

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 10 January 2011, 8.00pm at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies None

2. Declarations of interest: Mrs Horne declared an interest 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 – As previously minuted, work has started on marking out of footpath, but no further progress at present.

Clerk has written to SODC asking that provision be made for monies to be allocated to pelican crossing for village from S106 agreement re development for which planning consent granted at Oxford Belfry Hotel. To be on agenda for next meeting.

b. Lantern Service Station – Mrs Horne understands from Tim Small, that enforcement order has been issued. To be on agenda for next meeting.

c. Trees –Mike Robinson has sent pro-forma invoice for cost of works to be done on trees in Tiddington and Milton Common. Clerk to ask him to proceed with work.

d. Bus shelters in Tiddington and Milton Common – Mr Field has done some work on Tiddington shelter. Ivy to be removed once it has died back.

Clerk has contacted Oxfordshire County Council to ask if details are available re supplier of shelter in Milton Common.

To be on agenda for next meeting.

5. Open discussion

Mrs Horne asked whether there was any progress re damaged manholes. Clerk reported that he had spoken to Highways, who agreed that attention was needed to manhole covers in Sandy Lane and Albury View. Clerk to make further contact.

Clerk asked some months ago that gating at approaches to Tiddington and Milton Common be repainted, but nothing yet done. Clerk to repeat request.

Mrs Horne asked about situation re potholes. Clerk said that he had repeatedly requested that these be attended to and would keep on doing so.

Mrs Knight said that she had received request that advertising fliers be distributed with Newsletters. It was agreed that this service be offered at a charge of £30. Proposed Mrs Horne seconded Mrs Draper.

Copy date for the next Newsletter is 20 January.

The matter of the provision of bus tokens to be on agenda for next meeting.

Mrs Knight referred to the risk schedule document which had been circulated by the Clerk and asked if we need to review arrangements with contractors annually. Agreed that this should be so. Annual risk review to be on agenda for next meeting.

Clerk agreed to get minutes out to Councillors sooner.

Mrs Draper asked about document regarding group oil – buying scheme. Mrs Draper and Mrs Horne to liaise re Milton Common scheme. To be on agenda for next meeting.

Mr Price raised the matter of subsidence in the road surface on the A418 near the turning to Albury View. Clerk to write to Oxfordshire Highways.

Mr Field reported that there had been a major disturbance in Albury View before Christmas involving the police once again. It is understood that arrests were made. Clerk to contact Thame Police and Housing Association.

Dustbin collections sporadic during difficult weather conditions. Useful information to be found on both Council and contractors' websites.

Mr Stratton asked if it would be possible to contact villagers by e-mail regarding relevant or important matters. This could be a matter for the Newsletter or the village website.

Mr Stratton said that there was approx. £2500 raised as a result of his participation in the London Marathon which has been set aside towards Pelican Crossing. Clerk agreed to forward to Mr Stratton copy of his letter to SODC regarding possible allocation of monies from S106 agreement re the development for which planning consent granted at the Oxford Belfry Hotel.

Mr Stratton talked about proposed street part on the day of the royal wedding. Budget could be £400-500 for entertainment and £300 or so for commemorative mugs. To be on agenda for next meeting.

Mr Turner said that Oxfordshire County Council is asking local communities to come up with innovative ideas to run their local libraries as it proposes to cease funding 20 of the 43 facilities that currently operate in the county, with possible further changes to service levels in future years.

Following the Government's Spending Review and cuts in funding to local authorities, Oxfordshire County Council currently calculates that it will have to save around £155m up to 2015. These savings will need to be made across all of its services and the library service is one of the areas that will have to contribute to making that saving. The council is already on target to make £35m of savings in 2010/11 with a pay freeze and driving down the costs of contracts with suppliers contributing to this.

Mr Turner said that Thame and Wheatley libraries are not under threat.

Oxfordshire County Council is putting forward proposals for changes to services for young people ahead of having to make anticipated savings of £155m up to 2015 and is inviting local communities to come up with alternative provision as part of the Government's Big Society agenda.

The proposals being put forward could yet change. All councils will learn far more detail about their finances on Local Government Settlement Day in the first part of December. The county council does not finally set its budget until February 2011. No final decisions will be taken until then.

The county council is already on course to make £35m of the estimated £155m savings up to 2015 in the current 2010/11 financial year. The council's pay freeze and driving down the costs of contract with suppliers over a large range of services are helping deliver those £35m savings.

The changes proposed would involve re-shaping current services to create a brand new innovative early intervention service, designed to provide real focus on those children, young people and their families in most need in the county.

It will be tasked with dealing with issues such as absence and exclusion from school, young people not in employment, education and training (NEETs), teenage pregnancy, substance misuse and anti-social or offending behaviour.

The service would work from a base of seven hubs across the county working closely with children's centres, our partners and providing further outreach services.

Oxfordshire County Council is hoping that local solutions can be found, over coming weeks, to fund and sustain current centres in Eynsham, Wheatley, Wantage, Chiltern Edge and Thame on school sites and at Wolvercote, Saxon Centre (Headington), Cutteslowe, Carterton, Bampton, Standlake, Chipping Norton, Burford, Faringdon, Wallingford, Henley, Cholsey, Chalgrove, Chinnor and Watlington.

The county council will make final decisions when a budget is set in February 2011.

6. Planning matters

None.

7. Correspondence

Royal British Legion suggesting 'Poppy Party'. Not thought appropriate. Clerk to pass on to Pam Byrne.

Letter from Parish Clerk at Buckland Parish Council regarding proposed development by Arla Dairy Foods at Aston Clinton/Buckland. Clerk to ask to be kept informed.

8. Financial matters

Oxfordshire Business Education Alliance – request for donation. £30.00. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mrs Horne.
SLCC membership £61.00. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mr Field.
Robinsons Garden Care for attention to trees in Tiddington and Milton Common. Already agreed to accept quote and Clerk to ask that work be set in hand.
SLCC Conference 16 February £40.00. To be on agenda for next meeting.
Internet banking - To be on agenda for next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 7 February 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.