

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 7th April 2011

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

Apologies: Janet Potts

Matters Arising

CLP Team	<p>The Spring Clean is organised for 17th April, with equipment being provided and collection of rubbish being arranged by SODC.</p> <p>The leaflets regarding the email distribution list will be delivered this week and it is hoped that the system will be tested by mid May. There will be a 'buddy' system for households without email access.</p> <p>The issue of parking outside the playing field was raised, as this is a safety concern should a child run out unseen from behind a parked vehicle on such a dangerous bend. It was suggested that a sign be put on the gate requesting that people don't park in front of it, and that a bench is placed to the right hand side to prevent parking there. Previously a memorial bench had been offered and enquiries are to be made to see if this is still possible.</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>PS</p>
Speed Awareness	<p>The three speed cables will be placed as agreed once the invoice has been paid, and a request has been made that the surveys will be carried out during a normal week rather than a during holiday period. An update to be put in the next newsletter.</p>	DOF
Footpath sign	<p>The sign is in place on the green. The location needed to be changed, causing extra work for Mr Quainton, so the total invoice is to be increased to £425 accordingly and a revised VAT invoice requested.</p>	PS
Village website	<p>The final pages are being put together and with Jeff Ludgate's help this should be ready to go live in May.</p>	HM
Road cleaning	<p>The contractor, Verdant, state that there is a 3 month rota system for road cleaning and that Sydenham should be cleaned within the next few weeks. A request to be made that the sides of the road are cleared with shovels as well as the brushes.</p>	HM
Mundays Gift	<p>The updated form has been submitted with a covering letter. This should enable the governing document to be changed regarding the distribution of income.</p>	PS
Parish Council election	<p>There will be a parish council election on 5th May as there are 6 candidates standing for 5 seats.</p>	
Royal Wedding tree planting	<p>An application has been made to remove the willow on the lower village green. The tree for William and Kate's wedding can be planted even if the willow has not been removed as it is in an adjacent position. The type of tree to be agreed after consultation with Gordon McLeod.</p>	<p>DOF</p> <p>PS</p>
Ditches	<p>It has been confirmed that landowners are responsible for the upkeep of ditches alongside their land, not the Highways Department.</p>	
Fly tipping	<p>The farmer whose land has been used for fly tipping towards Postcombe is dealing with the dumped waste and the ongoing problem.</p>	
Reclassification of the B4009	<p>John Howell has assured us that heavy lorries will not use Sydenham as an alternative route if the B4009 is reclassified as unsuitable for heavy vehicles.</p>	

Signed Date

Correspondence

SODC	Request for temporary road closure for Royal Wedding street party	HM
OALC	Good Councillor guide and leaflets	HM
TVP	Community Policing awards	n/b

Any Other Business

Notice boards	It was suggested that another glazed notice board frame be put in the bus shelter to serve the middle of the village. Peter Quainton to be asked to make a frame in the same style and size as the existing ones, to suit 8x A4 pages.	PS
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Playing Field Insurance	The Cricket Club to be asked to provide a copy of their insurance cover for use of the nets in the playing field for our health and safety records.	DOF
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.
The next meeting date to be held on 5th May at 8pm.

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