

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April on 2010

Present: Paul Stancliffe  
Roy Harrison  
Des O'Flanagan  
Heather Mullins  
Apologies: Alison Isherwood

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Brookstones	Residents to be encouraged to report to Thames Water (using the distributed envelopes) every time there is flooding so that the log shows how often this is occurring. The occurrence figures are needed to justify expenditure. Thames Water had promised to respond to our letter within 10 days of their acknowledgement and this is now due. The matter has reached the Community Council for Water and is on the agenda for their next meeting. There will be a scrutiny committee meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> April at which the matter should also be raised. Support for the situation of Brookstones residents should be forthcoming from the Chief Executive of SODC. We await a response from Dorothy Brown.	
Culvert	The response received from Mr Siret has not addressed the safety aspect, and is not helpful regarding the issue of debris. Another letter to be sent asking for solutions.	HM
Sustrans	Paul Harris's email advises abandoning this proposal, but we are reluctant to give up as the proposed route meets a lot of the transport plan policies. A reply to be sent (copied to David Wilmshurst and Roger Belson) asking if other solutions can be found to the privacy issues, perhaps using a diversion. If there is little chance of a diversion meeting legal tests, we would like to find out what the legal tests are.	DOF/HM
Footpath sign	The second sketch of the footpath map should be ready very soon, and the project completed by the end of May.	AI
Tree on green	The hornbeam has been delivered and is in good order.	
Speed	Jacky Maddon has done 2 speed tests, the first showed no speeding but was undertaken at the top of Brookstones where there is less of a problem. The second was by Slade Farm. It would be helpful to have some feedback – RH to check with AI and ask Jacky.	RH/AI
Dog Waste Bin	A second bin to be located on the footpath sign post by the entrance to the field leading to the allotments. HM to order green bin with post fixings.	HM
ORCC review	Community led planning is being followed up – the link has been circulated and website registration completed. A good example is Garford Parish, and the link to their plan to be circulated. As Sarah O'Bourne hoped to have funding available in the new financial year, DOF to enquire about timescales for assistance in undertaking a conservation area appraisal. If the parish council has a village plan, the District Council has to take cognisance of this in planning matters.	DOF DOF

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Grit Bin	Roger Belson to be asked to speak to Bill Major, clerk to chase solution too.	HM
Ditching	Landowner query to be followed up regarding the stream to be cleared. PS to meet Mr Graham to discuss.	PS
Road sweeping	Verdant to be contacted to request road cleaning, preferably with spade to edges as well to clear weeds.	HM
<u>Finance</u>		
HM to contact Roger Symes to see if he is willing to undertake the forthcoming audit.		HM
The following items have been authorised for payment: £4000 first stage of precept to be moved to reserve account once it arrives – HM to do letter £215.00 M P Printers – newsletter £130.30 – OALC subscription £670.00 – Will Munday ditching and drainage works £29.96 – reimburse Roy Harrison for Briants materials – playing field repairs £6.49 – reimburse Roy Harrison for Chinnor Turf materials – playing field repairs £44.54 – SODC dog hygiene bin emptying (revised invoice) £5.58 – reimburse Paul Stancliffe for printing paper £30.00 – ORCC subscription £4.71 – reimburse Roy Harrison for Village Clean Up bags		HM
Natwest Current a/c: b/f £10,259.69	Payments: £138.60 Clerk's salary £807.93 Ampwire – radiator covers (OSR expenditure) £200.00 M P Printing – newsletter £95.00 Sydenham Fayre (repayment of advertising that was included with Newsletter advertising cheque) o/s £70.00 – donation towards Christmas Tree on the green £121.88 Osbournes Insurance – W Munday public liability cover £52.00 Spruced Up – hornbeam tree for village green o/s  Receipts: £102.98 repayment of dog hygiene bin fee – incorrect invoice issued	Closing balance at 31.3.10
Natwest Reserve a/c		£9,024.26
		£7,723.63
<u>Planning</u>		
Planning meetings will take place on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> April and 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2010		
P10/E0066	The Jays Replacement detached garage outbuilding to existing house <i>GRANTED</i>	
Box Cottages	Reply from enforcement enquiry to be sought (copy to Dorothy Brown)	HM
The Old Smithy	Letter to be written to Planning Department asking for clarification as to why planning wasn't required for the newly built porch, and what the rules are regarding extensions of this type in the conservation area.	HM
<u>Correspondence</u>		
OPFA – playing field survey Police – community policing award		RH HM

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<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Sydenham Grove	Residents have had a letter from SOHA re-engaging with interest to redevelop site. If copy of letter is available, DOF to circulate it.	
Village Website	Jeff Ludgate is happy to undertake the updating work regarding this. The Checkonden PC website to be suggested to him as a model. HM to contact Jeff to learn how to upload minutes etc.	DOF HM
Post boxes	Still no reply from the Post Office. Letter to be sent to Head Office to get details.	HM
Footpath diversion	A phone message has been received regarding the diversion at Sydenham Grange. Caller to be referred to OCC.	HM
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next meeting date to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May in the OSR.</p>		

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