

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 11 June 2012, at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (Chairman), Mrs Z Knight, Mr K Field, Mr B Price, Mr S Harrod (District Councillor), Mr K Poyser (clerk) and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs C Draper, and Mr D Turner (County Councillor).

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

3. **Approval of previously circulated minutes:**
The minutes were approved and signed with minor amendments.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

a. Footpath/pelican crossing in village –The copy of the original report by Oxfordshire County Highways comprised just one page, showing a plan of the proposed crossing. David Turner to be asked to make further enquiries. To be on agenda for next meeting.

b. Progress re requests for repairs to potholes – Nothing further to report. Clerk to continue to pursue. Christine Craddock has correspondence regarding maintenance work previously carried out by OCC in Albury Lane. Mrs Draper said that she had been informed that Albury Lane was not the responsibility of Oxfordshire Highways. Clerk to be provided with copy of the correspondence. To be on agenda for next meeting.

c. Bus shelter in Milton Common –We have still not yet had an account for work done, but it is understood that this could amount to £100 or so, which seems costly. Steve Harrod reported that the painting work should be done soon. To be on agenda for next meeting.

d. Poor state of grounds at Cromwell Rise adjacent to Oxford Belfry/Lassco – Andrew, the Manager at Lassco says that he will have a word with the hotel manager over the next few weeks and Clerk will liaise with him. Clerk has spoken to him again, but no progress yet.

e. Signage re speed limits in Milton Common – Clerk to pursue Highways Engineer Anthony Kirkwood to ascertain whether there is any progress re Sandy Lane speed limit. To be on agenda for next meeting.

f. Notification of unspent S106 Monies - £3750 for 'parish open space' – Clerk waiting to hear further from SODC. To be on agenda for next meeting.

g. Fields in Trust – Clerk has sent off application forms to register Playing Field and is waiting for confirmation.

h. Availability of capital grant monies from SODC –Nothing further to report at present. Neither Cate Teideman nor Alan Stratton at meeting. To be on agenda for next meeting.

5. **Vacancy on Parish Council. Letter of resignation from John Nowell-Smith.**
John's letter of resignation was read. Councillors expressed their gratitude to John for his years of service and the Clerk was asked to write to John. To be on agenda for next meeting.

6. **Drainage works in village. Apparent slowness of project.**
Clerk waiting for response from Oxfordshire Highways following Mike Robinson's letter of complaint re road surface levels and consequential pooling of surface water by railway bridge. To be on agenda for next meeting.

7. **Tiddington 4 Village Plan – Update.**
There are only three dog bins in Tiddington/Milton Common. Is this really sufficient? Should they be resited? The playing field is real problem with dog fouling. Clerk to make enquiries with SODC re possibility of putting up notice to deter such behaviour. To be an item in next Newsletter regarding this matter.
The T4VP committee is preparing a draft questionnaire for circulation.

The work of the committee continues.

- 8. Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations** – The celebratory lunch was a great success, in spite of the poor weather on the day. Clerk to write to Alan Stratton thanking him for organisation of the event. Rob McKinney has monies from money box sales.
- 9. Policing matters.**
No representative was present. Mrs Horne said that she had received information from Joan Wood re Direct Response, who appear to be targeting vulnerable people regarding alarm systems. Believed to be under investigation by Trading Standards.
- 10. Open discussion.**
Mrs Horne raised the matter of the felling of the chestnut tree which had been felled on the A418. Apparently the County arboricultural officer had at first declared the tree safe, but had revised his opinion when he re-examined the tree after some branches had been trimmed and declared the tree unsafe due to canker and rot and that it should be felled immediately. The tree was originally planted to commemorate George VI's coronation. Clerk to enquire about replanting of this and other recently felled trees. Also to enquire about protection of trees via TPOs.
Steve Harrod said that the District Council is looking for two volunteers to serve on the Police and Crime Panel which will scrutinise the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner over a four year term.
The District Council is drafting a Flood Risk Management Strategy and is conducting a consultation seeking the views of residents, businesses and local groups.
Views are being sought re taxi services in the district.
A charity 'Battle of the Bands' event is planned to raise awareness of and support young people with mental health issues.
A second round of funding for Community Investment Fund Grants will open on 6 August and close on 26 October. Applications are invited for grants of up to £15000.
- 11. Planning matters:**
P11/W2052 – Tudor Cottage Thame Road Tiddington – Construction of 3 bay garage with storage and home office in the garden. Minor amendments to application. Planning permission granted by SODC.
Rosewood Ickford Road Tiddington – Erection of barn for ancillary use (Extension of time to P09/W0294) – granted by SODC prior to expiration of period for notification of comments. Clerk to write to SODC to seek clarification/explanation.
- 12. Correspondence:**
Nothing other than matters dealt with under other agenda headings.
- 13. Financial matters:**
Accounts and Annual Return. These were presented by the Clerk, discussed and approved for signature by the Chairman. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Field.
Suffolk ACRE Services – insurance £366.35. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mrs Knight.
Parchments of Oxford – printing of Newsletters £347.20. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Field.
OALC subscription £133.07. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mrs Knight.
Media Lane International – Presentation boxes for Jubilee moneyboxes 68.64
Broadband CCTV etc village hall 187.20
255.84
Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Field.
Expense claim R Richardson re T4VP £48.00. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Field
- 14. Date of next meeting**
Monday 2 July 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.