

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 1st December 2011

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Sydenham Voice	<p>The meeting on the 10th October was very productive, and the three items that had the most interest were footpaths/bridleways/Phoenix trail link, Neighbourhood Watch and the history of Sydenham. Three subgroups have been formed and action plans made.</p> <p>The historical group will be looking at the records in the OSR cabinet which came from June Cray, and looking at family trees and military history.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Watch needs revitalising, although we are lucky in that this is a relatively low crime rate area. People who are interested in receiving the TVP feeds will be able to sign up through a new page on the village website and there will be a piece in the next newsletter.</p> <p>The Phoenix trail link work needs to be co-ordinated with other local parishes and Des O'Flanagan is helping with this following on from his work on this project with the Parish Council. AI to provide contact details for OCC through her work in Thame. The grant forms for the Sewells Lane bridleway are being progressed and will be brought to the January parish council meeting. During the discussion a query was raised regarding the width of part of the proposed Phoenix trail link that is currently a footpath less than 1m wide - JP to query this with Jonathon Beale, the footpaths officer.</p>	AI JP
Parking in front of the playing field gate	The Pinkerton family are kindly providing a bench in the spring and this will be positioned to prevent parking on the grass area. The concrete base for the bench to be prepared.	PS
Parking at Plough Corner	There has been no further parking on the pavement, although a polite notice is ready for use if required.	RB
B4445 footpath	The grass has been mowed, but the path width is still restricted. A reply has been received from Chinnor Parish Council to say that they have been talking to Councillor David Wilmshurst, and that they have applied to OCC under a stewardship scheme for funds to improve the path. OCC have advised that attempts to clear the weeds from the footpath in the meantime would contribute to the path surface breaking down further, and that it should not be attempted.	
Playing Field	Will Munday to be asked to grind the bench bolts in order to comply with the RoSPA report, and RoSPA to be asked for advice. The graffiti under the A-frame to be painted over and a new corner piece for the goal post to be sourced.	RB RB
Road cleaning	The inspector is coming to look at the northern end of the village after the lack of cleaning in Plough Corner was reported. The next road cleaning visit has been booked for January.	HM
Litter bins	The blue sacks have been replaced and the bins are being emptied on the usual rota system.	

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Speed Survey	The next visit of the mobile camera has been requested during a 'rush hour' period. Jacky Maddon to be asked for an update on the regular programme of visits. Regarding the schools project, a promising reply has been received by one school, and others yet to reply. Aston Rowant to be contacted after Christmas due to a change in Head Teacher.	HM RB
Sewells Lane road surface	Roger Belson has replied to say that Highways have no plans to resurface this road. No direct reply has been received from Highways. A follow up response to be sent.	PS
Diamond Jubilee celebrations	There was discussion about a memorial stone for the church wall. Gordon McLeod to be asked about plans for Sydenham Fayre and the Sunday Lunch over the Jubilee weekend.	RB
<u>Finance</u>		
<p>The proposed 2012/13 budget was discussed together with the setting of the precept. The annual precept to remain at £8000.</p> <p>The Old School Room Committee has requested an annual grant for ongoing maintenance, and Roy Harrison declared an interest while this matter was discussed. An annual amount of £500 was agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Bank of Ireland account would be closed as it is no longer in use.</p> <p>The following items have been authorised for payment:</p> <p>£40.00 HM Revenue PAYE £11.66 SODC dog hygiene bin £194.00 Old School Room - annual hire for parish council meetings and the Sydenham Voice October meeting £19.43 Clerk's expenses £444.00 J M Wallington - hedging and verge cutting £79.02 P Stancliffe for replacement of church floodlight £100.00 donation to Thame CAB</p>		
Natwest Current a/c: b/f £5,841.81	Payments: £160.00 Clerks salary £300.00 Complete Tree Services £40.00 HM Revenue and Customs PAYE £75.60 PlaySafety Limited £66.00 Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils £477.00 Sydenham newsletter - balance of printing budget £500.00 Will Munday grass cutting and 1 x extra cut of churchyard (o/s) £25.00 safe custody hold - playing field deed £64.86 Repay L Greenwood-Hughes for paying field materials	Closing balance at 30.11.11 £4,633.35
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,729.45	No activity	£7,729.45

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<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>P11/E1736/LB</p> <p>P11/E1801</p> <p>P11/E1552/LB</p>	<p>Re-building of the churchyard wall at St Mary's Sydenham. This will be done on a 'like for like' basis. <i>Recommended for approval as it preserves the appearance of the Conservation Area</i></p> <p>Coopers Yard, Sydenham Road Construction of a lean-to chitting shed against the south facing gable wall of a newly built outbuilding <i>No strong views</i></p> <p>Kingham House, Sydenham Road Removal of 11 softwood windows and replace with new sapelle hardwood windows to exactly match those removed. Replace existing stable door with new to match existing. <i>GRANTED</i></p>	<p>19</p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>SODC OSR Lord Williams's Citizens Advice Bureau, Thame Planning enquiry</p>	<p>Budgets and precepts 2012/13 Grant request Community Action Morning Request for donation</p> <p>To be investigated and reply sent</p>	<p>RB/JP HM HM</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Thermal imaging</p> <p>Work to lower village green</p>	<p>RB to obtain further details.</p> <p>Permission has been sought to dig a trench outside Vears Farm and Wykehams Barn to install utility services and then infill. This was granted on the condition that the green be fully reinstated.</p>	
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.05pm. The next meeting will be on 5th January at 8pm.</p>		

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