

## TIDMARSH WITH SULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Tidmarsh Village Hall on Wednesday 17 September 2008, commencing at 8.00.p.m.

Present: Mr. M. Broun (Chairman),  
Mr. C. Pawson, Mr. S. Webb, Mrs. M. Kennet,  
Apologies: Mr. J. Chishick, Mr. J. Hutchison.  
In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council  
Mr. T. Metcalfe (District Councillor)  
2 parishioners.

The open meeting consisted of an exchange of views with two representatives of the Parish Plan Group on the conditions under which the section 106 developer contributions could be spent by the Parish Council. The Terms and Conditions for the Millennium Green stipulated that a children's play area could be constructed on the Green, but it would be necessary to ensure that all health and safety conditions were upheld and that appropriate insurance cover was obtained. It was agreed that the representatives would reconsider their views and, at some time, return to the Parish Council.

### **34. 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.

### **35. Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Parish Council**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 July 2008, having been circulated, were confirmed a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **36. Matters Arising on the Minutes**

- i. The section 106 developer contribution of £62,882.68 had been received from West Berkshire District Council. Specific conditions had been attached to the schemes on which the money could be spent.
- ii. It was not known if the proposals for the shared pedestrian/cycle path had been presented to the Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.
- iii. No action had been taken in regard to the heavy lorry movements along Sulham Lane. It was reported that the activities had not been noticed lately.
- iv. The hedge on the corner of Sulham Lane and Mill Lane had been trimmed.
- v. The vacancy for the post of Parish Council Clerk had been advertised on the Tidmarsh and Sulham web site.

### **37. District Council Report**

District Councillor Tim Metcalfe reported on relevant District Council activities.

A question as to whether Viola had incurred any financial penalties due to the poor start to the new waste management contract would be raised at the next District Council meeting. The entire school improvement programme was being examined.

The planning application for the new Dolphin Youth Centre at Pangbourne had been approved.

### **38. Planning**

The following decisions were received

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Location and Proposal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
08/01252	Yew Tree Cottage, Sulham Lane Demolition and re-build new outbuilding.	Granted
08/01253	Yew Tree Cottage, Sulham Lane Demolition and re-build new outbuilding.	Granted
08/01344	Oaklands Farm, Tidmarsh Construction of tennis court, cricket wicket and fencing.	Granted

### **Joint Strategic Planning Unit**

The Joint Strategic Planning Unit was producing a Local Development Framework to guide the future planning of mineral extraction and waste management disposal in Berkshire. The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy was the first document to be Produced and the JPSU was now inviting representations on the “soundness” of the Plan prior to submitting it to the Secretary of State for the purposes of commencing an independent examination. Copies of the Core Strategy and accompanying documents were available for inspection in local authorities planning offices or could be downloaded from [www.berks-jpsu.gov.uk/news](http://www.berks-jpsu.gov.uk/news) Councillor Colin Pawson was to consider the possibility of a comment from the Parish Council.

Councillor Colin Pawson undertook to contact the District Council Enforcement Officer, Graham Tandy, in regard to application number 08/01410, Green Gables, Tidmarsh Lane.

### **39. Highways, Footpaths and Traffic Matters**

The following matters were considered, and the appropriate action would be taken.

The base of the hedge alongside the A340 footpath was in urgent need of grubbing out. The recent trimming of the hedge had been undertaken in a cavalier fashion, with uncut foliage left across the footpath, and no attempt to reduce the overgrown base.

There had been no progress in regard to the request submitted through District Councillor Tim Metcalfe for gated entrance signs to be erected at the side of the highway on the A340 approaches to Tidmarsh.

The Chairman undertook to “tease out” the highway improvements contained within the adopted Parish Plan.

Vehicles were continually parked on the footway outside the Greyhound public house.

A request for a weight restriction on the local bridges was to be referred to the Parish Plan Traffic Group.

The reason for the bollards on the edge of the footway at the junction of Mill Lane and the A340 was to prevent motorists driving on to the footway in the area of the bus stop.

**40. Pangbourne and District Neighbourhood Action Group.**

In the absence of Councillor James Hutchison, there was no report of the last meeting of the Group.

It was understood that the Sulham Woods signs had been delivered, but no request had as yet been submitted to the Parish Council for a contribution towards the cost.

**41. Parish Plan**

A proposal for the improvement of the Sulham lay by would be submitted to West Berkshire District Council. There was no further information on the proposed circular footpath.

A copy of the new Parish Magazine was introduced and congratulations were offered to the two creators, Jenny Cope and Mags Truscott.

**42. Local Environmental Matters.**

- i. To give consideration to the appointment of a River Sul Warden.

Possible nominations were considered, and it was agreed that Councillor Steve Webb would liaise with John Haggarty in regard to the appointment.

- ii. General Flood considerations.

The next meeting of the Flood Group was to be on 6 October.  
The reeds alongside the banks in the Pang had been cut by the Environment Agency.

**43. To endorse the Risk Assessment and Management Schedule.**

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**44. Financial Matters:**

- i. Bank Reconciliation                      The Bank Statement figures for the period ending 30 June and the subsequent transactions were presented and noted.
- ii. Accounts for Payment                      **Resolved** that the items shown below be authorised for payment, such sums to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.
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| Harry Stebbing Workshop | Notice Board           | £1,480.15 |
| Village Hall Man Cttee  | Balance of PP expenses | £ 256.72  |

**45. Appointment of Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council**

Following the resignation of the current post holder, consideration had been given to the procedures necessary to appoint a successor. The following details were agreed:

- Hours of work                                      4 hours per week, subject to revision if deemed necessary.
- Salary    Minimum £2,000 per annum, but also subject to the approved NALC salary scales.

Mileage

Approved NALC scale

Expenses

Dependant upon working conditions and available assets.

**Resolved** that the above terms be the basis of the advertisements to be sent to the BALC for publication.

**46. Conclusion**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.04 pm

Chairman  
24 November 2008