

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 4th November 2010

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Police	<p>The meeting was pleased to welcome PC Steve Hookam, who is one of our Neighbourhood Sergeants, and who came to explain the new structure that has replaced the Neighbourhood Action Groups. The NAGs were used for the police to correspond with the community and identify priorities, eg speeding, anti-social behaviour etc.</p> <p>Neighbourhood policing has now been reorganised to give a faster reaction to the process using the 'Have Your Say' sessions to engage with the public, to be widely available and to establish priorities and gain feedback. Neighbourhood officers and PCSOs are attached as a single point of contact for the public, and a simple communication network is in place to address problems quickly and maintain a short audit trail. If necessary there can be joint action with other agencies such as public bodies (eg parish councils, fire, environmental health), and the parish councils will be in monthly contact with the PCSO to maintain two way communication. Our contact will be PCSO Jacky Maddon.</p>	
Brookstones Pumping Station	The Consumer Council for Water met Thames Water today, and will report back to us. There is due to be a complete review of how the system works, and the flow rates are currently being monitored.	
Culvert Grid	Having sought advice from OALC, we have received a letter from their solicitor making it very clear that we have no liability whatsoever regarding the culvert. This letter to be copied to Roger Belson for Oxfordshire County Council, and to the interested parties in Brookstones.	PS
Footpath Sign	The sign is ready and the final location on the green was discussed. It is suggested that the sign is put on a sloping board, orientated correctly so that the reader would be facing Brookstones.	
Speed Awareness	Jacky Maddon will be attending the December meeting and reporting back on the results of the survey. This will also enable us to discuss useful dates for Jacky to hold 'Have Your Say' sessions such as village events like the Fayre or Christmas Market.	HM
Community Led Plan	The first meeting of the group is to be held on Tuesday 9 th November. It was agreed that the members of the parish council would attend in turn to be the PC representative.	DOF
Ditching	c/f	PS
Verges	Chris Cooper has trimmed the verges and hedges at the Inn at Emmington, Holliers Close, Brookstones and Sewells Lane, and will be finishing with the section between the Mill House and the Stert.	
Playing Field	The goal pegs have been purchased as per the ROSPA inspection report recommendation.	

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Floodsax	A demonstration meeting to be arranged for November/early December. Once a date is known, the residents who have expressed interest and Aston Rowant Parish Council can be notified. Lead time to be queried, also the possibility to purchase stock on the day.	HM
Footpaths and Bridleways	The Sewells Lane footpath bridge has been propped where the wood is rotten, but it is hoped that this is a temporary solution. There is still discussion about clearing the stream. The Sydenham Grange footpath diversion was applied for in 2003 and is about to reach consultation. DOF to enquire from OCC (Jonathan Beale) when we are likely to receive the consultation documents, an AI to ask Tony Clarke for information. DOF to draft a letter to Hugh Potter including photos regarding the lack of upkeep of the present permissive path.	DOF AI DOF
VAS Sign	As yet we have not received a satisfactory reply regarding the upkeep of these signs. Now that Oxfordshire County Council has switched the Gatso cameras back on, there may be a budget for the VAS signs. Roger Belson to be asked for clarification. As the latest repair was necessary due to ingress resulting from a design fault, the cost may be down to the manufacturers. OCC to be asked for details of all the repairs carried out to date on our signs for a maintenance log, and to enable us to challenge the supplier/manufacturer.	PS PS
Churchyard Wall	A response has been received from the Conservation Officer which has been forwarded onto the PCC	
Mundays Charity	The Charity Commission have sent forms which need to be completed and returned.	HM
<u>Finance</u>		
<p>The following items have been authorised for payment: £3,233.51 remaining OSR funds to be given back to the OSR committee £72.00 reimburse R Harrison – wine for Community Led Plan launch (grant received) £125.00 framing of original footpath map £26.97 reimburse R Harrison – goal post anchoring pegs £141.00 Network Printers – Sydenham footpath prints Insurance premiums for framed footpath map and additional large VAS sign Solargen - not to be paid yet until we have resolved the outstanding issues</p>		
Natwest Current a/c: b/f £2,837.49	Payments: £138.60 Clerk's salary £334.88 BDO External audit £74.03 PlaySafety annual playing field inspection £386.00 M P Printers – newsletter and fliers for CLP evening Receipts: £4,000.00 Precept 2 nd instalment £90.00 grant from ORCC for Community Led Plan evening	Closing balance at 31.10.10
Natwest Reserve a/c b/f £9,226.01	No transactions	£5,993.98 £9,226.01

Planning

P10/E1183/RET The Old Smithy, Crossways
Retention of front porch
Permission GRANTED

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P10/E1550/EX The Inn at Emmington
Extension of time for planning permission P07/E1303
No strong views

The Old Smithy Now that the outcome of this retrospective planning application is known, a letter to PS
be sent to the Planning Department requesting clarification on work within the
Conservation Area.

<u>Correspondence</u>		
SODC OPFA	ORCC Autumn Review Invitation to AGM 30.11.10	All RH
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Core Strategy	A query was raised regarding new housing in Thame and the considerations of sites D and F. Building is unlikely to take place in surrounding small villages such as Sydenham, and the Local Development frameworks are going to have to be rewritten regarding Planning.	
Print of Footpath Map	This needs to be added to the Asset Register of the Parish Council at a value of £1200 and insured accordingly. Additional insurance premium authorised. As the print will be on display in the OSR, a letter to be written to the OSR committee establishing that the print is on loan but will remain the property of the Parish Council	HM HM
Website	A query to go to Jeff Ludgate to see if he has sourced suitable software so that training can go ahead for the uploading of parish council information, minutes etc.	HM
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.55pm. The next meeting date to be held on 2 nd December at 8pm.		

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