

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 27th May 2010

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

The meeting was pleased to welcome County Councillor Roger Belson and one member of the public.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Brookstones pumping station	<p>Surveying has been undertaken by 365 at the Plough Corner pumping station and on Thame Road. Once the surveying is completed Thames Water will call a meeting to decide the next course of action.</p> <p>Our priority is to ensure that the leaks in Crowell and Kingston Blount pipework are mended.</p>	
Culvert	<p>Mr Siret, the Senior Bridge Technician from OCC came to inspect the Brookstones culvert and to discuss the current grid and a possible alternative grid design. The current grid was fitted at our request following safety concerns prompted by the drowning accident at Witney, although further investigation shows that the man actually drowned due to being pinned against a grid by water in full spate.</p> <p>Now that we have a grid fitted on the Brookstones culvert an enormous volume of debris carried downstream in times of high rainfall gets trapped on the bars and proves difficult to clear away due to the force of the water. If the debris is not removed there is a risk of flooding to the houses in the vicinity.</p> <p>We now need to determine where liability lies regarding both flooding if the grid remains in situ, and should an accident occur if the grid was removed. Roger Belson is going to speak to Mr Siret as a matter of urgency to investigate culpability. A meeting of all interested parties needs to be held soon to determine whether the bars should be removed, as historically July has been a very wet month with previous flooding problems. It may be the case that the bars are removed whilst the issue is being resolved.</p> <p>The insurance position regarding liability to be checked.</p>	HM
Sustrans & local transport plan	<p>The scheme for the potential link to the Phoenix Trail has reached an impasse at the moment. The next step is to understand the rules regarding the statutory tests, to see if an alternative route can be found. As the scheme has such support we are unwilling to give up. Roger Belson is to speak to Paul Harris to find out more about the statutory tests.</p>	
Footpath sign	<p>James showed the meeting the painting so far, and asked for opinion on the colours used to show bridleways and footpaths. The sign should soon be finished.</p>	
Tree on green	<p>The hornbeam has been planted and needs to achieve substantial growth before SODC will look at removing the ash tree behind the bus shelter. A new application to have the ash removed will need to be submitted in Autumn 2011.</p> <p>In the meantime the new tree will require plenty of water – Carol Carney to be asked to undertake this.</p>	HM
Speed	<p>PCSO Jacky Maddon was very supportive when contacted about the National Speedwatch scheme. OCC need to be contacted regarding borrowing the equipment.</p>	AI

Signed Date

<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>SODC</p>	<p>Health News NHS Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-2030) Consultation 5: Scenarios</p>	<p>RH DOF</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>		
<p>Cricket Club</p>	<p>The club are requesting permission to extend the nets in the playing field by one more bay, to mow between the nets and the hedge and then to put wire by the hedge to stop balls being lost. PS to meet M Kermack on site to see what can be done.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>Sewells Lane bridleway FP2</p>	<p>Horses going over the repaired bridge are causing it to collapse. AI to liaise with the Ramblers to see if SODC could put a sign up. The route of FP4 was discussed as it is very close to one particular house.</p>	<p>AI</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next meeting date to be held on 1st July in the OSR.</p>		

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