

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 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Luci Martin, Clerk

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PUBLIC FORUM

Election of new Parish Councillor

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159. Apologies

160. Declarations of interest

161. Approve and sign minutes

162. Matters to Report

162.1 County Councillor – Tim Bearder **(TB)**

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

162.3 Councillor Community Grant Fund submission: - Repairs to Fort (£2,208 inc VAT)
County Councillor Priority Fund submission - TNR consultancy project (£5,440)

163. Flooding/Drains

- Update on meeting held on 17th October with SODC and OCC regarding investigation into floods on 23rd September - **LM**
- Major work on the drains on either side of the A418 and Ickford Road completed before Christmas
- Flood alert line is: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

164. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Update on working group Tiddington Brook Project - **CH**
- Applied for funds for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from OCC County Councillor Priority Fund - **LM**
- TOE visited Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site. TOE agreed it was possible but work would need to be conducted through the PC including grant applications. Need an agreement letter from SLF to start the process - **CH**

165. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

165.1 Ickford Bridges

- Ickford Bridges are on the Highways Maintenance Map for 2024/25, probably just a structural survey. No update - **LM**
- Ickford Parish Council have given up & taken it off their agenda until new Councillors start- **LM**
- Continue to report on Fix My Street, new photos to be added - **TS/KF**

- Covered on the Highways Engagement Team visit on 19th August, any feedback yet? - **TS/CH**
- 165.2 20mph Consultation**
- 20mph signs all in place
 - Update on response from Matthew Barber re letter from Freddie van Mierlo on 22/10/24 - **LM**
- 165.3 Bench installed around the tree.**
- Base installed but joints are coming apart and need to investigate what guarantees are in place with supplier (purchased in April 2024) - **LM**
- 165.4 Fix My Street**
- Drains around Draycot Corner are blocked, reported as part of Highway visit on 19/08, awaiting feedback - **TS/CH**
 - Drains appear to be blocked higher up Albury View, report on FMS - **KF/CH**
 - Bottom of Albury Lane, drain blocked, TS and RS to put on FMS - **TS/RS**
 - Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, near Spring, included in Highways visit 19/08, and being followed up. Put on FMS again - **TS/CH**
 - Blocked drains in Brookside Close put on FMS by LM, a 'reactive gully cleaning to address the blockage initiated' by OCC, need to check completed - **LM**
 - Put information in next newsletter on how to use Fix My Street - **LM**
- 165.5 Spelling of Draycot – change to one T**
- No update from Royal Mail - **LM**
- 165.6 Defibrillators**
- Village Hall defibrillator needs a new battery - **TS**
 - Need to source training for using Defibrillators and general CPR - **LM/TS**
 - Need stickers with What3words on them to be applied - **TS**
 - newlywed.split.adjusting - Cricket Club
 - tickling.decency.rumble - F&G
 - intricate.panning.limelight - VH
- 165.7 Albury Lane repairs**
- The road remains a restricted by-way, but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. Will need further dialogue to sort out longer term so it gets on the Highways Asset register - **TB**
- 165.8 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear**
- Gigaclear hoping to get a response early January - **LM**
 - Emailed the Digital Infrastructure Programme team (04/12/24), still awaiting response - **LM**
- 165.9 Road Cleaning kit**
- We have been given a loan of a Road Sign cleaning kit for use by volunteers.
 - Pass to volunteers for Tiddington - **LM**
- 165.10 Milton Common**
- The white village gates at MC are falling down & look awful. Two quotes discussed: JACS £2,780 & OCC £4,361.82. Leave for moment as OCC looking at alternative solutions - **LM**
- 165.11 South Central Probation UPW Consultation 2024**
- The PC had a survey from South Central Probation UPW (Unpaid Work) Community Service Team regarding utilising these resources in the Parish. LM completed the survey and requested more information, awaiting response - **LM**
- 165.12 Dangerous Trees**
- The tree on the corner by the entrance to Village Hall car park needs assessing **asap** - **TS/KF**
- 165.13 Parking Restrictions for School Bus**
- Submitted parking measure request, now awaiting feedback - **LM**
- 165.14 Smokefree signage for playarea**
- We can obtain signage to indicate the play area is smokefree if we wish to apply? - **ALL**

166. Planning

166.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P24/S3904/S73** - Walters Farm amendment to original design. **End Consultation 15th January**

166.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P23/S2584/FUL** – Oakfield, Oxford Road. Creation of drives and impact on public footpath appear not to match submitted and approved plans. Request and photos sent to Planning Officer who have passed it to the Enforcement Team
- Parishioner, attending the meeting, clarified the issue and stated “as a Public Footpath it is subject to restrictions and conditions relating to a Field Path which is how that path is officially designated.” Parishioner also requested the following statement be included: “Councillor Ken Field said that he had been and measured the footpath and that the width of the footpath is at least a metre wide along its length across the garden.” **NB.** measurement was subsequent to report having been submitted to the Enforcement Team.
- Still waiting response from SODC Enforcement Team

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

- None

166.4 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 in Cholsey and was attended by CH and RS to make representations on behalf of the PC and in support of Waterstock Parish. Update - **RS/CH**

166.5 Planning Consultations

- None

167. Finance

167.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

- a. None

167.2 Accounts for payment this month

- a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) £364.88

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

- a. None

167.4 Receipts:

- a. Interest (deposit account) £2.30

167.5 Balances at bank on 9th January:

- a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) £988.37
- b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) Precept April 2025 £7,002.30
- c. Current Account (Nat West Bank) £0

168. 2024/25 accounts

- VAT reclaim to be completed, **ASAP - TS**
- CIL form submitted by 31st December 2024 - **LM**

169. Budgets 2025/26

- Final draft to be approved at January meeting - **ALL**
- Precept to be agreed for 25/26 - **ALL**

170. Financial Regulations

- New Financial Regulations approved

171. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements still to be confirmed, need to be finalised before new Councillor joins - **VB**

172. Newsletter

- Investigating additional revenue and income from current advertising **For discussion at meeting - TS/JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/01/25): FMS Superusers

173. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- Balls to be put in a bag on a hook under table, bats to be stored in VH - **TS/KF**
- Successful submission for playground extension funding!
- SODC have awarded £10,000 BUT this is a proportion of the total cost so will go down
- National Lottery have awarded £11,000
- Final decision to be made on items once the SODC Councillor Community Fund is announced 21st February - **LM**

174. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - need latest forms **asap - RS**
- List to be followed up - **RS/TS**
- Some bark to be moved from baby swings to main swings, if possible - **RS/KF**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Applied for Councillor Community Funds for repairs to Fort (£2,208) decision 21st Feb - **LM**

175. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently given recent floods - **VB**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC.
- Team to work on plan - **VB/TS**

176. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Presentation from Thames Water received by CH shows plans to mitigate sewage dispersals, looks positive on paper, await actions

177. 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:

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2025 at 7.30pm, Tiddington Village Hall