

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 18th January 2006, commencing at 8.00.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. E. Ayerst,
Mr. J. Harland, Mr. C. Pawson.
Mr. R. Taylor (8.30)

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. J. Chapman - District Councillor
Mr. Tim Metcalfe – District Councillor
One parishioner

66. Declarations of Interest

There were no items on the agenda that resulted in Members, at this stage, declaring either a personal or a prejudicial interest.

67. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th November 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

68. Matters Arising on the Minutes

There were no matters arising on the minutes that were not covered by an agenda item.

69. District Council Report

District Councillor John Chapman gave a brief report on District Council activities. The next Parish/District Council conference would be examining the role of parish councils within their community.

70. Planning

i. 04/0268 Tidmarsh Grange

Graham Tandy, the Senior Enforcement Officer at West Berkshire District Council had written a detailed reply to the letters written by Councillor Colin Pawson, requesting confirmation that the construction was proceeding within the permitted development limits.

It was stated that Dwg 258C had superseded the earlier drawing in regard to the originally specified footpath, and had been approved. It had been replaced by a footpath approximately 1.5 yards from the corner of the site

nearest to the church, and would be opened when the work was substantially completed.

- ii. The SPISE Newsletter for Winter 2005 was received and noted.
- iii. The following decisions were received:

| App. No. | Location and Proposal | Decision |
|----------|--|----------|
| 05/01832 | The Old Forge Air conditioning system. | Granted |
| 05/02341 | Land to the rear of Tow Acres B8 storage. | Refused |
| 05/02425 | Little Paddocks and Craiginch Altered vehicular access. | Granted |
| 05/02447 | The Old Forge Air conditioning system. | Granted |

- iv. West Berkshire Local Development Framework – Annual Monitoring Report 2005 was received and noted.

71. Parish Plan Update

The Chairman reported that the appointed groups were making steady progress. A copy of the Tidmarsh Millennium Green Trust deed had been requested in order that the relevant group could understand the permitted uses of the ground.

72. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

A letter received from Andrew Garratt, the Principal Traffic Engineer at West Berkshire District Council, again rejected the Parish Council request for consideration to be given to a speed restriction to be applied to the length of road from the junction of Nunhide Lane, through the village of Sulham, to the junction with the A329. A request from District Councillor Tim Metcalfe for the limit along the A340 to be extended southwards towards the Tidmarsh road name would be considered.

Resolved that the District Council officers be requested to submit the Parish Council request to the next meeting of the Village Speed Limits Task Group and that they be invited to attend and submit their case before Members.

Confirmation had again been received that the Manor Farm Lane sign could be met from Eastern Area Forum Funds, and only needed the signature of the Chairman for the small amount of expenditure to be approved.

The missing cats' eyes along the A340 would be included in a future maintenance programme.

Many complaints had been registered in regard to the mud brought on to the A340 as a result of the work at the site of The Grange. Members were requested to phone Streetcare on 01635 519 080 when ever the problem was apparent.

73. Eastern Area Vision Task Group

The meeting of the Easter Area Forum scheduled for 18th January had been rescheduled for 27th April 2006, when the results of the Eastern Vision Task Group would be considered.

74. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

Councillor John Harland had attended the Police Consultation Meeting held at Purley the previous Friday. He had raised the nuisance of motor cycles speeding along the A340 on Sunday mornings.

75. Thames Valley Police. Procedure Update

Information was received about the way in which the Thames Valley Police were to handle non emergency telephone calls.

In January 2004 the Force centralized its non emergency call handling and adopted a single non emergency contact number **0845 8 505 505**.

In order to simplify matters (police wording), all local police numbers were now being taken out of service.

76. Draft Freight Strategy for West Berkshire

The Draft Freight Strategy for West Berkshire was received. The absence of any clear strategy within the body of the report was noted.

77. Local Environment Issues

A letter written to Councillor Colin Pawson from the Environment Agency was considered. The letter clearly contradicted previous information in regard to the dredging of the rivers Pang and Sul, but appeared to state the current policy.

Councillor Miriam Kennet raised the issue of the planning application from AWE for developing and modernizing and the construction of an Orion laser system, and expressed the understanding that every parish council throughout the entire West Berkshire District had been sent full details and had also received an invitation to attend the meeting of the planning committee at which it would be considered. Mrs. Kennet wished her views to be recorded.

As it was not either in the parish, or a neighbouring parish, it was most unlikely that the above details had been sent, but enquiries would be made of the District Council.

Councillor Colin Pawson raised the issue of the parish council appointment to the AWE Liaison Committee. Further information would be presented to the next meeting.

78. Standards of Conduct in English Local Government

A discussion paper was received on the subject of the revision of the current Standards of Conduct in English Local Government.

79. Finance

i. Accounts for Payment

Resolved that the following items be authorised for payment, such sums to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.

| | |
|---|----------|
| UHY Hacker Young External Audit fees 2004/2005 | £ 58.75 |
| James West Clerks salary and expenses 2004/2005 | £ 600.00 |
| Pang Valley Countryside Project Section 137 contribution towards local projects. | £ 100.00 |

ii. Detailed consideration was given to the estimates of expenditure for the financial year commencing 1st April 2006. The resultant figures are shown on the schedule attached to the minutes.

80. Precept upon the District Council

Resolved that a precept in the sum of £4,000 be served upon West Berkshire District Council for general purposes for the financial year commencing 1st April 2006.

81. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.56 p.m.

Chairman
15th March 2006