

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 4 August 2014, 8.00pm at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (Chairman), Mrs C Draper, Mrs Z Knight, Mr J Savell, Mr S Harrod (District Councillor), Mr K Poyser (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. Apologies: Mr K Field and Mr B Price.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Approval of previously circulated minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 July 2014 were approved and signed with minor amendments.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

a. Drainage/flooding in village.

Clerk has contacted County Highways about these matters. Inspector from Thames Water has now said that water running down top of Sandy Lane is mains water. Clerk to contact Thames Water to see what is being done to remedy this situation.

Clerk to write formal letter to County Highways re potholes (to be signed by Chairman).

Clerk to write to County Highways to put them on notice that unless hedges at Milton Common are cut, then Parish Council will have hedges cut and charge Highways.

b. VAS costings – price for two solar signs is £12958.01 excluding VAT. The Clerk explained that costings given by Clerk to Lewknor Parish Council were wrong and that they had, in fact, incurred costs as quoted to Tiddington.

Any decision regarding signs to be deferred until fuller Parish Council present.

Clerk to make enquiries re monies raised by Alan Stratton for Pelican Crossing, to see if these could be released for VAS.

Clerk has requested break down of costings from County Highways so that further consideration can be given, but was told that no breakdown available because can only be supplied as a package to avoid involvement of third parties, which could invalidate warranties/ guarantees.

c. Salt bin for Albury View. Clerk has contacted Council with view to provision of new bin

d. Dog fouling.

Clerk has obtained additional dog fouling signs and has passed these to Brian Price.

Clerk has asked for costings for purchase of additional bins and has informed Council of possible locations.

e. Fields in Trust – Clerk has re-applied re playing fields.

Clerk to contact Rob Mckinney re Village Hall responsibilities re playing field, play area etc and charitable trust relationship to these matters.

5. Tiddington4Village Plan – No further progress. County are very pro cycle tracks, but over long time scale. Sustrans say there could be a cost of £250000. Cycle routes are a high priority at a national level. The Oxfordshire County Council Rights of Way draft management plan has as one of its strategic objectives ‘develop and increase cycling and walking for local journeys, recreation and health’. Mr Price and Mrs Craddock are still actively pursuing this item.

Mrs Knight said that the art and craft group will be starting again on 17 September

6. Policing matters –There continue to be problems with burglaries and theft from vehicles.

There is to be a ‘have your say’ meeting at the Cricket club on 13 August.

7. Open discussion:

Clerk has checked with insurers and confirmed that any work undertaken by Mr Field/Mr Price on play equipment is covered by insurance.

Mrs Craddock asked that County Highways be asked to put new ‘take your litter home’ signs in lay bys.

There are two boxwood trees in Albury which are very rare. Clerk to contact arboricultural officer re preservation orders.

Mr Harrod said that he does not yet know about responses to the ‘housing needs’ survey.

Mrs Draper said that there may be a new system coming in re S106 agreements. She has spoken to the customer services department at SODC.

Volunteers are needed for helping primary school children with reading.

Mr Savell is to make further enquiries re faster broadband from the County Council and BT.

Clerk to contact SODC re problems with bonfires.

Councillors to let Clerk have suggestions re management of web site.

8. Planning matters –None.

9. Correspondence – None other than arising under other headings.

10. Financial matters etc.

a. Annual Return and progress with audit– The auditors have signed off Annual Report without any qualifications. End of audit notice displayed on Tiddington notice board and copy to be provided for Milton Common.

The following were approved for payment:

Robinson's Garden Care – mowing churchyard	180.00
- playing field	<u>90.00</u>
	<u>270.00</u>
Media Lane International – broadband and CCTV	187.20
Site management	<u>108.00</u>
	<u>295.20</u>

SODC – emptying dog bins £37.68.

Parchments of Oxford – printing of Newsletters £282.24

BDO – audit fee £168.00.

Tiddington Village Hall – hire for art and crafts £40.00.

Notice board – quotation - Clerk has asked for quotation from Bates and Lambourne.

Gift for internal auditor – a budget of £60 was proposed by Mr Savell and seconded by Mrs Draper.

Provision of bark for play area – to be on agenda for next meeting

11. Date of next meeting 1st September.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.24pm.

