

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 2 February 2009, 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 B Price, Mr K Field, Mr K Poyser (clerk) and one member 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, subject to minor amendments.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. Affordable Housing, Station Yard – David Turner reported in his email of 2 February, that Oxford Citizens' Housing Association has been asked to provide details of the contamination clear up costs. They have not yet got the final cost from the contractor. David will report to the March Parish Council meeting.

b. Drainage/ditching - No costs incurred to date. Richard Ilbury says that drains to culvert crossing A418 need to be cleared. Work to be started after 31 March. Clerk to emphasize to Oxford Highways that this work needs to be done urgently.

c. The sign in Ickford Road re bridge restriction – David Turner has spoken to Peter Ronald about moving the Ickford Bridge sign nearer to the A418. He has agreed to look at this as soon as possible.

d. Sandy Lane / Draycot corner – Oxford Highways have done some exploratory work in Sandy Lane, but have not solved the drainage problem. Clerk to contact Oxford Highways about Sandy Lane and Draycot corner.

e. Chestnut Tree by Village Hall – progress re felling - Clerk to pursue matter.

f. Road signs re speeds on A329 – The confusing speed signs are in part regulatory and in part advisory and as such are perhaps confusing, but nonetheless, legal.

g. Lantern Garage – information obtained re development – Nothing further to report. Local residents would need to contact SODC Planning if they have concerns.

h. Development at Manor Farm, Albury View – John Nowell-Smith reported that the proposed planning amendments were passed at the Planning Meeting, in spite of John's comments and reservations.

5. Open discussion

John Nowell-Smith asked why the footpaths in North Close have been resurfaced. Clerk to speak to OCC Highways and also to ask again that potholes be attended to in lane leading to Albury Church and in Old London Road and Ickford Road.

6. Planning matters

P08/W1206 – 50 London Road, Milton Common – Rear conservatory and revised vehicular access. (resubmission of application P08/W0185). No strong views.

7. Correspondence

a. Letter dated 19 January from SODC re scrutiny committee meeting on 10 February to consider progress on flood prevention in previously affected parishes. Janet Willis said that she would attend and report back to March meeting.

b. Letter dated 20 January from OCC Highways re closure of Bridge Road, Ickford and Tiddington for 2 weeks from 9 February 2009 for resurfacing work.

- c. Letter from OCC Environment and Economy – Asking for help in finding out who owns stand of poplar and willow trees in Ickford Road just before bridges on right hand side. Ken Field to make some enquiries.
- d. Clerk had had contact from resident of North Close saying that a couple of trees had fallen into stream. Clerk to inform Gordon Hunt of Oxfordshire Highways.
- e. Letter from OCC re street lighting – setting out action plan to reduce carbon emissions.
- f. Cheques for small refunds had been sent by Howdens. Given to Ken Field for onward transmission to Village Hall Treasurer.
- g. The ruling group on the County Council is proposing a Council Tax increase of 3.75%

8. Financial matters

- a. Grant cheque for £4000 re Village Hall received and banked.
- b. Letter of confirmation received re Precept from SODC.
- c. Robinsons Garden Care £80.50 for digger hire re Village Hall. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mrs Horne.
- d. Clerk's salary £715.56. Proposed Mr Nowell-Smith seconded Mr Field.
- e. Society of Local Council Clerks membership £49. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mr Nowell-Smith.
- f. Parchments of Oxford for printing of Newsletters £245.92. Proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mrs Horne.
- g. SODC for emptying of dog bins £66.54. Proposed Mr Price seconded Mr Field.
- h. Oxfordshire Business Alliance donation £30. Proposed Mr Nowell-Smith seconded Mrs Knight.
- i. Citizens' Advice Bureau – request for support. To be on agenda for March.
- j. Power of Well being course – approved for attendance in due course.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 2 March 2009 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.