

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 6 July 2009, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor), Mrs E Horne, Mrs Z Knight, Mr K Field, Mr B Price, Mr K Poyser (clerk) and five members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mr D Turner (County Councillor).

2. **Declarations of interest:** None.

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

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

a. Affordable Housing, Station Yard – There is no footpath from the development into the village and no safe crossing point of the A418. The section 106 agreement does not satisfactorily address this matter. To be on agenda for further discussion at next meeting

b. Vacancy on Parish Council – Of the two original interested parties, one has effectively withdrawn. The other, Mrs Cherry Draper was proposed for co-option by Mr Nowell-Smith and seconded by Mr Field.

c. Drainage/ditching – The work on the A418 is to start on 20 July and is scheduled to take two weeks according to signs, although correspondence mentions up to four weeks. Progress to be monitored.

d. The sign in Ickford Road re bridge restriction – The work has been done.

e. Sandy Lane / Draycot corner – Nothing seems to be progressing at present. Clerk to continue to pursue matter with Tim Wilde from Oxfordshire Highways.

5. **Open discussion**

Item 7 on the agenda was taken at this point:

A discussion ensued regarding the assault on a resident. The protagonist occupies a housing association property in the village with his family. A catalogue of misdemeanours was discussed, involving assaults, verbal and physical threats and abuse and intimidation by members of the family. People in the village are in some cases terrified to come forward either to voice their concerns or to support any demand for action for fear of retribution. The police have been involved regarding a number of incidents.

This situation has obtained for many years now and the mood of the meeting was that the time has come for some firm action to be taken

The Parish Council agreed to send a reasoned but strong letter of complaint to the housing association (L & Q Direct) asking for immediate action. The housing association to be asked for a meeting to discuss the matter. A copy of the letter to be sent to our Member of Parliament.

The clerk reported that he had received a number of letters on the matter (more received daily), which were produced for information, and all expressed grave concerns with requests for support and action from the Parish Council.

To be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting. Progress/action to be reviewed.

Mrs Horne asked who is responsible for maintenance of gating at the approach/exit of villages. Clerk to make contact with Oxfordshire Highways.

The bush shelter at Milton Common needs attention. Ken Field to inspect and report back.

The matter of the pelican crossing was raised. There is the possibility of grant money through OALC. These monies would have to be matched. Clerk to write to MP John Howell.

Mrs Knight reminded the meeting that the deadline for copy for the Newsletter is 20 July.

The trees are being damaged in the upper narrow section of Albury View and the bridle path is very overgrown. Thought to be County Council responsibility. Clerk to pursue matter.

Refuse trucks are having to park up on A418 to collect refuse, which is very hazardous. David Dodds at SODC is person to contact

6. Planning matters

P09/W0406 – 2 North Close, Tiddington – Extension to an existing loft conversion to enlarge master bedroom. Approved

P09/W055 – 6 & 7 The Camp Industrial Estate, Milton Common – Conversion of existing light industrial unit (unit 7) to office, rest room and toilets to allow extension of workshop to unit 6 for joinery business. Extension of roof over existing yard area of unit 6. Approved

Mrs Horne reported that the Enforcement Officer had been to Lantern Service Station and had served an order requiring the site to be cleared of vehicles and for concrete posts to be removed which are blocking access to forecourt area.

7. Correspondence

See open discussion (5 on agenda).

8. Financial matters

a. Robinsons Garden Care – mowing playing field	161.00
- mowing church yard	<u>138.00</u>
	<u>299.00</u>

Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded Mrs Horne.

b. Balancing payment to Mobbs of £1000 to be made. Clerk explained that when original cheque written, Mobbs' bankers had wrongly amended paying-in details, thereby causing short payment

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 3 August 2009 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.