

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 9 January 2012, 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 three members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** None.

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

3. **Approval of previously circulated minutes:**
The minutes were approved and signed with one small amendment.

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. David has not yet a response re the location of original plans and costings 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. Bus shelter in Milton Common – Clean-up work to be undertaken as part of Litter Blitz. Painting etc to be scheduled for spring when weather more suitable.

d. Poor state of grounds at Cromwell Rise adjacent to Oxford Belfry/Lassco. Clerk has written formal letter to Q Hotels, but still no response yet. Andrew, the 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.

e. Signage re speed limits in Milton Common – Mrs Horne reported that she had met with Highways Engineer, Anthony Kirkwood. Speed limit roundels are not to be installed due to cost involved. The speed limit in Sandy Lane possibly to be reduced to protect vulnerable users.

f. Notification of unspent S106 Monies - £3750 for 'parish open space'. Quotations being obtained for resurfacing of play area. Clerk has not yet received further quote. To be on agenda for next meeting.

g. 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. Still 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. There is to be a public event – 'Village Voice' on 21 January. The work of the committee continues.

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. This is likely to take place on Sunday 3 June. The matter of a commemorative item is still under consideration. The possibility of planting an oak tree was also considered. To be on agenda for next meeting. Mrs Horne expressed regret that Alan Stratton was not successful in application to be an Olympic torch-bearer.

7. Policing matters.

There was no police representative present.
A copy of the police report was circulated by the Clerk.

8. Open discussion:

Mr Nowell-Smith asked if a Litter Blitz could be organised. A date of 10 March, 10.30am at the Village Hall was agreed. The Milton Common bus shelter to be tackled at the same time.

Mrs Knight reminded councillors that copy date for the Newsletter is 20 January.

Mr Price expressed regret that tarmac had been removed from the approach to the cricket club from Albury Road. Clerk was asked to contact County Highways to see if hard surface could be reinstated.

Mr Field said that there were still potholes which had not been attended to. Clerk to continue to pursue.

The Clerk reported that he had reported to County Highways that there was a tree down at the rear of Brookside Close.

Steve Harrod reported on matters relating to the District Council:

GLL Sports Foundation Funding for talented athletes:

There is good news for all the talented athletes situated within South Oxfordshire, as leisure management contractor, GLL, has launched its 2012 GLL Sports Foundation Funding scheme. Talented athletes can apply for up to £1,500 towards training, equipment and travel, as well as free access to the 78 GLL sports facilities across the country. The scheme is open for applications until 20 February 2012.

The Legal Ombudsman is an independent organisation with official powers to resolve complaints about legal services. We can help where an issue has not been resolved between an individual and their lawyer. Our office in central Birmingham opened in October 2010 and now provides a service across England and Wales.

Residents satisfied in South Oxfordshire:

Ninety five per cent of residents in South Oxfordshire are satisfied with living in the area according to a new survey carried out by the district council. The survey indicated that the majority of people actively enjoyed living in their local area.

Over three quarters of residents surveyed also agreed that the quality of services provided by the council is good overall and has improved in recent years. The responses to the survey indicated that residents consider waste and recycling to be the most important service provided by the district council. This is also the area which has achieved the highest level of resident satisfaction in South Oxfordshire.

Satisfaction with the way the council runs things in South Oxfordshire is at seventy-three per cent which is one per cent higher than the national average. Despite not increasing council tax and the significant savings achieved through joint working with Vale of White Horse District Council, the number of people who feel the council provides good value for money has dropped slightly, something the council hopes to improve in the next couple of years, especially with the imminent reduction in council tax.

David Turner reported that the County Council had approved a plan for library services which would see 22 libraries remain fully staffed, 16 manned by paid and volunteer staff and 5 by a mix of 2/3 council workers, 1/3 volunteers. This change will happen over the next three years.

Public Transport issues will be the subject of a meeting at County Hall on 24 January.

Rogue traders are operating in our area and there is a need to be vigilant, particularly in relation to vulnerable residents and to report suspicious goings on to the police.

9. Planning matters:

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)). Planning permission refused.

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. Planning permission granted.

P11/W1939 – The Three Pigeons London Road Milton Common – Demolition of existing rear part of main building. Extensions to existing main building to provide improved accommodation and function room and letting room accommodation (as an amendment to approved scheme P00/N0218); erection of outbuilding, retention of existing lawful buildings,

ancillary works including car park, fencing and landscaping. Proposed change of use of public highway to ancillary use as part of the use of the wider site for sale of architectural antiques etc., function room and guest accommodation and siting of proposed building extension on part of the public highway to be stopped-up. Approved.
P11/W1871 – 26 Ickford Road Tiddington – Demolition of existing conservatory and single storey rear extension. Erection of single storey rear extension and raised patio. Approved

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

10. Correspondence:

Oxfordshire County Council – Application for a definitive map modification order – to add a public footpath in Tiddington. Clerk to point out to District Council that the terminology should be restoring rather than adding a footpath.

11. Financial matters:

Purchase of salt. It was decided, after some discussion, that the Council would not purchase any salt.

Clerk's salary Nov/Dec 2011 – net £271.72. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mr Field.

PAYE on Clerk's salary £67.68. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mr Field.

Parchments of Oxford – Dec/Jan Newsletters £358.40. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Nowell-Smith.

Robinsons Garden Care – mowing of playing field and churchyard October £156.00. Proposed Mrs Draper seconded Mr Nowell-Smith.

MK Adams – staining and painting in play area £176.96. Proposed Mr Field seconded Mr Price.

Mrs F Hughes – Hospital transport £8.00. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Price.

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 6 February 2012.

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