

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 16th July 2003, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. R. Taylor.

Apologies: Mr. J. Harland.
Mr. J. Chapman (District Councillor).

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council

16. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

There were no nominations for the vacancy.

17. Members Declarations of Interest

Members had no declarations in regard to the items appearing on the meeting agenda.

18. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th May, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. Matters Arising on the Minutes

There were no matters arising on the minutes.

20. Planning

The minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 12th June and 3rd July 2003 were received and the proceedings were endorsed and adopted.

The following plan was considered.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
03/01389	Warren Croft, Manor Farm Lane, Extension to garage and alterations to windows.	No objections.

A site meeting was to be held at the Barn.

Councillor Colin Pawson had read the West Berkshire District Council consultation document entitled “Delivering Investment from Growth – West Berkshire Council’s approach to securing developer contributions to local infrastructure, services and amenities.

Consideration was given to the possible section 106 planning gains in regard to proposed developments recently applied for within the parish , and the subject was to be raised with the Head of Planning at West Berkshire District Council.

The Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Design and Sustainability was received.

21. Highways Footpaths and Transport

The areas where the stone sets were damaged or missing alongside the A340 had been marked for replacement.

Officers from West Berkshire District Council had prevented the owner of Silver Cottage, Sulham, from excavating any more of the roadside bank opposite his property.

The base of the hedge alongside the A340 was considered to be in need of grubbing out at the base in order to recover some of the original width.

A site meeting had been held by the eroded footpath alongside the river Pang, and there was general agreement that West Berkshire District Council would undertake the necessary repairs Elaine Cox agreed to prepare a site plan and submit to the parish council for approval.

22. Sulham Hill

Following the site meeting to give consideration to the improvement of the junction with Sulham Lane and Sulham Hill, a report of proposed activity was received and approved. The action would include:

- i. The damaged bend warning sign would be replaced uphill from Nunhide Lane.
- ii. The existing superseded junction warning sign located to the west of Sulham Lane and the hazard marker posts opposite will also be replaced.
- iii. Hazard marker posts will be provided between Nunhide Lane and Sulham Lane to highlight this stretch of road and provide a visual indication of the nature of the bend.
- iv. The existing road narrows sign will be relocated at the apex of the bend,

with a new junction warning sign for Sulham Lane.

- v. A new SLOW mark will be laid adjacent to the signs at the apex of the bend.
- vi. The centre line between Nunhide Lane and Sulham Lane will be removed and replaced with broader edge signs on both signs of the carriageway.
- vii. The Village Speed Limits Committee would be invited to consider the imposition of a 30 mph speed restriction through the village of Sulham.

It was agreed to request the District Council to erect Sulham signs at the entrances to the parish.

23. Environment Agency

There were no matters for consideration.

24. Financial Matters

i Audit of Accounts

The audit of the Parish Council accounts by Hacker Young had been signed off with no adverse comments.

ii Appointment of Internal Auditors

Resolved that RBS Auditing Solutions be appointed Internal Auditors to the Parish Council for the next three years commencing with the 2003/04 financial year.

25. Map of Open Country and Registered Common

The maps of Open Country and Registered Common were received from the Countryside Agency. There were no areas shown for either Tidmarsh or Sulham.

26. Local Authorities (Code of Conduct)(Local Determination) Regulations 2003

The Local Authorities (Code of Conduct)(Local Determination) Regulations 2003 were laid before Parliament on 5th June 2003, and came into force on 30th June 2003. These regulations set out the process to be followed when an allegation of councillor misconduct is referred to a local monitoring officer, following an investigation by an ethical standards officer of the Standards Board for England.

Revised booklets on the subject of registering and declaring interests and registering gifts and hospitality were received and distributed.

27. AWE Liaison

The AWE Annual Report 2003 was received and tabled.

It was noted that AWE plc had won the prestigious Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents Defence Industry Sector Award for its outstanding record in industrial safety at the Atomic Weapons Establishment sites during 2002.

28. Quality Parish Council Scheme

A copy of The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme was received and tabled.

The Guidance explained how parish councils could apply to the Scheme and set out the benefits for local government and for local communities.

29. Thames Valley Police

The latest communication received from Inspector Andy Talbot was received and distributed.

30. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.46 p.m.

Chairman

17th September 2003