

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 21st November 2007, commencing at 8.00.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mr. J. Chishick, Mr. J. Hutchison,
Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. S. Webb.

Apologies: Mrs. M. Kennet

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor)
27 parishioners.

Prior to the commencement of the formal business as stipulated on the agenda, an Open Meeting session was devoted to parishioner concerns in regard to an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness on activities on land to the rear of Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane, Tidmarsh.

The Parish Council had received and resolved to object to the planning application No. 07/02172/CERTE for the storage, maintenance and hire of plant and machinery on land to the South of Green Gables, and had drawn the District Council's attention to grave concern that enforcement action was not being brought in regard to activities on the site.

Councillor Colin Pawson explained the background and details of a Certificate of Lawfulness, and Deirdra Cuthbert circulated a sheaf of papers relating to correspondence between the District Council and the Maidenhatch Residents. The Parish Council had not been included in the circulation list.

A letter dated 6th August 2007, addressed to the Eastern Area Team Leader at the District Council and expressing concern at the inability of the District Council to served an enforcement notice in regard to activities that had been previously declared as unlawful, had not yet been acknowledged

Following a question and answer session, it was agreed that the Parish Council would be included in all future correspondence sent from the Maidenhatch Residents to the District Council, and the Parish Council would liaise with the Residents with a view to seeking a prompt and lawful solution to the outstanding issues.

50. 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.

51. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th September 2007, having been circulated, were confirmed a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i. The deteriorating edges of Tidmarsh Lane had been brought to the attention of the District Council.
- ii. The new notice board had been ordered. All boards were made to order, and it was anticipated that it would be delivered early in the new year.
- iii. Colin Pawson has spoken to a representative of the Environment Agency at the Parish/District Conference. They would be prepared to attend a local meeting if requested. The EA report on the July flooding was to be published during December 2007.
- iv. The parking of vehicles on the footway outside the Greyhound public house was still a regular occurrence, notwithstanding the request to Fullers to prevent the obstruction. A formal complaint to the police would now be made.

53. District Council Report

A brief review of District Council activities included the Tilehurst Learning Centre and the Paices Hill refuse depot. Future planning strategies were likely to include a detailed review of the current parish settlement boundaries.

54. Planning

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24th October 2007 were received and the proceedings endorsed and adopted.

The following planning applications were considered.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
07/02277	Stable Clock House, Tidmarsh Lane, Demolition of conservatory, erection of garden room and conservatory.	No objection
07/02428	Oaklands Farm, Tidmarsh, Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of the land as residential land/amenity land.	No factual objection.

A copy of the West District Local Plan 1991-2006, Saved Policies Extension, was received and noted.

55. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters

Two pamphlets entitled Road Safety and Winter Service and Adverse Weather Plan were received from West Berkshire District Council and noted.

A letter was received from a parishioner, drawing attention to the accumulation of water on the A340 crossroads outside Trout Cottage. This hazard had been reported some while ago and the complaint was to be followed up, with a request for prompt action to alleviate a potentially dangerous situation.

56. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group

Councillor James Hutchison had attended a meeting earlier that day, and reviewed the proceedings. The Pangbourne Neighbourhood Police Team spent 2 hours on 20th September checking on seat belt and mobile phone use. Fifty five car occupants were not using seat belts whilst four drivers were caught using a mobile phone.

A presentation was received from the West Berkshire Safe Communities Partnership. The use of school premises during evenings and week ends was given consideration. Sulham Woods would have notices erected banning the use of motorised vehicles.

57. Parish Plan

The latest draft was circulated and noted. The working groups would now concentrate on the production of the Parish Action Plan.

58. Chairmanship, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

There was a requirement to review Chairmanship, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations every few years, especially in the light of alterations to mandatory procedures binding upon the Parish Council. The above named documents had been reviewed, the contents brought up to date and a copy distributed to every Parish Councillor.

Resolved that the revised Chairmanship, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be endorsed and adopted.

59. Local Environmental Matters

These issues had been dealt with elsewhere, and no further items were raised.

60. AWE Liaison Committee

Councillor John Chishick had received an invitation to attend the next meeting of the AWE Liaison Committee.

61. Sustainable Community Strategy

Sustainable Community Strategies are developed by the Local Strategic Partnership for the area with the aim of improving the local social, economic and environmental well being for all people in the district. As such, they are the crucial strategic document for the area, informing the work and actions of all member organisations on the Local Strategic Partnership. The issues it identifies and the priorities it sets shape the plans, policies, strategies and investment decisions of the key organisations and agencies in the district.

The first Community Strategy for West Berkshire was published by the West Berkshire Partnership in 2003, and the current edition entitled *A Breath of Fresh Air* was now received and noted. Members had been invited to submit comments, and a short film could be viewed at www.westberkshire.org.uk

62. Finance

The bank reconciliation statement for the period ending 30th September 2007 was presented, and is appended to the minutes in the official minute book.

63. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 16th January 2008.

The Annual Parish Meetings would be held on Tuesday 19th March, commencing at 7.00 p.m., followed by the Parish Council meeting.

64. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.24 p.m.

Chairman
16th January 2008