

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 2 June 2008, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor), Mr K Field, Mrs E Horne, Mrs Z Knight, Mr B Price, Mrs J Willis, Mr K Poyser (clerk) and two 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 – John Nowell-Smith reported that he had received a reply to his email to SODC. There is not at this stage any right of appeal. The two options open are Judicial Review, with high cost implications, or revocation of the planning consent. The latter is the preferred route. SODC considers that it has followed and applied the planning regulations. Brian Price considered that the main issue is that planning permission is only applicable on an exception site if a local need exists.

A small sub-committee to be formed to consider further steps. This to consist of John Nowell-Smith, Elaine Horne and Brian Price. Zena Knight to attend with her knowledge of history of the matter. The sub-committee to have authority to act without reference back to the main Committee if appropriate.

b.(i) Pelican crossing – There has been no further progress in this matter. Mr Turner has emailed Boris Johnson. There appears to be a stand-off between the County Council and the Ministry of Transport over interpretation of policy. Chairman to have a word with David Turner re progress, if any.

(ii) Traffic island – The County Council has informed David Turner that this conforms to statutory requirements. Because it has been damaged by traffic on a number of occasions, further expenditure thereon is not deemed appropriate.

c. Commemorative tree – Clerk to contact OCC re watering arrangements, commemorative ceremony and an appropriate plaque.

d. Chestnut tree – The County Council has stated that the state of the tree is being monitored. Clerk to contact County Council to state that the tree is dying, is a potential hazard and should be felled.

e. Closure of A329/M40 bridge – This matter was again discussed at some length. Work has started and noise abatement matters still being pursued by M40 CEG. Progress with this matter to be reviewed at next Parish Council meeting.

f. Concessionary fares – Clerk to place order with National Transport Tokens for 70 x £13 tokens of £1 denomination.

g. Bonfires – No particular guidance re times at which bonfires can be lit on website. There is a general duty of care and good neighbourliness.

5. Open discussion

None from members of public.

Elaine Horne reported on the matter of running water on Sandy Lane Hill. David Turner said that he would pursue this matter with Highways Department of OCC and report back.

Janet Willis enquired re flashing speed sign in Tiddington. Clerk to write to Police to enquire as to present situation.

John Nowell-Smith raised the matter of speeding in Ickford Road. Clerk to write to County Council and ask that they contact Thames Valley Police Speed Enforcement.
Brian Price asked that Clerk contact SODC/OCC re grass-cutting, which has been very badly done in Tiddington and not at all in Milton Common.

Clerk's matters:

Clerk to chase up situation re removal of portacabin at Sandy Lane Veterinary Surgery
Gift for internal auditor – Ken Field to ask him what his preference would be.

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting for August 2007 had intimated the possibility of a donation of £300 to the Village Hall Committee to fund the evening entertainment following the village fete. This has never been followed up. Enquiries to be made and to be on agenda for next meeting.

Beebnet internet provision to cease 30 June 2008. Clerk gave details of new arrangement and email address (twaparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

6. Planning matters

a. P08/W0185 – 50 London Road, Milton Common – rear conservatory. No particular objection, but would ask that neighbours' comments be taken into account.

b. P08/W0352 – Albury Farm, Draycot – extensions and alterations. Granted.

c. The Bungalow, Old London Road – Work on property being done without planning application – Clerk to contact SODC to raise matter.

7. Correspondence

Street lighting – with particular reference to proposed development at Station Yard, Tiddington – in view of ongoing review of planning situation, Clerk to reply to correspondence to intimate that consideration of this matter is considered premature.

8. Financial matters

a. Payment of £45 to Malcolm Wise for hedge trimming was proposed by Mrs Knight and seconded by Mrs Willis.

b. Payment of £50 to Meadowcroft was proposed by Mrs Knight and seconded by Mrs Willis. (This to replace original cheque for £50 which has never been presented for payment.)

c. Payment of £20 for membership of ORCC proposed by Mrs Knight and seconded by Mr Field.

d. Payment of £52.88 to Robinsons Garden Care for painting entrance to Village Hall proposed by Mrs Horne and seconded by Mrs Knight.

e. The Clerk presented, in detail, the receipts and payments account for year ended 31 March 2008.

The Clerk also presented the completed Annual Return and Compliance Statement, together with the signed off Internal Audit Report. Approval of the receipts and payments account and the Annual Return and Compliance Statement were proposed by Mr Price and seconded by Mr Field. The accounts, Annual Return and Compliance Statement were duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Officer.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 7 July at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.