

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 4th September 2010

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

The meeting was pleased to welcome Dorothy Brown and Roger Belson.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Brookstones pumping station	A large part of the problem appears to have been solved by the sealing up of manhole covers in Crowell and Kingston Blount. The recent heavy rains didn't cause flooding in Brookstones, although a deluge will really test the situation. There remains a query over one remaining manhole in Crowell – PS to contact Donna at Thames Water to check whether this has also been sealed. The team looking at the drainage system as a whole are due to report back at the end of this month. The 170 new homes planned at Chinnor cement works will place a further strain on the existing system.	PS
Culvert grid	A response has been received from the legal team at OCC which is to be circulated and advice sought.	
Phoenix Trail link	There is too much cost involved in surfacing any alternative route to the one already researched. The suggested link will definitely not be made available to horses, so the only available solution is to keep using the existing path for bikes. The wording on one of the footpath signs was queried – Roger Belson to investigate.	
Footpath sign	The text is to be finalised in the next couple of weeks, and we hope to have the finished map ready for display at the open meeting for the Community Led Plan.	AI / JP
Speed Awareness	Unfortunately the application process for the voluntary work was too lengthy to be appropriate for the hours involved and so has been withdrawn. AI to query whether funding will still be available for the planned second visit of the hand held Sentinel camera in view of the decommissioning of all the fixed speed cameras in Oxfordshire.	AI
Community led plan	DOF attended the training course in July which showed case studies of plans evolved in other villages and the process that they used. An open meeting is to be held at which ORCC will present the project and explain what we would like to achieve as a village. ORCC will help to fund the meeting and to try and engage volunteers. Once the plan is formed, smaller groups will be able to form to deal with different aspects and aims.	
Grit bin	The order has been confirmed and delivery is expected towards the end of the month. The area where the bin will be sited is to be cleared.	HM
Ditching	PS to speak to landowners when the conditions/time of year are suitable for ditching works to be done.	PS
Verges	Chris Cooper has been contacted by the Inn at Emmington to ask if he can clear the vegetation at the junction and improve visibility. The overgrowth at the junction and in front of the road signs approaching the junction has been reported to OCC but funding is not available to do all the hedges, and landowners are being asked to cut these.	

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	Chris Cooper is to be asked to cut the hedges encroaching on the road through the village as he did last year.	PS
RoSPA	The playing field inspection has been carried out and the report should be received shortly.	
Floodsax	c/fwd	PS
Playing Field	The cricket club have approached the parish council to ask if a small section of artificial turf can be used by the entrance to the nets, and there is no objection to this.	
Footpaths	The footbridge on the Sewells Lane path is solid. AI to check with Tony Clark if there are any outstanding issues. The route of FP7 came under query, and the question was raised about how to apply for a right of way.	AI HM
VAS sign	The sign by the Inn at Emmington car park has been reported as faulty, and we waiting to hear from the Highways department at OCC.	
<u>Finance</u>		
<p>The following items have been authorised for payment: £1,762.50 Aspin (OSR decoration) £300.00 Will Munday for mowing churchyard (I cut paid for by Sydenham Fayre (money received), I cut by Parish Council) £300.00 Will Munday for mowing village greens £15.23 playing field goal repairs, repay Roy Harrison £246.75 SLCC training course £235.00 Aspin (OSR decoration)</p> <p>The form to update signatures was been completed – to be handed to JP.</p>		HM
Natwest Current a/c: b/f £5,831.29	<p>Payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £138.60 Clerk's salary (Jul) £249.48 M Kermack – OSR expenses £123.75 RJS (IA) Ltd – internal audit £1000.00 James Ort, footpath sign £15.00 ASHTAV membership £84.04 Clerk's expenses £200.00 MP Printing, newsletter £188.00 OCC grit bin purchase £234.65 R Harrison OSR expenses £44.60 M Kermack OSR expenses £138.60 Clerk's salary (Aug) £215.00 MP Printing, newsletter <p>Receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £2500.00 from reserve account £170.00 - £150 Sydenham Fayre churchyard mowing, £20 newsletter advertising 	Closing balance at 31.08.10
Natwest Reserve a/c b/f £11,723.98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £2500.00 moved to current account £1.10 interest received 	£5,869.57
		£9,225.08

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<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<p>SODC Planning meetings will take place on 22nd September and 20th October.</p> <p>Our letter to the planning department asking for clarification on development rules in conservation areas has not received a direct response. It transpires that the Old Smithy did require planning permission, and the owners are being advised to apply retrospectively to regularize the position.</p> <p>An answer to be sought to our original enquiry.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>OCC SERCAF SLCC</p>	<p>Road Safety Casualty Report 2009 Local referendums to veto council tax increases Training courses</p>	<p>AI DOF HM</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>		
<p>Sydenham Grove</p>	<p>The scaffolding on one of the houses has been left inactive for weeks – Dorothy Brown to be asked to intercede.</p>	<p>PS</p>
	<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm. The next meeting date to be held on 7th October at 8pm.</p>	

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