

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on Monday 2nd February 2009 in the village hall.

Present:

Councillor Mike Broun (chairman), Councillor Colin Pawson (vice-chairman), Councillor Steve Webb, Councillor Jon Chishick

In attendance:

District councillor Tim Metcalfe, Parish Clerk

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Miriam Kennett, Councillor Jim Hutchinson

65. Declarations of interest

Councillor Webb declared an interest in planning application 08/02290/HOUSE, of which he is the applicant.

66. New parish clerk

The parish council thanked Jim West for all his hard work and welcomed the new parish clerk, Jo Wheeler.

67. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 24th November 2008 agreed as a correct record and signed.

68. Matters arising from the minutes

Parish council agreed that all councillors will be consulted in advance when dates of meetings have to be changed.

Enforcement in regard to planning application number 08/01410, at Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane has been extended and photographs have been taken.

District Councillor Metcalfe confirmed that the hedge grubbing along the A340 footpath was scheduled to be carried out once similar work in Purley is completed. It has been re-registered.

The recent fly tipping incident will be investigated by Thames Valley Police and the Environment Agency.

The parish council resolved that councillors will receive meeting minutes and agenda by email in future.

69. District Councillor Report

Councillor Metcalfe reported that West Berkshire council has been busy dealing with problems caused by the adverse weather; including schools being closed and refuse collections postponed.

The plans for introducing a congestion charge in Reading are being progressed by Reading Borough Council. Nothing has been confirmed and when further information is available parish councils will be consulted. If the scheme is approved money will be spent on improving roads.

West Berkshire Council is experiencing a decrease in revenue because of the effects of the recession and problems with social housing.

70. Planning applications

Councillor Webb left the room so the parish council could discuss his planning application:

08/02290/HOUSE – Windbreak Sulham Lane - Replace existing previous 2 storey side extension, front entrance porch, rear utility and rear double garage plus car port with a new 2 storey side extension, new front entrance porch, new rear utility and new double garage with room over - **no objection**

Councillor Webb returned to the meeting after the planning application had been discussed.

Planning decisions

08/02058/FULD – Eaglesfield – change of use of existing stables, manege and hardstanding for use as part of a commercial equestrian enterprise involving the foaling and covering of horses and the training of young horses for equestrian shows. Erection of mono-pitch storage building and siting of temporary equestrian workers dwelling - **granted**

Despite the parish council's objections this planning application was granted. Action: parish clerk to register dissatisfaction with decision.

71. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Councillor Pawson reported the unsatisfactory state of the entrance to the footpath adjacent to the Schoolhouse (Sunnybrook). Action: parish clerk to report problem to West Berkshire Council and request that the pavement and kerb be reinstated, the footpath realigned outside the boundary of Sunnybrook, and the dilapidated gate be replaced.

Councillor Broun read out the letter from West Berkshire Council suggesting a location for a pedestrian crossing. Action: Councillor Broun to discuss with the

Traffic Group at the parish plan meeting on 6th February and report back at next parish council meeting. Parish clerk to inform West Berkshire Council of decision and request the deadline for a response is extended.

Councillor Chiswick raised the issue of damaged chevrons caused by a recent road accident on the A340. District Councillor Metcalfe replied that the chevrons will be reinstated by West Berkshire Council.

72. Finance

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
J West	Salary	640.00
Tidmarsh village hall	Village hall	150.00

Payments received:

None

73. Precept

Parish council agreed on the annual budget for 2009/10 and resolved that precept would be set at £9000.

74. Freedom of Information Model

The parish council resolved to adopt the model freedom of information policy.

75. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

Nothing to report

76. Parish Plan

An update of the parish plan meeting on 20th January will appear in the parish magazine.

77. Local Environmental Matters

Councillor Pawson reported that the Pangbourne flood warden asked to investigate the obstruction in the River Pang. The obstruction has been reported to the Environment Agency. Parish council agreed that all interested parties should meet to discuss.

78. AWE update

Councillor Chiswick provided a paper copy of the AWE meeting on 11th December. The next AWE meeting will be on March 12th and he will provide another update in the March parish council meeting.

79. Section 106 money

Parish council resolved to carry out the following schemes with the section 106 money:

1. Millennium Green fencing
2. Circular path
3. Bandstand and/or play equipment

Action: parish clerk to write to West Berkshire Council to confirm the projects and to request written confirmation.

80. Matters for further discussion

None

81. Conclusion

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.35pm.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday 18th March 2009.