

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3rd November 2011

Present: Paul Stancliffe
Roy Harrison
Alison Isherwood
Janet Potts
Rachel Blake
Heather Mullins

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Sydenham Voice	<p>There will be a Sydenham Voice meeting on 10th November, and 60% of the people who wanted to get involved have said they will attend. The four areas that villagers are most interested in following up are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Sydenham • Playground • Footpaths • Neighbourhood Watch <p>The issue of parking in front of the playing field gate arose. Paul has spoken to the Pinkerton family, who intend to gift a memorial bench. This is most likely to be done in the Spring of next year. PS to arrange for a concrete base to be laid ready for the bench, and it is hoped that this will reduce parking on the verge. Sydenham Voice have organised a village clean up on Sunday 6th November at 11.15. One of the aims is to rake up the beech nuts on the green and remove the pile of sawdust from the stump grinding. A car has been regularly parking on the pavement at Plough Corner which is blocking access for a mobility scooter - a polite note to be put on the windscreen.</p>	PS RB
B4445 footpath	<p>JP has spoken to the Highways department who agree that this path is in a poor condition. It needs to be resurfaced but there is no budget currently available. Highways have this path on their list and it will be done as and when funds are available. Chinnor PC to be contacted suggesting that they put weedkiller on the path to at least reduce the overgrowth. RH suggested that the whole village should be encouraged to keep the area immediately in front of their own property tidy and clear of weeds. Will Munday could be asked to spray all the pavements to keep them clear.</p>	HM
Derelict houses	<p>JP has contacted Steve Lynch at SOHA to discuss Sydenham Grove. SOHA do intend to board up houses as they become empty with a view to redeveloping the site. They would consider developing half the site if the home owners wanted to sell. In the short term they may look at improving the access road surface.</p>	
Playing Field	<p>The RoSPA report has been received, and highlights two action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal posts are not pinned down. RB and RH to peg the posts to the ground. • Bolts holding the bench down need to be level with the ground not standing proud as they are at present. <p>All other things highlighted in the report have already been done.</p>	RB / RH
Road sweeping	<p>The road was cleaned during the week commencing 31st October, but unfortunately Plough Corner was still not included. RH and AI will clear the weeds from Plough Corner over the next week or so. The cleaning company to be thanked for cleaning the main road, but to be asked if they will clean Plough Corner next time.</p>	RH / AI HM

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<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>P11/E1435</p>	<p>Red Cottage, Thame Park Road, Thame OX9 3PR Demolition of two storey 2 bed dwelling and erection of two storey 3 bed dwelling <i>Permission GRANTED</i></p> <p>The application for Vears Farm has been withdrawn until further advice can be sought from structural surveyors. The intention is to proceed in due course, perhaps with a revised scheme.</p>	
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>SODC - ORCC</p>	<p>Parish Elections Jubilee Beacons Annual Review</p>	<p>All AI AI</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>		
<p>Rubbish bins</p>	<p>The bins by the playing field and bus shelter appear to have been missed from the collection round, and no longer have blue sacks to line them. Replacement sacks to be put in and the bins emptied. If another collection is missed, the refuse collectors to be contacted.</p>	<p>AI/RH HM</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55pm. The next meeting will be on 1st December at 8pm.</p>		

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