

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 7 February 2011, 8.00pm at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor), Mrs E Horne, Mrs Z Knight, Mr B Price Mr K Field, Mr D Turner (County Councillor), Mr K Poyser (clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs C Draper.

2. **Declarations of interest:** Mrs Horne declared an interest re the Lantern Service Station.

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

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

a. Footpath/pelican crossing in village – No progress with re-instatement of footpath. Clerk has received acknowledgment of his letter to SODC re S106 monies in relation to Oxford Belfry Hotel/Pelican Crossing. To be on agenda for next meeting.

b. Lantern Service Station – Mrs Horne handed to Clerk copy of Enforcement Order to be attached to minutes. Compliance to be made by 25 August. To be on agenda for next meeting.

c. Bus shelters in Tiddington and Milton Common – David Turner suggested that Clerk ask if there is still a grant scheme for bus shelters from County Highways. Dick Helling is the contact. Quotes for refurbishment or replacement of bus shelter were discussed, but price prohibitive. Clerk to ask Oxford Belfry Hotel and Countryside Commission if they would care to contribute. To be on agenda for next meeting.

d. Progress re repair/replacement of damaged manhole covers – Nothing yet appears to have been done about these matters. Clerk to pursue.

e. Progress re repainting of gates at approaches to Tiddington and Milton Common - Nothing yet appears to have been done about these matters. Clerk to pursue.

f. Progress re requests for repairs to potholes - Nothing yet appears to have been done about these matters. Clerk to pursue.

g. Oil group buying- discussion/action/implementation - Mrs Horne reported that she had met with Mrs Draper to discuss this item. Mrs Draper to co-ordinate Tiddington applicants when interest sufficient. To be on agenda for next meeting.

h. Subsidence on A418 – any progress following reporting of matter to Oxfordshire Highways - Nothing yet appears to have been done about these matters. Clerk to pursue.

i. Feedback from Police and Housing Association following disturbance in Albury View in December – Police reported that they considered that the family involved were the victims of crime.

j. Arla Dairy Foods – any developments re proposed development at Aston Clinton. Possible traffic impact – Nothing further to report at present.

5. **Open discussion**

Mrs Horne raised the matter of the poor state of the grounds at Cromwell Rise, adjacent to the Oxford Belfry and Lassco. Clerk to speak to Manager at Oxford Belfry. To be on agenda for next meeting.

Some residents at Milton Common have said that they consider the proposed Royal Wedding commemorative mugs should have 'Milton Common' in wording. It was decided that wording should also be expanded to cover Draycot.

Mrs Horne reported that 'Horse Watch' signs had been obtained for Sandy Lane.

Mrs Knight asked that 'Litter Blitz' be organised. After some discussion, a date of Saturday 9 April was fixed. 10.00am at Village Hall. To be in Newsletter. Clerk to obtain litter pickers and high vis. Bibs as already proposed.

Alan Stratton showed the meeting two sample commemorative mugs for the Royal Wedding. Councillors showed preference for the slightly bigger mug.
Mr Stratton to provide more details at March Parish Council meeting.
A budget for mugs and cost of a band for street party event was discussed. An overall budget of £1200-£1300 was proposed by Mr Price seconded by Mr Field.

Mr Turner reported that cuts re libraries will not affect Thame or Wheatley.
There will be cuts in funding for youth activities/facilities. There is, however, the opportunity to apply for funding for youth projects via the 'Big Society Fund'.
As part of a 'general clear out' the County Council has definitely, as suspected, destroyed the survey documents re the Pelican Crossing for Tiddington.
Changes proposed to speed limits will be implemented from June onwards.
Bus passes for eligible persons will continue and be useable from 9.00am. The County Council will not fund bus tokens.
Mr Turner gave advance apology for the March Parish Council meeting.

Mr Field reported that water is running down Sandy Lane from point below where water was previously running. Clerk to contact Oxfordshire Highways.

Mr Nowell-Smith raised the subject of a Parish Plan and will let Editor have article re this for next edition of Newsletter. Anton Math from ORCC to March or April Parish Council meeting. To be on agenda for next meeting.

6. Planning matters

P11/W0015 – Tiddington Cricket Club, Fernhill Close, Tiddington – New one-bay cricket net training facility to replace an existing out-dated one-bay cricket net. Approved. Proposed Mrs Horne seconded Mrs Knight.

7. Correspondence

Letter from Scottish and Southern Electricity saying that the electricity supply fault in Milton Common has been rectified.
Letter from Boundary Commission inviting views. Deadline 3 April. To be on agenda for next meeting.
Letter for John Howell MP enclosing A4 posters re local surgeries for notice boards.

8. Financial matters

Bus tokens – Chairman to ask Ann Edwards for information re take-up/usage of tokens. To be on agenda for next meeting.
Risk Assessment schedule – This was discussed, reviewed and assessed.
Approval and adoption was proposed by Mr Price and seconded by Mr Field.
Councillors' declarations of interest – review and update if necessary. Clerk had received confirmation from Councillors that no update or amendment to declarations held is needed.
Review of adequacy of insurance cover:
Contractors' indemnity insce.
Public/Employer's Liability cover.
Money and fidelity.
Personal accident.
Adequacy of cover was discussed and considered appropriate.
Banking arrangements.
Internet banking – discussion/decision. After some discussion it was proposed that Clerk proceed with implementation of Internet Banking arrangements, subject to appropriate safeguards.
Payments approval procedure. The current procedure was reviewed and no changes considered necessary/appropriate.
Review of Standing Orders. Clerk to liaise with Mrs Horne re any amendments needed. To be on agenda for next meeting.

Street party, Royal Wedding. Discussion/budget proposal. See 'Open Discussion'.
Clerk's salary Nov-Jan incl. £477.37. Proposed Mr Field seconded Mr Price.
SLCC Conference 16 February Holiday Inn, Oxford £48.00 plus VAT. Proposed Mr
Field seconded Mr Price.
SLCC Conference 10 March De Vere Wokefield Park, Reading £78.00 plus VAT.
Proposed Mr Price seconded Mr Field.
Petty cash imprest £50.00. Proposed Mrs Horne seconded Mrs Knight.
SODC for emptying of dog bins £34.25. Proposed Mrs Horne seconded Mrs Knight.
Parchments of Oxford – Printing of Newsletters £312.45. Proposed Mrs Horne
seconded Mrs Knight.

9. Date of next meeting
Monday 7 March 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.