

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th January 2012

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Sydenham Voice	At the last meeting there was discussion about the Historical Society and two subgroups have formed. One is looking at the best way of archiving and digitising the village records, and the other is interested in the history of the older houses in the village. There was discussion about the persistent problem of dog fouling, especially across the allotment fields. Posters have been obtained and displayed. The parish council have contacted the Environmental Health Department, who advise contacting our PCSO. PCSOs acting on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council can issue fixed penalty notices. Jacky Madden to be contacted.	HM
Parking in front of playing field	The dimensions required for the base are being provided so that the concrete can be laid.	
Playing field	The replacement piece for the goal post has been ordered and fitted, together with the tethering hoops. More sets of these are available if required, and there is a tool for removing them when the grass needs mowing. The bolts have been levelled to comply with the RoSPA recommendations. Once the weather is warmer the painting can be done on the bench and under the A Frame.	
Road cleaning	The village is scheduled for cleaning in January. The contractors to be contacted to ask when the visit is planned so that we can hoe the edges of the road in advance so that the weeds are cleared.	HM
Speed Survey	Lewknor school are very interested in the competition and the parish council are supportive. They have provided a contact at the Travel to School Team who might be able to provide some funding. PSCO Jacky Madden to be contacted. Jacky Madden to be invited to attend another parish council meeting and given a list of the dates. The next Have Your Say meeting could be at the pancake races on 21st February.	RB RB HM
Councillor Roger Belson.	We were very sad to hear the news that Councillor Roger Belson passed away over the Christmas break. Roger has been our County Councillor since 2001 and has been of assistance and support on numerous matters that we have tried to resolve. He will be greatly missed. Until an election is held in due course, Councillor David Wilmshurst is undertaking a watching brief on constituency matters.	
Sewells Lane Road Surface	A summary of the situation to date and pictures of the defective surface to be sent to Councillor David Wilmshurst.	PS

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Footpaths	<p>There is good progress with getting the footpaths from Sewells Lane and Holliers Close cleared - the Sewells Lane path should be done by the end of March and the Holliers Close path should be done by the end of May</p> <p>Information is being gathered to complete the TOE2 grant, which would provide £2000 towards getting kissing gates put in to create a circular route using the two paths mentioned above. The grant should be sufficient to supply and install four pairs of wooden kissing gates - photos and details of the various gate options to be circulated. OCC are installing two further kissing gates instead of the existing double stile, which will not be part of the grant work.</p> <p>The grant form to be brought to the next meeting for final approval and signatures.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p>																		
Diamond Jubilee celebrations	<p>The current plan is for Sydenham Fayre to take place as usual on the Saturday, but without the evening function. Instead, the village is likely to take part in the Community Sunday Roast which is taking place throughout the country.</p> <p>There will be a meeting in February to start the Fayre planning.</p> <p>There is also a proposal to place a Jubilee stone in the section of the church wall that is being replaced, alongside the existing Coronation stone. There is currently a planning application for the wall to be rebuilt and the placing of the stones would be part of this. Costs are being sought for different design options, and villagers are to be asked for their opinion by means of an article in the next newsletter and an email circular.</p> <p>The parish council have budgeted £500 for the occasion of the Jubilee, and OALC will advise under which powers of expenditure this can be used.</p>																			
<u>Finance</u>	<p>It was confirmed that the annual budgeted grant of £500 for the OSR will start in April, and that the 50% contribution towards the recent water main repairs for the OSR will be made as soon as the amount is confirmed by the committee.</p> <p>The precept for 2012/2013 was confirmed as £8000 and the form to be submitted.</p> <p>The following items have been authorised for payment:  £40.00 HM Revenue PAYE  £24.67 goalpost replacement parts</p> <p>A cheque has been wrongly processed by NatWest for £44 instead of £444, mistake to be rectified by the bank.</p>																			
<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £4,633.35</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,729.45</p>	<p>Payments:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>£160.00</td> <td>Clerk's salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£19.43</td> <td>Clerk's expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£444.00</td> <td>J M Wallington - hedges and verges (only £44 paid by bank)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£79.02</td> <td>P Stancliffe - repairs to church floodlight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Thame CAB donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£11.66</td> <td>SODC - dog hygiene bin emptying</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£194.00</td> <td>Old school room - hire for meetings (PC and Sydenham Voice)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£40.00</td> <td>HM Revenue and Customs PAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£500.00</td> <td>W Munday grass cutting and extra cut of churchyard</td> </tr> </table> <p>Interest received £0.77</p>	£160.00	Clerk's salary	£19.43	Clerk's expenses	£444.00	J M Wallington - hedges and verges (only £44 paid by bank)	£79.02	P Stancliffe - repairs to church floodlight	£100.00	Thame CAB donation	£11.66	SODC - dog hygiene bin emptying	£194.00	Old school room - hire for meetings (PC and Sydenham Voice)	£40.00	HM Revenue and Customs PAYE	£500.00	W Munday grass cutting and extra cut of churchyard	<p>Closing balance at 31.12.11</p> <p>£3,485.24</p> <p>£7,730.22</p>
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<u>Planning</u>	<p>The planning enforcement enquiry has been investigated and it was found that no breach has taken place.</p> <p>A reply has been sent to say that the matter has been investigated, that there are currently no contraventions, and including all relevant information.</p>																			

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<u>Correspondence</u>		
OCC CPRE/NALC	Councillor Roger Belson and the Watlington Division Planning Explained Briefing on the Localism Act	file AI file
<u>Any Other Business</u>	The newsletter article regarding the website was discussed.  There was discussion about the future development of Sydenham Grove by SOHA. The opinions of some of the current residents to be sought.  It was suggested that there be a joint committee for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations involving the Fayre, Sydenham Voice and the Parish Council.	PS  AI  All
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.46pm. The next meeting will be on 2nd February at 8pm.		

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