

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 6 October 2008, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies

Mr D Turner (County Councillor)

2. Declarations of interest

Re Manor Farm Development – Mrs Z Knight and Mr K Field.

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 and Brian Price, possibly Elaine Horne also, are to attend MP John Howell's surgery at Watlington on Friday at 5.45 to discuss the matter. Both Clerk and Elaine Horne have spoken to Environmental Officer, Dominic Lamb, re wildlife on site but he cannot act re badgers, which are now the concern of the contractors and the existence of any protected species on the site would have to be evidenced with digital photographs.

b.(i) and (ii) Pelican crossing and traffic island – David Turner had emailed to say that he had heard from John Howell, our MP, who is taking up the pedestrian crossing issue with the County Council, following a meeting David had with John Howell a couple of weeks ago at which he was given the correspondence with OCC, Boris Johnson and the Minister. John Howell will get back to us as soon as he can. David has also been in contact with the new Director of Environment and Economy, Mr Huw Jones, about the issue. David will keep us informed.

c. Speed display unit hire – cost would be £400. Further information needed. Could there be a permanent installation? The traffic impact will be much greater during the closure of the A329.

5. Open discussion

Mrs Horne raised the matter of the water running down Sandy Lane.

Mrs Willis stated that the landowners should be approached re the clearing of ditches.

Clerk to request that representative from Highways attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss flooding.

Clerk to write to Lady Burbidge re the piping of the stream running through her garden.

Brian Price mentioned that the closure of the A329 bridge will not happen until April 2009.

6. Risk assessment

Janet Willis handed out copies of Risk Assessment notes; these to be considered for next meeting. ROSPA report to be passed on to Alan Stratton.

7. Planning matters

a. P08/W1013 Manor Farm, Albury View, Tiddington – Erection of 4 detached dwellings (amendment to P06/W0983 & as amended by drawing number 144/101A accompanying Agent's letter dated 5 September 2008).

Also drawing 144/301A accompanying Agent's letter dated 12 September 2008 and clarified by letter from Agent dated 22 September 2008.

A matter of some confusion. SODC is trying to persuade Rectory Homes to put in further documentation re ground levels. The planning officer may believe that the application does not make a lot of sense.

Application recommended for refusal on grounds of un-neighbourliness and overlooks adjoining properties too much. Also in conflict with original application which was approved.

The enforcement officer is on holiday at the moment.

Matters of concern regarding vehicles going to and from site were raised by residents, causing distress and some damage. John Nowell-Smith asked individuals to write to Adrian Duffield at SODC and let Parish Council have copies of such correspondence.

b. P08/W0788 52 London Road, Milton Common – Side and rear single storey extension. Alteration of existing access and new boundary wall and gates. Conversion of existing garage to family room. Approved.

8. Correspondence

- a. Details of exhibition re planning for accommodation needs of gypsies, travellers and showmen. Put in wallet for perusal of Councillors.
- b. Notice of Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association AGM. Pass on to Alan Stratton.
- c. Consultation paper on the making and enforcement of bylaws by Communities and Local Government. The contents discussed and noted
- d. Notice of Town and Parish Council Forum 2008. Mrs Knight and Mrs Horne said they would attend.
- e. Letter from Tracey Smith re rubbish tipping in Ickford Road. Clerk to write to residents.

9. Financial matters

- a. BDO Stoy Hayward LLP £370.13 – proposed Mrs Willis seconded Mr Price.
- b. Playsafety Ltd £81.08 – proposed Mrs Willis seconded Mr Field.
- c. Audit – matters arising from the audit were discussed in particular in relation to risk assessment and internal audit – both of these items having been the subject of audit qualification. The Parish Council to meet in November at 7.45 rather than 8.00pm to allow further time for discussion and formulation of action planning in order to meet requirements
- d. Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – Mrs Knight proposed a donation of £50 seconded by Mrs Horne.
- e. Village Hall grant £400 received.
- f. Second half of precept £5000 received.
- g. AW Mobbs materials for Village Hall £1193.52 proposed by Mrs Horne seconded by Mrs Knight.
- h. Parchments £245.92 proposed by Mrs Knight seconded by Mrs Horne.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 3 November at 7.45pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.03pm.