

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 18th May 2005, commencing at 7.15.p.m.

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

Apologies: Mr. J. Chapman - District Councillor
Mr. Tim Metcalfe – District Councillor

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
No parishioners present

1. **Election of Chairman of the Parish Council**

Proposed by John Harland, seconded by Colin Pawson and **Resolved** that Mike Broun be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

(Mike Broun signed the declaration of acceptance of office and resumed the Chair)

2. **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Proposed by Mike Broun, seconded by John Harland and **Resolved** that Colin Pawson be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

3. **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.

4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th January 2005, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. **.Matters Arising on the Minutes**

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

6. **District Council Report**

It had not been possible for a District Councillor to attend, no report was presented.

7. **Planning**

Following a discussion on local planning applications it was agreed to request from West Berkshire District Council the planning conditions attached to the approved development at Tidmarsh Grange. Information was also to be requested on the allocation of the section 106 contribution forthcoming from this development. It was understood that an amount of £26,000 had been agreed, but as yet no local schemes had been identified.

The appeal details of the refused application at Glebe Orchard were to be requested.

Copies of the Local Developers Pack and the Local Development Framework were received from the District Council.

8. **Parish Meetings Referrals**

There were no issues raised at the earlier parish meetings that required the attention of the parish council.

9. **Parish Plan – Current Position**

The current position in regard to the preparation of Parish Plans for Tidmarsh and Sulham was reviewed.

Significant progress had been achieved, and a questionnaire was to be circulated to all dwellings in the two parishes. The next meeting was scheduled for 15th June.

10. **Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters**

A letter was received from the Highways Sect of the District Council, setting out the reasons for the refusal to grant a 30 mph speed restriction through Sulham, and further reasons as to why a site meeting was not thought to be productive.

Following discussion on the relative merits of the earlier request for a speed restriction and the badly managed attempts by the District Council to misinterpret the request, it was **resolved:** to request West Berkshire District Council to apply a 30 mph speed restriction to Sulham Lane and Sulham Hill.

The Head of Highways and Engineering, Mark Edwards, was to be invited to a future meeting in order to explain the District Council's policy on speed restrictions and other highway related matters.

A parishioner had requested that the Parish Council gave consideration to the provision of a pedestrian crossing across the A340 and a priority sign when approaching the Mill Bridge in Tidmarsh. It was agreed that he be informed that the crossing had been applied for on previous occasions, and that there were insufficient pedestrians to warrant one, whilst members were opposed to the provision of a priority sign at the bridge.

The problem of vehicles using Manor Farm Lane was recognised, and it was agreed to request that a “NO THROUGH ROAD” sign be erected at a suitable location at the bottom of the Lane.

Streetcare were to be advised of a defective drain cover on the carriageway of the A340.

Investigations would be made into the reason why the Parish Council was not informed of the work to construct a bus stop on land off the A340, adjacent to the Millennium Green. There was also the possibility that part of the land used was owned by the Tidmarsh Millennium Green Trust and not West Berkshire Highways.

11. Eastern Area Vision Task Group

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the current position.

The parish council had two representatives. Mike Broun was attached to the Transport and Accessibility Group, and Rod Taylor the Social and Community Group.

12. Local Environment Issues

Members expressed concern at the disgraceful appearance of the site of the Greyhound public house, and noted that the Clerk had written and sent emails to Fullers in an attempt to get the site made more presentable.

13. Crime and Disorder Related Issues

The Neighbourhood Action Group minutes for the 13th April were tabled, and it was noted that the next meeting would be on 25th May. There was a need for a local representative and it was **resolved** that Councillor John Harland be appointed to represent Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Council on the local NAG.

The latest newsletter from Inspector Andy Talbot was received and noted.

14. Review of Conduct for Members

An information pamphlet received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister was received and noted.

15. Citizen Engagement and Public Services and Vibrant Local Leadership

The above documents, which set out to be consultation documents, and turned out not to be, were received and noted.

There would be a series of consultations at differing levels before further action was contemplated

16. AWE Local Liaison Committee Meetings.

Resolved that Mrs. M. Kennett be reaffirmed as the Parish Council representative to serve on the AWE Local Liaison Committee.

17. Financial Matters

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

Allianz Cornhill Insurance Premium for 2005/2006	£287.79
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B A L C Annual subscription	£ 63.55
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John Harland Parish Plan expenses	£ 8.85
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Mike Broun Parish Plan expenses	£ 88.61
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ii. That a request from the Tidmarsh Millennium Green Trust for a donation towards the maintenance of the Millennium Green be approved in accordance with the provisions of Sect 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, and that the donation be in the sum of £750.00.

iii. That the final accounts as presented and audited by the Internal Auditor be accepted and endorsed and that the Clerk and Chairman be authorised to sign the appropriate sections of the Annual Return for 2004/2005.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 20th July 2005, commencing at 8.00 p.m. in the Tidmarsh Village Hall.

19. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

Chairman
20th July 2005