

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 11 August 2008, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies

Mr D Turner (County Councillor)

2. Declarations of interest

Members of Village Hall committee, Mrs J Willis, Mr B Price and Mr K Field .

3. Approval of previously circulated minutes

The minutes were approved and signed.

4a Additional item - Report from M40CEG – John Howell MP has written to Tom Harris MP

at the Department for Transport. Tom Harris is on parliamentary recess.

A re-working of the plan of works is required. There will apparently be some cost savings, which could go towards the cost of noise abatement. More meetings are proposed with Highways Agency and John Gardner, the site manager.

One of the points at issue is that not enough people live in Milton Common for costs of noise abatement to be justified, although estimates for costs for noise reduction prepared by M40CEG are dramatically lower than official estimates

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. Affordable Housing, Station Yard – The sub-committee had not met since the last Parish Council Meeting. A letter dated 11 August had been received from Adrian Duffield at SODC Planning and Building Control Services, reiterating his conclusion not to revoke the planning permission. A meeting of the sub-committee is to be held to consider this letter. No time line is known for proposed start of the development.

b.(i) and (ii) Pelican crossing and traffic island – Mr Price offered to speak to police about this matter.

c. Commemorative tree – we await further details re plaque, ceremony and watering arrangements.

d. Chestnut tree – Clerk to contact Judith Osborne, Arboricultural and Landscape Manager at Oxfordshire Highways to reiterate that chestnut tree is dead and should be felled.

e. Risk assessment – Mrs Willis was thanked for her written report. The various matters covered by the report were discussed and this item to be on agenda for September meeting to discuss progress and action needed.

5. Open discussion

Mrs Willis asked about emptying of rubbish bins in play area – apparently this is something for which we are responsible.

Speed display unit hire – to be on agenda for next meeting for consideration.

Oxford Partnership draft Sustainable Community Strategy for South Oxfordshire – consultation questionnaire needs to be returned by 22 September 2008. To be on agenda for September meeting.

We still have not received consultation document re flooding situation. Clerk to telephone Oxford Highways to determine a way forward.

Mr Price reported that telephone directories can be put in paper recycling boxes.

Mr Field said that rubbish is being put in hedge in Ickford Road. Clerk to draft letter to residents and article to be put in next newsletter.

Mrs Horne again mentioned the water constantly running down Sandy Lane. Clerk to contact Highways at SODC.

The patching of potholes has not been done well enough. The state of repairs at the Lantern Station was particularly bad.

Burning of rubbish within 50 feet of centre of highways can be reported to the police.
The roadside trees and bushes from Sandy Lane turning to the Belfry Hotel need attention.
Clerk to write to OCC Highways.
Mr Nowell-Smith said that 2 way timetables are needed in bus shelters.
There are potholes in lane to Albury church. Clerk to write to OCC Highways.

6. Planning matters

P08/W0792 – Chenar Oxford Road Tiddington – Raise existing ridge height and provide additional accommodation. Convert existing garage and new conservatory to the rear.
Approved.

7. Correspondence

Letter from Oxfordshire Highways, dated 21 July 2008, stating that flooding in Tiddington is in spite of maintenance of drains and is due to neglect of ditches. This matter is being assessed and the riparian owners should be advised of their responsibilities.

Grant request from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind. To be on agenda for September meeting.

8. Financial matters

a. Audit – nothing heard from auditors yet.

b. Donation to Village Hall Committee re last year's / this year's fete- £280. Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded Mrs Horne that this be paid and up to £300 for this year.

c. Mrs T Hughes – Three Village Car Hospital Service - £11.50. Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded Mrs Horne.

d. Media Lane:

Baby Changing unit	199.16
Site management	105.75
BT line/Broadband	<u>183.30</u>
	£ 488.21

Proposed by Mrs Horne, seconded by Mrs Knight.

e. Hedge cutting – Playing field and village hall - £35.00. Proposed by Mr Field, seconded by Mr Price.

f. Gift of wine for internal auditor - £36.18. Proposed by Mrs Horne, seconded by Mrs Willis.

g. Parchments of Oxford - August/September Newsletters - £276.66. Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded Mrs Horne.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 1 September at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.