

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 5 December 2011, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (Chairman), Mr J Nowell-Smith, Mrs Z Knight, Mrs C Draper, Mr K Field, Mr B Price, Mr D Turner (County Councillor), Mr S Harrod (District Councillor), Mr K Poyser (clerk) and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** None.

2. **Declarations of interest:** Mrs Horne expressed an interest in the planning application re the Lantern Service Station.

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

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

a. Footpath/pelican crossing in village –

David Turner continues to pursue grant funding for the Pelican Crossing. He has applied for funding grant and is waiting for reply. Highways are apparently costing bids for grant monies. To be on the agenda for future meetings.

b. Progress re requests for repairs to potholes. Clerk is continuing to press for action on potholes at Albury and Milton Common. To be on agenda for next meeting

c. Subsidence on A418 – Area has been resurfaced but road markings not yet reinstated. Surplus surfacing material has been used on approach to cricket club. There was apparently a request that this be done. Situation to be monitored.

d. Bus shelter in Milton Common – Great Milton Parish Council has looked into the matter and is of the opinion that funds would not be prudently expended on this matter. Good clean up and repainting would improve shelter at modest cost. Work to be undertaken in spring.

e. Poor state of grounds at Cromwell Rise adjacent to Oxford Belfry/Lassco. Clerk has written formal letter to Q Hotels, but no response yet. Clerk has contact Lassco for their support. They are supportive, but try to 'rub along' with the Belfry. Manager at Lassco says that he will have a word with the hotel manager over the next few weeks. To be on agenda for next meeting.

f. Signage re speed limits in Milton Common – David Turner reported that speed checks had shown that 83% of vehicles using London Road were travelling at 40/50mph and 8 vehicles were doing more than 60mph To be on agenda for next meeting.

g. Notification of unspent S106 Monies - £3750 for 'parish open space'. Quotations being obtained for resurfacing of play area. Clerk had site appointment to meet representative from another possible provider on Monday 28 November at 3.00pm. No price yet received. To be on agenda for next meeting.

h. Funding for Oxfordshire Volunteer Run Youth Clubs. £296000 in grants available – Clerk has invited Paul Lawrence of OAYP attend a Parish Council meeting to outline the scheme but has received no reply to date. Clerk to continue to endeavour to make contact. To be on agenda for next meeting.

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

Mrs Horne gave an update. Jenny Leslau has joined committee with responsibility for roads. Committee is to have a stand at the Christmas Bazaar. The next committee meeting is on 19 December.

6. **Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations** – The village Hall committee has discussed the matter. A 'big lunch' is a possibility, with special provision for children. As a commemorative

item, a money box was considered to be an attractive idea. The possibility of planting an oak tree was also considered. To be on agenda for next meeting.

7. Policing matters.

There was no police representative present.

A copy of the police report was circulated by the Clerk. The Chairman reported that there had been a number of distraction burglaries in Milton Common. Milton Common policing now covered by Wheatley.

8. Open discussion:

Mrs Horne suggested that we purchase a supply of salt from Highways. Kenny from Tiddington Garage said that he may be able to stock the salt.

Mrs Horne asked if 'Horsewatch' signs could be shown on gating at approaches to village. The Councillors were not supportive of this.

Mrs Knight asked about checking of bank statements for any BACS receipts for advertising payments. Clerk said that he was now to receive bank statements on a monthly basis.

David Turner reported that engineer Tony Kirkwood from Highways is coming to Milton Common on Wednesday/Thursday looking at the locations of speed signs, roundels to be put down on roads and repeater signs.

Kenny from Tiddington Garage said that he had a Highways engineer to look at the state of the surfacing of the lay by in front of his business and the Fox. He does intend to reopen the shop when time and circumstances permit.

Steve Harrod reported on matters relating to the District Council:

Police advice about tackling scams

Thames Valley Police have received an increase in concerns from residents in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse about scams and hoax email messages.

A lot of the emails received are urban myths. Before forwarding any emails about scams, please check on the following sites to find out if the scam is true or false.

The Localism Act

The Localism bill received Royal Assent on 15 November and passed into law, becoming the Localism Act. It introduces a number of new rights and powers affecting local government and planning, including many intended to give local people more control over

Become a Special Constable

Thames Valley Police are currently recruiting Special Constables and would like to invite applications from people who would like to support their local community in South and Vale.

SODC Core Strategy

The Government appointed Planning Inspector, who has been examining the council's proposed Core Strategy, has produced some draft conclusions following the hearings held at the beginning of November. These are not his final conclusions. Those will be contained in a report that is not expected until next spring. Nonetheless, these draft conclusions provide a strong indication of the Inspector's likely findings on some key areas.

Neighbourhood Planning Area Publication – Thame and Woodcote

As part of the neighbourhood planning process, the district council is tasked with publicising proposals for neighbourhood plan areas. Following the award of 'front runner status' for the neighbourhood planning process for Thame Town Council and Woodcote Parish Council respectively, we are formally publicising the proposed neighbourhood plan areas, which these councils wish to do their neighbourhood plans. This information can be viewed by visiting www.southoxon.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans.

Budget consultation

The council is currently consulting on priorities for its 2012/13 budget. As well as asking residents and businesses about their priorities for next year's budget, the survey also includes questions about keeping the district clean and how best to distribute grants and business rate relief.

Council Tax Reduction

SODC will be reducing council tax by 2.5% in 2012.

9. Planning matters:

P11/W1423 – 42 Ickford Road Tiddington – Proposal to remove existing utility room. Extensions to chalet bungalow to provide for new utility room, WC, store, dayroom with basement under, extended bedroom 2 and new bedroom 4. New entrance porch. Planning consent granted

P11/W1312 – Rosewood Ickford Road Tiddington – Demolition and replacement of existing barn (planning granted for use ancillary to house P09/W0394) now to be used as living accommodation (not a separate dwelling in accordance with H13(iv). No news at date of meeting

P11/W1796 Lantern Service Station – Change of use from a service station to a workshop and vehicle sales. Refused – would impede visibility display at junction. Vehicles belonging to persons viewing vehicles could be danger to traffic.

Gillian Ghosh from SODC has visited Tiddington independently re possible addition of a public footpath in Tiddington.

10. Correspondence:

None.

11. Financial matters:

Approval of Budget for 2012-13. The budget was presented by the Clerk and discussed at length. Approval was proposed by Mrs Knight and seconded by Mr Field. The precept form was duly signed by the Chairman.

Robinsons Garden Care -	Mowing playing field	Aug	84.00
		Sept	84.00
	Mowing churchyard	Aug	72.00
		Sept	<u>72.00</u>
			<u>£312.00</u>

Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Field.

Membership of SLCC - £61.00 – Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Field.

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 9 January 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22pm.