

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 5 January 2009, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (in the chair), Mrs Z Knight, Mrs J Willis, Mr B Price, Mr K Field, Mr D Turner (County Councillor), Mr K Poyser (clerk) and two members of the public.

1. Apologies

Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor) (arrived later)

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 – The Clerk stated that he received a telephone call from Sally Ann Worsley at SODC, saying that she had sent an email asking for the Parish Council's proposals for the street name for the development. The email had not arrived, but the matter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to pass on suggested names of Station Yard and Station Approach.

Regarding the cost of removing contaminated spoil from site – David Turner said that he had learned from Rod Aitken of OCC that the Housing Association's estimate was £300000, whereas OCC's estimate was £100000. If actual cost more than £100000, Housing Association responsible for amount in excess; if actual cost more than £100000, then OCC will get excess refunded. David agreed to ascertain actual costs for next meeting.

b. Pelican crossing and traffic island – Nothing new to report since last Parish Council meeting.

c. Drainage/ditching - A start has been made. Richard Ilbury has done some trimming.

d. The sign in Ickford Road re bridge restriction – David Turner has spoken to Peter Ronald of OCC Highways re the siting of the sign and he will look into this.

e. A329 closure – Steve Phillips of SODC says that the proposed bridge works will not start until summer/autumn 2009. Further investigation work has revealed that deterioration is not as far advanced as had been originally thought and the reduction in constraints due to services allows a reduction in the scope of work to be undertaken, resulting in considerably less impact for the travelling public and a shorter duration of work overall.

f. Sandy Lane – Adrian Purnell has written to Drayton Highways. Clerk to contact Mike Dickerson of Highways and to make mention of bad state of drainage at Draycot corner.

5. Open discussion

Mrs Knight reminded the meeting that the Newsletter deadline is 20 January.

Mrs Willis asked if the public is allowed to use the salt deposited in Sandy Lane. She was informed that this should only be spread by a Council employee.

Mr Price asked that the Clerk pursue the felling of the chestnut tree opposite the entrance to the Village Hall.

John Horne raised the matter of confusing road speed signs on the A329. David Turner said he would speak to Peter Ronald of Highways and report back. Mrs Horne said she would be willing to meet Mr Ronald to discuss the matter on site.

Mr Turner reported that schooling for 4 year olds to be started with the academic year in which they reach the age of five.

The Government has made £1.4m available to upgrade Thame/Wallington fire station.

6. Planning matters

P08/W1243 – Treetops, Ickford Road, Tiddington OX9 2LR. Front extension and erection of side conservatory. Conversion of garage to living accommodation (as amended by dwng no 8/02 rev D accompanying email from applicant dated 17.12.08). No particular objection, but concerned that off-road parking is provided and that boundary is not compromised.

P08/W1301/LB – Sandy Lane Farmhouse, Sandy Lane, Tiddington OX9 2LA. Link extension. Relocation of the kitchen and utility room. Modification to the WC partition. Alterations at first floor level including the dressing room floor, creation of a shower room and relocating the bathroom. Removal of c.20th partitions. Repairs to stone flagged floors. New concrete floor above the former cellar. New gable window and conservation roof lights. Removal of c.20th windows. Associated repairs. Approved.

P08/W1288 – Sandy Lane Farmhouse, Sandy Lane, Tiddington OX9 2LA. Link extension and associated external alterations and parking. Refuse on grounds of unsuitable and potentially dangerous access.

7. Correspondence

Lantern Garage – We need to see the planning application to understand what is being done. A reply to the email on the subject is required.

Janet Willis had written to John Nowell-Smith, tendering her resignation from the Parish Council with effect from 31 March. Mrs Willis' resignation was accepted with regret and she was thanked for her efforts and contribution during her period in office. The position to be advertised in the next Newsletter.

8. Financial matters

a. The Clerk presented the updated budget, following the presentation of the draft at the December meeting. This was discussed at length and the Clerk was instructed to apply for a precept based thereon of £10500. Proposed by John Nowell-Smith and seconded by Janet Willis.

b. Membership of OALC £125.85. – Proposed by Janet Willis and seconded by Brian Price.

c. Renewal of membership of Society of Local Council Clerks £61.00. (Approval in December in excess of amount required). Proposed by John Nowell-Smith and seconded by Ken Field.

d. Media Lane International £433.39 - refrigerator and fridge for Village Hall. Proposed by John Nowell-Smith and seconded by Zena Knight.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 2 February 2009 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.