

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 10 May 2010, following the Annual Parish Meeting – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor), Mrs E Horne, Mrs C Draper, Mrs Z Knight, Mr D Turner (County Councillor) (arrived later), Mr K Poyser (clerk) and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Mr B Price and Mr K Field.

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.

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

a. Footpath/pelican crossing in village –John Nowell-Smith said that David Turner still considered that there was a window of opportunity for funding for the pelican crossing. David to continue to explore possibilities.

The footpath is to be instated at some future time from the S106 funds.

b. Drainage and ditching – Work at Sandy Lane still to be completed. Keep under review and on agenda for next meeting.

c. Vibration problems on A418 – Brian Price not present to report on progress with his survey document. Still no progress with provision of roundels or request for removal of hatching and replacement with white lines. Clerk to pursue these matters.

d. Lantern Service Station – Mrs Horne said that Tim Small is still waiting for direction from legal team re enforcement order. To be on agenda for next meeting.

e. Bad/un-neighbourly behaviour of resident of village – Nothing to report.

f. All weather surface – playing field - Alan Stratton reported that he had raised £5500 to date as a result of his London Marathon run. Proceeds to go partly towards Pelican Crossing, part towards playing field.

Next Newsletter to have item to say that donations to Alan's Marathon efforts are still welcome post event.

g. Trees - arboricultural survey by Oxfordshire County along the A418 (from the A40 to Thame. Progress re work on trees in village. Clerk reported that he had been informed that work had been done on trees in village, although no apparent evidence of this. Clerk to continue to chase progress.

h. Bus shelters in Tiddington and Milton Common – Neither Ken Field nor Brian Price, who were due to report on their inspection thereof present. To be on agenda for next meeting.

5. **Open discussion**

Mrs Horne reported that the road surface at the top of Sandy Lane is deteriorating rapidly Clerk to contact Highways re this and painting of gating in Tiddington and Milton Common.

Mrs Knight reminded the meeting that copy date for the Newsletter is 20 May. David Turner told the meeting of a circular ridge way path which had been developed by the County.

Work being done on Icknield Way to prevent use by 4 x4 drivers.

Mrs Draper said that she had noted that there was a July deadline for applications to the Community Investment Fund.

Should we have a Village Plan? ORCC can help with this. Not a Parish Council matter as such. Anton Nath at ORCC is the contact for further information.

A member of the public from Milton Common suggested that a Community Speed watch could be useful to deter speeding.
Alan Stratton reported that the Daniel Smith Blues Band is re-booked for 17 July.

6. Planning matters

- a. P10/W0507 – D'acre Oxford Road Tiddington – Erection of new front entrance porch and a side gable and extension to provide for a small snug room and wet room with a small study area within the roof space. Approved.
- b. P10/W0540 – 1 Old London Road Milton Common – New detached garage, two storey extensions to side and rear elevations and conversion of existing integral garages. One neighbour says that will affect their light, but stand of trees already does this. Approved.
- c. P10/W0565 – Brimpton Cottage Old London Road Milton Common – Replacement Garage. Approved.

7. Correspondence

Grass cutting – Clerk to contact Brian Purcell Smith at Highways re standard of grass cutting.
The Clerk had reported that the cost of flashing solar powered speed signs would be approx. £4500. Clerk to find out if any grant monies available. An item for possible Village Plan.

8. Financial matters

- a. Annual insurance renewal – Proposed Mrs Draper seconded Mrs Horne that renewal be placed with Zurich Insurance through Suffolk Acre Services at a cost of £336.84.
- b. Banking arrangements including Authorised signatories – Banking arrangements approved. Authorised signatories John Nowell Smith, Ken Field and Zena Knight (any two from three).
- c. Appointment of internal auditor. Rob McKinney proposed Mrs Knight seconded Mrs Draper.
- d. Review of:
 - Standing Orders.
 - Declarations of interest.
 - Financial regulations.
 - Budgeting arrangements.
 - Risk assessment.
 - Effectiveness of internal audit.
 - Freedom of Information Act.
 - Data Protection Act.

All of the above were discussed and members of the Council confirmed that they had copies thereof and that they were aware of the responsibilities and various duties of care attached thereto

Assignment of responsibilities:

- John Nowell-Smith – Econ. Development, businesses.
- Elaine Horne – Planning, highways and Milton Common.
- Cherry Draper – Environment, conservation, recycling waste.
- Ken Field – Housing, planning, building and controls.
- Zen Knight – Planning, recreation, arts, grants.
- Brian Price – Health and safety.

Councillors noted and agreed their separate and conjoint responsibilities.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 5 June.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.