

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 6 April 2009, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor), Mrs E Horne, Mrs Z Knight, Mrs J Willis, Mr K Field, Mr B Price, Mr K Poyser (clerk) and five members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mr D Turner (County Councillor).

2. **Declarations of interest:** None.

3. **Approval of previously circulated minutes**

The minutes were approved and signed, subject to minor amendments.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

a. Affordable Housing, Station Yard – David Turner had sent an email setting out information in some detail re costings. The information is from Marita Ford at OCHA.

The remedial costs remain as per the original contract sum analysis at £221458. This is net of other abnormal costs relating to the scheme. The total cost for all abnormals including the remediation work is £491623. There were savings relating to foundations amounting to £52000. Under the terms of the scheme, the savings may not be passed on in full to OCHA as the contractor has the right to share 50% of any savings on the contract sum.

Rents for the rented properties are linked to their market value and location, not the costs of building the property.

The shared ownership rents were set at 2.3% of the unsold share, based on the open market value and this has not changed (this was the lowest rental % we could afford for the scheme and falls beneath the HCA maximum rent level of 2.75%). As market values have fallen considerably, the rents will actually have reduced from those discussed at design stage. The initial share price is again based on the open market value and these will also have dropped significantly. In addition we are looking into dropping the initial share from 35% to 25% and so these combined factors will all make the shared ownership homes much more affordable than in 2006/7.

Matter of applications from parishioners/locals to be on agenda for next meeting.

b. Drainage/ditching – Work to be done by Oxfordshire Highways during period April-June following survey work carried out.

c. The sign in Ickford Road re bridge restriction – Peter Ronald from Oxfordshire Highways has not yet made site visit. Clerk to chase up.

d. Sandy Lane / Draycot corner – Clerk to contact Oxford Highways again about Sandy Lane and Draycot corner, since there has been no discernable progress on these matters.

e. Vacancy on Parish Council – Possible candidates were discussed. To be on agenda for next month.

5. **Open discussion**

Mrs Knight asked if we are continuing to use Robinson Garden Care. Some work has already been undertaken this season and work has always been considered satisfactory. Use of this contractor to confirmed at next meeting.

The copy date for the next newsletter is 15 May.

Mr Price raised the matter of potholes. Holes are appearing again at the island by Waterstock Golf Course. The proliferation of potholes needs attention.

Mr Nowell-Smith raised the matter of trees along A418 which need pruning. County Council to be contacted.

Mr Nowell-Smith also suggested that we again undertake a litter blitz. Clerk to contact SODC re provision of pickers.

- 6. Report from Mrs J Stoker re Children's Centre for Wheatley and surrounding villages**
Mrs Stoker addressed the meeting at length and in detail about the constitution and activities of the Centre, which aims to promote health, safety, enjoyment and achievement, making a positive contribution, and achieving economic wellbeing. The Centre will be a one stop shop for all young children and their mums, dads, childminders and other carers. It will be a place to play and have fun, to get information, advice, support and good company.
The Centre is developing planning to launch services at the end of April 2009. Mrs Stoker was warmly thanked for her presentation.
- 7. Planning matters**
P07/W0970/LB Manor Farmhouse, Albury View, Tiddington – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extensions to front elevation and cart shed. Approved.
P07/W0969 Manor Farmhouse, Albury View, Tiddington – Single storey extensions to the north elevation and cart shed and alterations to existing farmhouse. Approved.
P09/W0209 Red Kite View, Old London Road, Milton Common – Proposed loft conversion to single storey detached bungalow. Object on grounds of unneighbourliness.
P07/W1416 The Oxford Belfry, Milton Common – Construction of new two storey staff accommodation building and storage buildings to replace existing. (As amended by drawing nos. 844/103b and 102b accompanying letter from agent dated 7 March 2008 and clarified by letter from agent dated 23 January 2008). Approved.
P07/W1497 Station Yard, Oxford Road, Tiddington – A 2 storey development of 11 affordable dwellings with associated ground works and new access. (As amplified by drawing numbers 108 revA, 100recC and 02-P6 accompanying letter from Agent dated 21 January 2008). Consultation re fencing to replace chain-link fencing. Approved, subject to any objections from neighbours
- 8. Financial matters**
- a. Parchments of Oxford – printing of Newsletters £324.80. Proposed Mrs Horne, seconded Mr Field
 - b. Membership of Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association - £32. Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded Mr Price.
 - c. Travel tokens – Clerk authorised to apply for same number of tokens as last year and to raise cheque to purchase same.
- 9. Report from CSO Ken Cooney**
The Clerk gave details of the written report from CSO Ken Cooney. The biggest issues in the area in recent months have been a spate of armed robberies and an increase in theft of older motor vehicles, these then being used in crime and the vehicles then abandoned. Arrests have been made both regarding the armed robberies and the car related crime.
- 9. Date of next meeting**
Monday 18 May 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.21pm.