

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Monday 22nd May 2006, commencing at 8.10.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun, Mr. E. Ayerst, Mr. C. Pawson.

Apologies: Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. J. Harland, Mr. R. Taylor.
Mr. J. Chapman (District Councillor).

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor)
One parishioner present

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

Resolved that Mr. M. Broun be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing term of office.

(Mike Broun signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair)

2. **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.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council**

Resolved Mr. C. Pawson be elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing term of office.

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

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th March 2006, having been circulated, were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters Arising on the Minutes**

- i. The Chairman undertook to contact the land owner either side of Manor Farm Lane and obtain permission for the erection of the Manor Farm Lane road signs. Once permission was forthcoming, West Berkshire District Council had confirmed that the signs would be constructed and erected.
- ii. Councillor Roger Taylor was not present, and his views on the Public Consultation Document for the Long Term Management of Solid Low Level radioactive Waste in the United Kingdom were not available.

6. District Council Report

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe reported on a number of District Council issues.

The Vibrant Village Scheme had been introduced for sustainable communities, whilst the Eastern Area Forum still had funds available for non council activities. The provision of a seat for the Millennium Green was considered to be a likely subject, and the Chairman undertook to complete the appropriate claim.

7. Planning

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10th May were received and adopted.

Details of the appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Hornblow in regard to land at the rear of Tow Acres was received and noted.

The following planning decisions were received:

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Decision
06/00220	Reading Superbowl, Pincents Kiln Internally lit shop sign.	Granted
06/00228	Little Paddocks, Single storey rear extension.	Granted
06/00471/2	The Old Forge, Fire escape and oil storage tanks.	Granted
06/00480	The Gables, The Street, Extension and double garage.	Refused
06/00490	Wllowbrook, Manor Farm Lane, Conservatory.	Granted

A copy of SPISE News 46 was received and noted.

8. Highways and Traffic

The West Berkshire District Council Highway Improvement Programme for 2006/2007 was received. No work had been scheduled for Tidmarsh or Sulham, but a verbal assurance had been received that the missing cats' eyes along the A340 would be replaced during the early Spring 2006.

The request for a 30 mph restriction for Sulham had been rejected by the West Berkshire Speed Limit Review meeting, as had the request for an extension of the

30 mph area through Tidmarsh. However, consideration was to be given to improved signage in both areas.

A letter was received from West Berkshire District Council, giving details of Vehicle Activated Signs and asking the Parish Council to nominate a site for the installation of a sign. During earlier discussions at West Berks, District Councillor Tim Metcalfe had requested and obtained a capital provision for such a sign along the A340. A location was selected for a 30 SLOW DOWN sign, and the District Council was to be reminded that £3,500 had already been earmarked for the supply and installation of a sign.

Enquiries would be made as to what procedures and costs were involved in the relocation of a speed camera.

A letter was received from the Four Valleys Taxibus proprietor, drawing attention to the withdrawal of the Call-a-Bus 99 routes.

The Road Safety Team Newsletter was received from West Berkshire District Council.

9. Eastern Area Vision Task Group

Tim Metcalfe gave a brief report on the current position. The draft report was undergoing a final check before being released for the formal consultation period.

10. To receive any issues arising from the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.

There were no issues to report.

11. To consider the appointment of a representative to the AWE Liaison Committee

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk would continue to deal with any issues that may arise.

12. To appoint a representative to serve on the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

Resolved that Councillor John Harland be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.

13. To appoint a representative to serve on the Tidmarsh Village Hall Management Committee

Resolved that Councillor Rodney Taylor be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Tidmarsh Village Hall Management Committee.

14. Environment:- To deal with any local matters.

Details of the West Berkshire Heritage Service were received from the District Council.

15. To receive the minutes of the Tidmarsh and Sulham Parish Meetings held on 15th March 2006.

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16. To receive a discussion paper on the procedures for making, confirming and enforcing byelaws

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister had distributed a local vision booklet entitled “Local Authority Byelaws in England: A Discussion Paper”

The paper outlined procedures for making, confirming, and enforcing byelaws.

17. Financial Matters:

i. Year end Internal Audit.

The internal audit for the year ending 31st March 2006 had been completed and the audit comments were received. The Action Plan was completed.

ii. Year end Statement of Accounts

The statement of accounts and the statement of assurances were approved by Members, and the Annual Return signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

iii. Notice of External Audit

Notice of the external audit of accounts had been received from Hacker Young, the accountants appointed by the Audit Commission. The accounts were due to be submitted to Hacker Young at the end of June 2006, but had first to be signed by the Internal Auditor.

iv. Accounts for payment.

Auditing Solutions	
Interim and year end internal audit 2005/6	£199.75
BALC	
Annual subscription 2006/7	£ 61.98

Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc
Insurance premium 2006/7

£298.49

18. Tilehurst Learning Campus Project

Details of the above project were received from West Berkshire District Council. The Department for Education and Skills will make £12 m available to improve school facilities in the Tilehurst area. The suggestion is that a single campus will be developed to meet the future needs of Denefield School, Brookfields School, and Long Lane School, together with improved facilities for the whole of the local community.

The parish council would be informed of developments as the scheme progressed.

19. Conclusion

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

Chairman
19th July 2006