

TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 24 November 2008, commencing at 8.00.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),
Mrs. M. Kennet, Mr. J. Chishick (8.43), Mr. J. Hutchison.
Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. S. Webb,
In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr. T. Metcalfe (9.22) (District Councillor)
No parishioners.

47. 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.

48. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 September 2008, having been circulated, were confirmed a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- i. It was understood that doubts had been expressed at the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group meeting about the width of the path from Pangbourne to Tidmarsh, along the A340, being wide enough to support a combined footpath/cyclepath.
- ii. Councillor Colin Pawson had contacted the District Council Enforcement Officer, Graham Tandy, in regard to planning application number 08/01410, at Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane.

50. Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 October 2008, were received and the proceedings endorsed and adopted.

51. Planning Items

The following planning application had been dealt with by the Chairman of the Committee under delegated powers.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Observation
08/02058	Eaglesfield Change of use of existing stables, manege and hardstanding for use as part of a commercial equestrian enterprise involving the foaling and covering of horses and the training of young horses for equestrian shows. Erection of mono-pitch storage building and siting of temporary equestrian workers dwelling	Objection. Breach of policy ENV4

The following decisions were received.

App. No.	Location and Proposal	Decision
08/01747	Eaglesfield Mobile home and storage building.	Withdrawn
07/02171	Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane Operational development in the form of a hardstanding and installation of a petrol interceptor and wash down area on land to the south of Green Gables.	Lawful

52. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters.

The West Berkshire Council Winter Service and Adverse Weather Policy and Plan 2008/9 and the Safer Driving pamphlet were received and noted.

A copy of the 30 mph Speed Limit Order for the proposal to extend the 30 mph zone along the A340 out of Pangbourne to a point 140 metres south of the junction with Flowers Hill was received and noted.

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe had confirmed that the base of the hedge alongside the A340 footpath was scheduled to be grubbed out and consequently widened in the near future.

There was no basis for believing that junction alterations by the Greyhound public house had been introduced.

The Chairman had visited the site of Showpiece Design off Sulham Lane and was pleased to report that the owner was supportive of any ban on the heavy delivery lorries using Sulham Lane.

It was understood that West Berkshire Council were commissioning a review of speed restrictions in this and neighbouring parishes.

53. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.

Councillor James Hutchison reported on the relevant parts of the recent meeting of the Group. Speeding through Tidmarsh would be monitored. The motor cycle ban notices had been erected in Sulham Woods.

Thames Valley Police had expressed the view that vehicles could park on the pavement outside the Greyhound public house as long as there was room on the footpath to walk past the obstruction!

54. Parish Plan

The Parish Plan groups were meeting to consider progress on a number of fronts. The proposals for the parish walk were still being considered and rights of way were being marked on the map. There were no items that the Parish Council was required to consider or support at this stage.

55. Post of New Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman reported on the progress on the selection procedure for the replacement Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Parish Council. An

interview panel would meet on Wednesday 6 December, and it was **resolved** to delegate full responsibility to the panel to appoint a suitable candidate and fix salary, hours of work, expenses and any other relevant matter.

56. Local Environmental Matters

- i. Richard Thomas (assisted by John Haggarty) had volunteered to act as the River Warden for the Sul. The work would involve similar activities to that applicable to the River Pang warden.
- ii. Councillor Colin Pawson reported that the activities of the Flood Group were moving slowly. An outline specification for the flood plan had been completed.
- iii. The publication “Stop the Drop” produced by the Campaign to Protect Rural England was to be handed to the Parish Plan Environment Group.
- iv. Councillor Colin Pawson undertook to ask West Berkshire Council for information on the 85 tons of waste deposited off Dark Lane.

57. AWE Liaison Group

Councillor John Chishick gave a brief verbal report on the proceedings at the last AWE Liaison meeting. Consideration was to be given to the future of the 18.5k of pipe line from Aldermaston to Pangbourne, the use of which had been decommissioned a number of years ago.

58. To consider the schemes that would qualify for section 106 expenditure.

Following a discussion on the possible schemes, it was agreed to request West Berkshire District Council to specify, without ambiguity, their interpretation of the areas where the section 106 money could be spent.

59. Risk Assessment and Management Schedule

The updated Risk Assessment and Management Schedule had been distributed with the agenda for the meeting, and the Clerk outlined the revised items and the reason for their inclusion.

Resolved that the Risk Assessment and Management Schedule be endorsed and adopted.

60. Outcome of the Review of the Area Forums.

A letter dated 20 October from the District Council confirmed that the Area Forums were to be discontinued and replaced by more District/Parish Conferences to be held at different locations across the District. A full set of the endorsed recommendations can be viewed on the District Council web site.

61. Rural Housing Protocol Draft for Consultation.

A Housing Strategy Consultation document seeking views on plans for the District Council plans for the new Housing Strategy was received and noted. A response was not considered necessary.

62. Financial Matters

- i. **Accounts Reconciliation as at 30 September 2008.**

The accounts reconciliation schedule for the month ended 30 September 2008 was received and noted, and is appended to the minutes.

ii. **Accounts for Payment.**

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

CPRE	
Annual Subscription	£ 28.00
James West	
Clerk's salary and expenses for the year ended 31 March 2008	£700.00

63. District Council report

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

Tim Metcalfe undertook to follow up the report of the waste dumped off Dark Lane and also enquire into the reasons why the District Council Enforcement Officer had not arranged the high level meeting that had been assured.

Members expressed concern at the lack of professional and responsible attitudes in regard to local planning matters, and Tim Metcalfe requested written examples of specific cases.

Tim confirmed that the hedge alongside the A340 footway was due to be grubbed out within the next 14 days, and that he would submit a Members bid for gateways to be located alongside the A340 at the entrances to the parish of Tidmarsh.

64. Conclusion

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.06 p.m.

Chairman
January 2009