

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 14 May 2008, 8.30pm – 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, Mr D Turner (County Councillor), Mrs J Willis, Mr K Poyser (clerk) and five members of the public.

1. Apologies

None

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 – Chairman John Nowell-Smith has emailed David Buckle at SODC stating that at the Planning Committee meeting on 12th March, planning was approved despite objections by Tiddington Parish Council and that at a meeting of Tiddington Parish Council on 14th April, deep anger and resentment had been expressed at the decision and that Mr Nowell-Smith, as Chairman, had been asked to institute appeal proceedings. The avenue of appeal did not appear to be open to the Parish Council as objectors, although that is still being investigated - there might, for example, be procedural grounds. It is, however, open to the Parish Council to request Revocation and it is their present intention to do so. The principal grounds for such a request would be breach of exception site policy H10 in that it has not been demonstrated the houses would meet a particular local need. This is clarified in para 5.48 as meaning "within a particular village". Such Housing Needs Survey as was carried out did not identify such a need.

In addition:

1). The minutes do not indicate that the Highways Authorities' objections were properly taken into account.

2). No account was taken of neighbour objections.

3). Para 5.52 of ~H10 states that the case for releasing additional land for affordable housing will be essentially a matter for local judgment and that the essentially local nature of any such decision will be borne in mind. Tiddington having objected to the use of this site as an exception site for affordable housing, this criteria has not been met.

A more detailed case for revocation is to be submitted shortly but this letter should be taken as notice of the intention of the Parish to apply for revocation so that the developer can be warned appropriately and no further costs incurred.

It was agreed that, as a Council, the Council needs to see a response to the Chairman's letter.

b. Pelican crossing – Mr Turner is to write to the Minister direct to elicit a response to earlier correspondence. It was felt that the Council needed to see the paper trail in this matter between the County Council and the Ministry.

c. Commemorative tree – It would appear that this was planted without any reference to the Parish Council or the village in general. The matter of watering the tree was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would write to OCC to enquire about watering arrangements.

d. Chestnut tree – it was agreed that the County Council would be contacted regarding the state of the tree.

e. Closure of A329/M40 bridge – This matter was discussed at some length. M40 CEG had presented a report which showed 70-75 decibels in Milton Common gardens, needing ear defenders, and discrepancies in the costings provided by the Highways Agency. Tom Harris, Minister has called for a review of costings as noise management could be incorporated with bridge closure, thus reducing costs. Mr Nowell-Smith and Mr Turner have asked for SODC and OCC to fund the consultation with Charles Parker, a Euro consultant. They are hopeful they will share the costs

5. **Open discussion**

Concessionary fares – Following discussion of this matter, John Nowell-Smith proposed that we purchase 70 tokens from OCC for over 70's and disabled users. This was seconded by Mr Field and carried unanimously.

Rubbish and recycling – Clerk to check website for rules regarding lighting of bonfires.

6. **Planning matters**

a. P08/W0455 – Treetops, 8 Ickford Road, Tiddington. Extension to front of property conversion of garage to office and erection of side conservatory. Decision: refused. Constitutes overdevelopment and is un-neighbourly.

b. P08/W0513 – 56 London Road, Milton Common. Construction of 2 storey side extension, single storey front extension and front porch canopy. Approved.

c. P08/W0431/LB – Albury Grange, Albury. Single storey rear extension. Approved.

d. P08/W0429 – Albury Grange, Albury. Single storey rear extension. Approved.

7. **Correspondence**

a. Oxford Playing Fields Association re seminar and roadshows - Seminar on 14 May at Steeple Ashton. Four roadshows to take place during June.

b. OCC Mobile Library Service – New timetable to come into effect from 2 June 2008. To be in Tiddington on Wednesdays from 10.40am to 11.10am.

c. SODC re consideration of name for development at Manor Farm Tiddington - The Council considered that the development should be named Manor Close, Manor View or Manor Drive. Clerk to communicate the council's views to SODC. SODC decision that the development to be called Manor Farm Close.

d. SODC re referral of planning applications to Planning Committee – The council noted that no change to the existing system was proposed.

e. The clerk mentioned that beebnet was to cease providing internet service from 30 June 2008.

9. **Financial matters**

a. Authorised signatories – it was decided that these would remain as:
any 2 from Mr John Nowell-Smith, Mrs Zena Knight and Mr Ken Field.

b. Annual insurance renewal - After discussion, Mrs Knight proposed that cover be renewed with Allianz Insurance plc at a premium of £532.21. This was seconded by Mr Field.

c. Appointment of internal auditor – Mr Rob McKinnie had agreed to act and clerk to make contact with him.

d. Possible purchase of Christmas tree for village hall – It was decided that this would not be undertaken.

e. Concessionary fares – already discussed under *item 5 - Open Discussion*. (Decision that council would apply for 70 tokens).

f. Expenses claim submitted by Mrs Horne for £14.60 in relation to attendance at SODC offices on 12 March 2008 re planning meeting. Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded by Mr Field.

10. **Appointments**

Chairman John Nowell-Smith raised the matters of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Village Hall representative, which needed to be decided upon at this meeting.

Mr Price proposed Mr Nowell-Smith as Chairman. This was seconded by Mr Field.

Mrs Horne proposed Mrs Knight as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Mrs Willis.

Mrs Willis proposed Mr Field as Village Hall Representative and this was seconded by Mr Price.

11. **Date of next meeting**

Monday 2 June at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.