

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
Monday 1 September 2008, 8.00pm – at Tiddington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mrs E Horne (in the chair), Mrs Z Knight, Mr K Field and Mr K Poyser (clerk) and three members of the public.

1. Apologies

Mrs J Willis, Mr J Nowell-Smith (Chairman and District Councillor), Mr B Price and Mr D Turner (County Councillor)

2. Declarations of interest

Member of Village Hall committee, 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 wants to see the link to the planning meeting webcam before drafting letter to the effect that we intend to continue opposition to the development. The clerk stated that he still had not been provided with a copy of the letter sent to SODC following the first meeting of the sub-committee. It was agreed that the clerk be notified of the next sub-committee meeting. Mrs Horne said that she understood that there were badgers and toads on the site and a further wildlife survey should be requested. Clerk to contact SODC. The file on Station Yard is held by John Nowell-Smith.

b.(i) and (ii) Pelican crossing and traffic island – Mr Price not present to report on this. To be on agenda for October meeting.

c. Commemorative tree – No further details re plaque, ceremony and watering arrangements as yet.

d. Chestnut tree – Clerk again to contact Judith Osborne, Arboricultural and Landscape Manager at Oxfordshire Highways to reiterate that chestnut tree is dead and should be felled.

e. Speed display unit hire – no reply as yet to clerk's email asking for information.

f. Oxfordshire Partnership draft Sustainable Community Strategy for South Oxfordshire – consultation questionnaire. Clerk to send response form incorporating points raised by Councillors.

5. Tipping, litter etc

Clerk to draft article for next Parish Newsletter

6. Open discussion

Clerk asked to provide minutes and agenda earlier.

A discussion ensued regarding flooding and drainage matters, particularly with regard to the bad flooding on 3 June. Wendy Paterson spoke about the flood waters flowing from the playing field due to the backed up drains. Clerk to contact highways department to see if a site visit to point out problems can be arranged. Flooding matters also to be mentioned in Newsletter.

Clerk raised matter of risk assessment article in 'the Clerk' magazine and agreed to pass this on to Mrs J Willis. To be on agenda again for October.

7. Planning matters

P08/W0352 Albury Farm, Draycot. Extension and alterations to existing garage to include raising of ridge line and installation of dormer windows. (As clarified by applicant's letter dated 18 April 2008). Approved.

8. Correspondence

Letter from SODC stating that Sandy Lane Farm now to known as Sandy Lane House.

9. Financial matters

a. Audit – nothing heard from auditors yet.

b. Donation to Village Hall Committee re this year's fete - £250. Proposed Mrs Knight, seconded Mrs Horne.

c. Clerk' salary £826.11 - proposed Mr Field, seconded by Mrs Knight.

d. Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, grant request – Clerk to ascertain whether this has been supported in the past.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 6 October at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.