

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 24th July 2010

Present: Paul Stancliffe
Alison Isherwood
Roy Harrison
Janet Potts
Heather Mullins

Apologies Des O'Flanagan

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Brookstones pumping station	<p>Thames Water have arranged a meeting for 16th July at the Lambert Arms to which our MP (who is being very supportive) and all interested parties will be coming. At this meeting Thames Water will explain their programme for dealing with the leaks discovered in February. Their Hydraulic Department are looking at the whole of the drainage system between the Lambert Arms and Henton.</p> <p>PS and RH to attend, together with David Read who spoke at the Scrutiny Committee on behalf of the Brookstones residents.</p> <p>This led to a discussion about ditch clearing and what time of year was best for this to be done. The ditch by the Inn at Emmington to be reported to OCC Highways, as the vegetation is choking the drainage space.</p> <p>At the same time, the VAS by the Inn car park has stopped working and needs to be reported, together with the road sign to the village which has not been reinstated since the car accident through the hedge.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">HM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HM</p>
Culvert grid	<p>Following the site meeting at Brookstones culvert where Councillor Roger Belson and the OCC Engineer met members of the parish council and residents of Brookstones the culvert grid was discussed and actually removed there and then.</p> <p>Following this meeting, Councillor Belson is to clarify the legal situation regarding the responsibility for safety and/or a possible accident occurring at the site now that the bars have been removed.</p> <p>An article is to go in the forthcoming newsletter to update the parish on the removal of the grid and to ensure that villagers and in particular parents of children are aware of it.</p>	
Sustrans & Local Transport Plan	A response has been submitted supporting scheme C.	
Footpath sign	The finished painting was shown to the meeting and was much admired. It just remains to set the text in the key guide, and the title bar before the image is scanned onto the final background.	AI / JP
Speed	The Sentinal camera is likely to be in operation in the village during the first week in July. AI, JP and HM have volunteered to assist the police with any subsequent letter production.	
Community led plan	An article has been done for the newsletter describing the project, and what we would like to achieve.	PS
Website	Jeff has spoken to HM about software involved, and a lesson in uploading minutes etc. has been requested.	HM
Grit bin	Payment to OCC authorised, as a cheque is required with the placement of the order.	HM

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Ditching	PS to speak to landowners when the conditions/time of year are suitable for ditching works to be done.	PS
Risk assessment	The RoSPA inspection is due in July, and the change of address has been given to Playsafety. The closing cheque from the Playing Field Committee bank account has yet to be received.	HM HM
Floodsax	So far two people have expressed an interest in a demonstration, with others still to be asked. Peter Hetherington to be consulted to say we have interest, and to see if it's possible to arrange a demonstration for both parishes.	PS
Playing Field	The cricket Club have given their thanks for the quick cutting of the hedge. They have yet to fix the mesh for saving lost balls.	
Footpaths	The Sewells Lane path is due to be cleared by the end of the month, and OCC have already trimmed the path in front of the Jays due to our report of overgrowth. Tony Clarke has spoken to Jonathon Beale at OCC regarding the bridge on FP2, which might be replaced by a concrete bridge. Stream clearance at the same site is also being discussed.	
<u>Finance</u>		
The following items have been authorised for payment: £200 MP Printers (retrospective - not invoiced in January) £1000 James Ort, footpath map artwork £2500 transfer of funds from reserve account to current £84.04 Clerk's expenses £188 OCC for salt bin £15 ASHTAV membership Bank signatures to be updated. The internal audit has been completed, and the documents are ready to be submitted to the external auditors.		
Natwest Current a/c: b/f £4,631.51	Payments: £138.60 Clerk's salary (Jun) £406.32 Cutting Edge - OSR kitchen equipment and crockery £124.22 Glasdon UK - purchase of dog hygiene bin £206.00 MP Printers - newsletter £249.48 M Kermack - OSR expenses £123.75 RJS (IA) Ltd - internal audit Receipts: £2054.92 VAT reclaim from HMRC £20.00 Newsletter advertising	Closing balance at 24.06.10 £5,831.29
Natwest Reserve a/c b/f £11,723.98	No activity	£11,723.98
<u>Planning</u>	SODC Planning meetings will take place 28 th July and 25 th August	

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<u>Correspondence</u> NHS Oxford	News for parish council	n/l
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Hedge by Burrows Farm House	The hedge has overgrown the path from the green making it hard for people to walk past. The owners of Burrows Farm House are planning to cut the hedge, and it would be helpful if we can liaise with them regarding the boundary line and cutting in phases to protect their privacy.	PS
Councillor training	HM to see if there are any training courses coming up for new councillors.	HM
<p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting date to be arranged.</p>		

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