

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 13 May 2013

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (Chairman), Mrs C Draper, Mrs Z Knight, Mr J Savell, Mr K Field, Mr B Price, Mr K Poyser (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies: Mr S Harrod (District Councillor).

2. Approval of previously circulated minutes:

Previously circulated minutes were approved and signed.

3. Chairman's review of the year:

Mrs Horne referred to the frustrations experienced in achieving aims and goals, largely due to financial constraints of the County and District Councils.

The Village Plan was adopted by the Parish Council on 15 April and the Parish Council now must keep the momentum going.

We are sorry to lose David Turner, who is retiring as County Councillor, and welcome Mrs Anne Purse

Mrs Horne thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and Mrs Zena Knight for her editorship of the Newsletter.

4. County Councillor's report:

David Turner's final report highlighted further government cuts in funding.

This year's budget showed a County Council tax increase of 1.99%

Education attainment levels in Oxfordshire are still giving rise to great concern.

We still cannot raise monies for a pedestrian crossing in the village. The County Council's behaviour in this matter has been appalling.

Efforts continue to provide faster broadband speeds.

David thanked the Parish Council for the way we have worked together during his time as a County Councillor.

5. District Councillor's report:

Steve Harrod's report was read. The District Council has set a budget reducing council tax by 2.5%.

The Core Strategy has been adopted.

The need for more housing continues.

Under the Boundary Review, the number of councillors has been reduced from 48 to 36.

Waste recycling – SODC was second in the national league tables for recycling this year.

6. Open discussion:

No business under this item.

The meeting then proceeded to the Annual General Meeting and the monthly meeting.