

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd February 2012

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

| <u>Matters Arising</u> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |
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| Sydenham Voice         | <p>The issues that came up at the latest meeting of Sydenham Voice were:</p> <p>Possibility of dog hygiene bin at the Emmington end of the village - RB to ask Plough Corner residents if there are particular problem areas.</p> <p>Parking on the pavement of Plough Corner - RB has already spoken to the owner of the car concerned.</p> <p>Parking by the playing field - we are awaiting the dimensions of the bench so that the base can be laid on the grass bank, and HM to revisit the options of signage on the gate to prevent cars parking in front of it.</p> <p>Speeding - Jacky Maddon is carrying out speed checks at regular intervals and the Speed Enforcement team will be using the camera van as soon as suitable sites are approved. RB is organising a project involving local children to try and promote speed awareness, using the data obtained from the Sydenham speed survey cables, and is liaising with schools, our PCSO and neighbouring parish councils.</p> <p>Sydenham Voice queried the possibility of 20mph limit in the village itself and had been told that street lighting was not a requirement for this. HM to speak to Highways and the Police for further details, as this is contrary to the information we were given last time the parish council investigated reduced speed limits.</p> <p>Sydenham Historical Society are looking at census details for the village and have requested £100 funding from the parish council to obtain the copies required from the 1911 records. This expenditure was approved under s137.</p> <p>Sydenham Voice are investigating the possibility of getting the Thame Gazette and Chinnor Pump delivered to the village. The Thame Gazette used to be left in the OSR porch but this was discontinued because of the litter problem resulting from uncollected copies.</p> <p>There has been a suggestion that a village pond on the green would be a good project for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and a proposal is being put together by Sydenham Voice. Historically there was a pond at the edge of the green by Burrows Farm House, but it suffered from irregular water supply and so was drained and filled. The Jubilee celebrations are going to be co-ordinated by a committee which John Ashfield has volunteered to organise.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">RB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HM</p> |
| Dog fouling            | <p>There has been a noticeable improvement in the fields to and through the allotments, and there is an increased awareness of the problem. The larger posters have been taken down for now but can be re-used if further problems arise.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                   |

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| Road cleaning                         | The road sweeper has visited the village and included Plough Corner on the route as requested. The next visit for the main road and side roads to be booked for May.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 24<br>HM                                          |
| Speed survey                          | Several local schools are interested in the suggested project as discussed at the start of the meeting, and RB is waiting for some further information from Lewknor Parish Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | RB                                                |
| Sewells Lane road surface             | A letter has been sent to Councillor David Wilmshurst detailing the problem with the surfacing and enclosing photos of the damage. David Wilmshurst will be talking to the Highways Steward for our area about this and also regarding the footpath along the B4445 to Chinnor.<br>As the Chalford road is being resurfaced, the possibility of using these scalplings on either the Emington bridleway or the Sewells Lane bridleway was discussed. Jonathan Beale and Bob Burgess at OCC to be asked. | PS<br>JP/AI                                       |
| Footpaths                             | The kissing gates for the proposed circular walk linking Footpaths 2 and 3 have been sourced and would cost £127 plus vat for wooden gates (the favoured option) or more than £200 plus vat for metal gates.<br>The landowner is currently not in favour of these gates being installed so the grant application has been put on hold while other options are considered.<br>Jonathan Beale to be updated on the latest situation.                                                                      | JP                                                |
| <u>Finance</u>                        | Roger Symes to be asked to carry out the internal audit.<br>Introduction of quarterly bank reconciliations to be signed at parish council meeting as part of internal controls.<br>Clerk to keep timesheets of work carried out.<br><br>The following items have been authorised for payment:<br>£40.00 HM Revenue PAYE<br>£100 Sydenham Historical Society                                                                                                                                             |                                                   |
| NatWest Current a/c:<br>b/f £3,485.24 | Payments:<br>£160.00 Clerk's salary<br>£24.67 Repay R Harrison for spare parts for playing field goalpost<br>£40.00 HM Revenue and Customs PAYE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Closing<br>balance at<br>31.1.12<br><br>£2,860.57 |
| Natwest Reserve a/c:<br>b/f £7,730.22 | No transactions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | £7,730.22                                         |
| <u>Planning</u>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                   |
| P11/E1736/LB                          | St Mary's Church, Sydenham<br>Re-building of church wall on a 'like for like' basis<br><i>Permission GRANTED</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                   |
| P11/E2150                             | St Mary's Church, Sydenham<br>Re-building of church wall on a 'like for like' basis (As amplified by additional information on architectural report accompanying letter from applicant dated 16 December 2011)<br><i>Recommended for approval</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                   |

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| P11/E2086                                                                                                                                  | <p>Mr Roy Harrison declared an interest in the following application and took no further part in the discussion.</p> <p>Cattle Market Site, North Street, Thame<br/>Demolition of existing buildings and construction of new supermarket (Class A1) with ATM and substation and community centre (Class D2), associated access, car park and landscape works.<br/><i>Details to be circulated to all villagers to allow individuals to comment directly. Parish Council response awaiting further discussion.</i></p> | 25 |
| <u>Correspondence</u><br><br>SODC<br>Thame CAB<br>Local Govt Boundary Commission<br>ORCC                                                   | <p>Confirmation of precept<br/>Acknowledgement and thanks for donation</p> <p>Electoral review of Oxfordshire: Final recommendations<br/>Bulk oil purchasing scheme</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |
| <u>Any Other Business</u><br><br>Parking on village greens                                                                                 | <p>The verges and village greens in Brookstones are suffering from cars parking on the grass. An item to go in the newsletter asking people to avoid using these areas. A request to be made to Ladybirds that cars parking for the preschool park on the road surface not the grass, especially once the grass has been reseeded in the spring.</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | RH |
| Date of next meeting                                                                                                                       | <p>Due to the number of councillors unavailable for a meeting on 1st March it was suggested that the meeting be moved to 8th March. Hall availability to be checked.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | HM |
| <p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.30pm.<br/>The next meeting date to be confirmed.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |

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