

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 2nd December 2010

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
PCSO Jacky Maddon	<p>The meeting was pleased to welcome PCSO Jacky Maddon, who reported on the Speed Awareness checks that have been carried out. Chinnor Neighbourhood police regularly do SID checks, and undertook checks outside Slade Farm and by the green. During February and March the Oxfordshire Safer Roads Partnership undertook less obvious checks at Slade Farm for traffic in both directions. All these checks showed that there is a speeding concern in Sydenham, and the figures display a constant speed problem. Regular users of the road are inclined to ignore the VAS signs. Jacky suggested that road markings might be a help as they do not restrict the movement of farm traffic, or require road lighting.</p> <p>The Parish Council were able to pinpoint for Jacky the peak times and locations for speeding traffic – namely weekdays when commuters are using the village as a 'rat run' to the motorway and back again in the evening (7-8.30am and 5-7pm). We requested that a highly visible presence of a police speed camera van over a sustained period of time would form a deterrent and make it clear that speeding would not be tolerated in Sydenham. Suitable locations for the van were suggested as opposite Slade Farm and in the layby on the B4445 in the 30mph zone.</p> <p>The Have your Say meetings were then discussed and Jacky agreed that it would be more effective to combine these with village events. A calendar of events to be given to Jacky. It was also suggested that Jacky come along to the Community Led plan meetings if possible, as speeding has been identified as one of the areas that the village want to address – contact details for Carol Carney to be passed on.</p> <p>Jacky was pleased to report a reduction in crime of 25.5% compared to the same three month period last year. Crime figures by area are available on the Thames Valley Police website, under Crime Mapping on the RHS of the front page.</p> <p>Jacky highlighted the Safer Homes initiative of 'Be bright – turn on a light' to deter burglaries.</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>DOF</p>
Brookstones flooding	There is currently no further progress on this, the Community Council for Water have not responded to PS's letter requesting feedback from the meeting at beginning of November.	
Culvert	This item can be removed from the agenda as liability has been established.	
Footpath sign	<p>The framed picture will be securely mounted on the far wall of the main hall of the OSR, ready for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th December.</p> <p>The copy on the green was discussed, and it was felt that a four legged wooden sign would be appropriate. PS to measure the size of the board, and HM to obtain a quote from Arien Signs. PS to ask Mr Quainton for a quote also.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>HM</p> <p>PS</p>
Footpaths	<p>Mrs Jane West (advisor to the Weston family) met the Parish Council today to walk Bridleway 7 and to discuss the diversion of the bridleway and the route of the permitted path. Mrs West was also updated on the situation regarding footpath 10, and has been in contact with Jonathan Beale and Tony Clarke.</p> <p>Mrs West is to send a map showing the permissive path and details of the consultation process for us to include in the December issue of the newsletter. It</p>	

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	appears that if the diversion is granted that the current route of B7 will be closed. Jonathan Beale is to determine whether the requested surface of shale will be suitable for runners and cyclists as well as the other users of the bridleway. The timescale of the consultation is to be clarified. Mrs West was also asked about the posts that have been erected behind the Jays and agreed to investigate.	DOF
Community Led Plan	PS will be the Parish Council representative at the December meeting on the 14 th .	
Ditching works	c/f	
Verges	Works completed, and invoice to be submitted.	
Flosacks	Sample sacks have been received to enable us to demonstrate to the interested householders. RH to circulate the information leaflets and demonstration cds and to arrange a time for a demonstration.	RH
VAS sign	The invoice is on hold pending a response from the Customer Services Administrator at Solargen.	PS
Mundays Charity	c/f	HM
Conservation Area enquiry	The response received from Ms Crapper at SODC was not helpful regarding the current query. The letter to be shown to the resident concerned, who could contact SODC with a direct enquiry including details of the proposed alteration.	PS
Website	HM collecting software, with training to follow.	HM
<u>Finance</u>		
The budget for 2010/2011 was discussed and the precept fixed at £8000.		
The following items have been authorised for payment: £125 R Harrison to be reimbursed for framing costs £100 CAB donation £2000 to transfer £100 donation to South Vale Carers Centre £215 M P Printers - newsletter £34.26 SODC dog hygiene bin emptying £60.39 Aon Limited to increase cover to include footpath picture and fourth VAS sign £180 Hire of Old School Room		
Natwest Current a/c: b/f £5,993.98	Payments: £138.60 Clerk's salary £3,233.51 remaining grants monies given back to OSR Committee £98.97 Roy Harrison expenses £25.00 Safe Custody charge at NatWest bank £141 M P Printers (o/s)	Closing balance at 30.11.10
Natwest Reserve a/c b/f £9,226.01	Receipts: £145 copies of footpath map No transactions	£2,642.90 £9,226.01

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Planning

None

<u>Correspondence</u>		
SODC OCC Natwest Bank South Vale Carers Centre	Budgets and Precepts Contact details Local Area Highways rep Natwest safe custody arrangements Request for donation	HM HM file file
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Citizens Advice Bureau Thame	It was agreed to send a donation of £100	HM
Chinnor Library	An item regarding the potential closure of Chinnor library to be included in the newsletter to alert people to the situation, and contact details to be provided if people wish to get involved.	PS
Christmas Market	Copies of the map will be available at the Christmas Market.	DOF
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10pm. The next meeting date to be held on 6th January 2011 at 8pm.</p>		

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