

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 6 August 2012, 8.00pm at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (Chairman), Mrs Z Knight, Mrs C Draper, Mr B Price, Mr K Poyser (clerk) and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mr K Field, Mr S Harrod (District Councillor) and Mr D Turner (County Councillor).

2. **Declarations of interest:** Mrs C Draper re Albury Road.

3. **Approval of previously circulated minutes:**
The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

a. Footpath/pelican crossing in village – The copy of the original report by Oxfordshire County Highways comprised just one page, showing a plan of the proposed crossing. David Turner has been asked to make further enquiries. Clerk to ask police for feedback re speed check in village. To be on agenda for next meeting.

b. Progress re requests for repairs to potholes – Clerk explained that both he and the Chairman have spoken to Keith Stenning at Oxfordshire Highways. He says that his records indicate that Albury Road is designated a restricted highway, maintained to a standard suitable for pedestrians, horse riders and non-motorised traffic. Mrs Christine Craddock said that she is researching the matter and in particular is endeavouring to ascertain who owns the road. To be on agenda for next meeting.

c. Bus shelter in Milton Common – Steve Harrod had previously reported that the painting work should be 'done soon'. Clerk to chase progress. To be on agenda for next meeting.

d. Signage re speed limits in Milton Common – Clerk has spoken to Highways Engineer Anthony Kirkwood re possibility of imposing speed limit in Sandy Lane. Highways are not in a position to countenance necessary expenditure, which would be £3000 for a Traffic Regulation Order and £600 for signs. He wondered if David Turner might find funding from his locality budget. To be on agenda for next meeting.

e. Notification of unspent S106 Monies - £3750 for 'parish open space' – We need to submit a proposal to SODC to facilitate release of monies. Cate Teideman said she is seeking further information/quotations in order to formulate claim. To be on agenda for next meeting.

5. **Vacancy on Parish Council.**

Clerk to invite applicant, Mr John Savell of 8 North Close, Tiddington to attend next Parish Council meeting. To be on agenda for next meeting.

6. **Drainage works in village. Apparent slowness of project.**

Clerk still waiting for response from Oxfordshire Highways following Mike Robinson's letter of complaint re road surface levels and consequential pooling of surface water by railway bridge. To be on agenda for next meeting and chased up in meantime.

7. **Tiddington 4 Village Plan – Update.**

The T4VP committee is putting the finishing touches to a draft questionnaire for circulation and is referring back to OCC for approval. It is intended that questionnaire will be delivered to homes before end September and will be collected back. Forms will be anonymous and OCC will collate results. The form should take 15-20 minutes to complete. The work of the committee continues.

8. **Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations** – Clerk has received and banked £270 from sales of moneyboxes, representing 36 moneyboxes sold at £7.50 each.

9. Policing matters.

No representative was present. Clerk read report from Wheatley Neighbourhood Police Team. Mrs Horne said that she would contact Sgt Hookham re attending future meetings.

10. Open discussion.

Mrs Draper suggested that the Council have a look at the annual budget with a view to reviewing allocation of funds. Clerk said that review of budget figures would be on agenda for September meeting.

Mrs Knight said that MP John Howell will be visiting villages and will be in Tiddington on 1 October at 11.50am.

Mr Price asked about registration of playing field as open space. Clerk said that application had been submitted.

Clerk to seek advice from County Arboricultural Officer as to what variety(ies) of tree would be suitable for replanting where trees have been felled.

Overgrown hedges along London Road are owned by and responsibility of landowners.

Clerk to ask that Highways engineers make site visit to have a look at problem with encroachment on footpaths. Chairman to make local enquiries re ownership. Clerk to speak to Oxford Belfry.

11. Planning matters:

None.

12. Correspondence:

Letter requesting donation re prize-giving event from Wheatley Park School. To be on agenda for next meeting.

Circular received from National Lottery re Village SOS Funding.

13. Financial matters:

Robinsons Garden Care –	Mowing of Playing Field	252.00
	Mowing of Churchyard	<u>144.00</u>
		£ <u>296.00</u>

Proposed by Mrs Knight seconded by Mrs Draper.

DB Plant – road plantings - £120.00. Proposed by Mrs Knight seconded by Mr Price.

Cheque to be released when revised invoice bearing name of Council received.

MA Wise – hedging etc, playing field £45.00. Proposed Mrs Price seconded Mr Price.

Clerk's salary – April to July 2012 – net £548.21. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mrs Knight.

HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE £137.05. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mrs Knight.

Gift for internal auditor. Budget of £50 set at last meeting. Actual spend £45.93.

Proposed Mr Price seconded Mrs Knight.

Parchments of Oxford – printing of Newsletters £322.56. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mrs Draper.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 3 September 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.