural use only and cannot be used as storage for any items not for agricultural use or as a permanent dwelling for more than 28 days (otherwise planning permission is required). The situation is being monitored, and a discussion is needed with the Planning Enforcement Team at SODC - **JR/RS/LM**

65. Finance

65.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- None

65.2 Accounts for payment this month

a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin)	£411.20
b. Hut Six Digital Hosting of website & domain name	£87.50
c. Mobbs - paint and oil for Fort and bench	£74.40
d. Well Medical - new Pads for Village Hall defibrillator	£83.52
e. Bank charges (June)	£4.75

65.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

a. Big Luke Handyman Services	£350.00
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65.4 Receipts:

a. Newsletter income	£64.80
b. Interest (deposit account) - waiting for July	£

65.5 Balances at bank on 4th July:

a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank)	£279.46
b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank)	£43,496.63
c. Current Account (Nat West Bank)	£0

66. 2024/25 accounts

- AGAR submitted to external auditors on 30/06/25 - **LM**

67. 2025/26 Accounts

- Need to check 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**

68. Newsletter

- Approaching new advertisers, chasing outstanding invoices - **JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/07/25): Chairs report, Gigaclear update, defib training dates, playground update, Ramblers replacing styes with gates

69. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to April received - **RS**
- Annual Inspection completed 17/04/25, no major issues. Action list created - **LM/RS**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Further Fort and other equipment repairs are nearly completed, inc. painting and bench re oiling. Just need to oil right down inside the bench and paint the uprights on the Fort - **LM/RS**
- Leave goal posts till September to allow grass to fully recover, additional cable ties added
- Aerial Runway needs final check before reopening - **LM**

70. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed and all finalised by end October - **JR**

71. IT Policy

- The PC need to develop an IT Policy to circulate and publish on the website - **LM**

72. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently - **TS/LM**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

73. 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 is monitoring and will feedback as required - **CH**

74. 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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th August 2025, Tiddington Village Hall at
7.30pm**