

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 7 July 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 D Turner (County Councillor) Mr K Poyser (clerk) and four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Mr K Field and Mr B Price.

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 – The sub-committee had met in order to consider this matter and a form of letter to SODC drafted. Some concern was expressed that the letter had been sent without reference back to the sub-committee for some redrafting. A further meeting of the sub-committee to be held before the next Parish Council meeting and a further report to be presented to the full Parish Council.

b.(i) and (ii) Pelican crossing and traffic island – There has been no further progress with this matter. The Clerk to write again to County Council. If nothing is to be done about the proposed pelican crossing, then at least the island should be repaired.

c. Commemorative tree – Clerk to chase up reply from County Council re commemorative plaque and watering arrangements.

d. Chestnut tree – Clerk again to pursue County Council for response to previous correspondence re state of tree.

e. Closure of A329/M40 bridge – Work is to start in October. Fliers will be sent to residents to give details of when work is starting.

5. Open discussion

There have been some burglaries. This matter was discussed at some length and the need for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in Tiddington was emphasised.

Flooding – particularly in Sandy Lane and the Oxford Road. Problems are with ditches and drains. The District Council has carried out a survey re flooding in the villages. We need to have an input. Clerk to write to John Backley at SODC to ask that we have a sight of the report.

The grass verges have been done properly now, both in Tiddington and at Milton Common.

Clerk's matters:

The portacabin at Sandy Lane Veterinary Surgery has been removed.

Gift for internal Auditor - Janet Willis to make discreet enquiries as to his preference.

Donation to Village Hall Committee following last year's fete – further enquiries to be made and to be on agenda for next meeting.

6. Planning matters

P08/W0455 – Treetops 8 Ickford Road Tiddington – Extension to front of property, conversion of garage to office and erection of side conservatory. (As amended by drawing no. 8/02 Rev B received 24 June 2008.) Object on the grounds that the proposals are un-neighbourly. Neighbours concerns should be taken into account.

7. Correspondence

ROSPA notification re inspection visit to be passed on to Alan Stratton.
Thames Valley Police day – Mrs Horne to attend.

8. Financial matters

a. Robinsons Garden Care	– Mowing playing field	£82.25
	- Mowing churchyard	£141.00
	- Mowing playing field	£164.50
	- Mowing churchyard	£70.50

proposed by Mrs Knight and seconded by Mrs Willis.

b. National Transport Tokens £975.46 proposed by Mrs Horne and seconded by Mrs Willis.

c. SODC for emptying of dog bins £36.60 proposed by Mrs Horne and seconded by Mrs Knight.

The Clerk reported that a risk assessment should be undertaken. To be on agenda for next meeting.

The refurbishment of the play area was discussed. It was agreed that a budgeted figure not to exceed £100 for this work would be in order.

The Clerk reported that the annual Report, Compliance statement and supporting documentation had been sent to the Auditors. One matter of concern was that a comparison of budgeted figures to actual should be discussed and minuted in future.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 11 August at 8.00pm.

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