

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 21st March 2007, commencing at 8.30.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mr. T. Ayerst, Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. R. Taylor.

Apologies: Mrs. M. Kennet (Family), Mr. J. Harland (Holiday).
Mr. J. Chapman (District Councillor).

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor) 8.38 p.m.
Two parishioners

80. 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.

81. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th January 2007, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82. Matters Arising on the Minutes

i. Highways.

No replies had been received from West Berkshire District Council on the highways issues raised at the last meeting. The Clerk undertook to seek a meeting with Mark Edwards, Head of Highways, in order to clarify a number of issues.

83. District Council Report

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe reported that, with the elections looming, there was a reduced activity within the District Council policy and decision making fraternity.

The introduction of a new site for a waste disposal plant was a top subject, whilst the Tilehurst Learning Campus, with three new school buildings together with learning and leisure facilities, was a favourite local topic.

84. Planning

- i. A Draft Project Plan for the Partial Review of the South East Plan – Revised Apportionment of Primary Land won Aggregates - was received and noted.
- ii. Notice of Planning Appeal was received in regard to the application at Blenheim Farm, Tidmarsh Lane.
- iii. A list of Developer Contributions agreed under Section 106 was received from West Berkshire District Council. The figures were examined, and Members

agreed to seek further information before considering any local schemes for which a contribution may be sought.

85. Highways

A collapsed drain in the carriageway in Sulham Lane would be reported to the District Council, with a request for prompt remedial action.

The dip in the footway alongside the A340, roughly opposite the entrance to Stratchey Close had already been reported, as had the ponding of water at the junction of Tidmarsh Lane with the A340 opposite the Greyhound.

86. Parish Council Notice Boards

Details of the availability of custom built parish council notice boards had been obtained, and the information was circulated. It was agreed that the subject would feature on the agenda for the next meeting.

87. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

There were no new issues to consider. A Parish Councillor would need to be appointed to serve on the Group at the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

88. To consider any issues raised at the earlier Annual Parish Meeting.

There were no issues referred to the Parish Council meeting.

89. To receive an update on the preparation of the Parish Plan.

It was understood that the Parish Plan proposals would be presented to parishioners at a meeting scheduled for 26th March at Tidmarsh Village Hall. Members accepted that, at present, the Parish Council had no direct formal links with the Parish Plan Group.

90. To receive a Consultation Document on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.

The above document was received and noted. Both the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Clerks had submitted a response, and any further correspondence was considered unnecessary.

91. To receive a Draft Housing Strategy Review for Consultation

The above document was received from West Berkshire District Council, and noted.

92. Financial Matters:

i. Account Reconciliation

The bank account reconciliation as at 21st March 2007 was received and noted. The details are appended to the minutes in the formal minute book.

ii. Accounts for Payment

Resolved that the under mentioned item be authorised for payment, such sum to be debited to the account of the parish council.

Tidmarsh Millennium Green Section 137 contribution towards the maintenance of the Tidmarsh Millennium Green.	£1,000.00
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93. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.42 p.m.

Chairman
16th May 2007