

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th May 2011

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

Apologies: Alison Isherwood

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
CLP Team	<p>A rota has been compiled so that various members of the CLP team attend parish council meetings in turn.</p> <p>The CLP team would like to use the OSR for their meetings to enable attendance to be open for all villagers, but as they have no income the payments for the hall will be met by the parish council (Mr Roy Harrison declared an interest for this discussion as he is Chair of the OSR Management Committee). This expenditure of £14 per month was authorised for payment. The location and times of the CLP meetings will be included in the next newsletter edition (scheduled for next week).</p> <p>The parking in front of the playing field gate was discussed, and possible wording for a sign on the gate was suggested. The memorial bench enquiries are being made and a piece has been submitted to the newsletter requesting that people do not park in front of the gates due to the safety issues of children from the field and pedestrians in the road being obscured. If particular cars using this parking spot are known, the individual owners are to be asked not to park here. The sign on the gate to be deferred until the effectiveness of the current measures can be seen.</p> <p>The email distribution list should be available next week, and the response has been good.</p>	
Notice Board	Peter Quanton is proceeding with the board for the bus shelter.	
Road Cleaning	This is being repeatedly chased. Ideally the road should be cleaned before the Fayre on 4th June.	HM
Mundays Gift	The governing document has been successfully changed.	
Royal Wedding Tree	The tree planted as part of the street party celebrations was a Copper Beech. Volunteers are watering the beech while it gets established.	
Potholes	Despite numerous enquiries the potholes reported in February have not been repaired. A letter to be written to OCC Highways and copied to Roger Belson. The link for reporting potholes to be included in the newsletter again to encourage more people to report concerns.	HM
Playing Field Insurance	The third party insurance for the cricket club nets has been clarified and a sign is to be put on the nets stating that they are the property of the cricket club and are for their use only. A copy of the policy is on file.	

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<u>Any Other Business</u>		6
Annual Parish Meeting	As this is an election year, the Annual Parish Meeting has to be held between the 9th and the 23rd of May. Possible dates were discussed and the hall availability to be checked for Tuesday 17th May.	HM
Holliers Close	Ivy is overgrowing the footpath and needs to be reported to OCC Highways	HM
Playing Field	The dry weather has loosened a couple of posts, and one has rotted at the base. The loose posts have been removed, and the expenditure for repairs has been authorised.	RH
<p>The Chairman finished the meeting by thanking Des O'Flanagan for his invaluable contributions to the parish council and his hard work during thirteen years of service. He has been a very dedicated Councillor and will be missed when he stands down at the election.</p>		
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm. The APM date to be confirmed, and the next routine meeting to be held on 2nd June.</p>		

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