

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 3rd May 2012

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Election of Officers	<p>The officers of the council were elected as follows: Chairman - Paul Stancliffe was proposed by Roy Harrison and seconded by Alison Isherwood Vice Chairman - Roy Harrison was proposed by Janet Potts and seconded by Alison Isherwood</p> <p>Heather Mullins to remain as Clerk and RFO</p>	
District Councillor	<p>Councillor Dorothy Brown was welcomed to the meeting and gave a report which included an update on the Core Strategy and the Thame Local Plan, the award that Oxfordshire has won for its success with waste recycling, the new officer employed to tackle waste tipping, and grants available for projects. The development of Sydenham Grove was discussed and Dorothy Brown suggested that SOHA be contacted.</p>	
Sydenham Voice	<p>Sydenham Voice reported that the team have set up most of their projects. they are having a review after the first year and discussing the future. They have offered to help the Parish Council if volunteers are required for any projects or actions. The Historical Society is looking into methods of digitising the records that they have and how they should be archived. The Sydenham Mail system is up and running, and working well, as is the Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>The issues that came up at the latest meeting of Sydenham Voice were:</p> <p>Speeding - RB and HM to speak to Jacky Madden for an update on suitable locations for the speed camera van. Footpaths - Richard Cooper is happy with the kissing gates installed on the Holliers Close footpath, and will meet JP to discuss the possibility of more gates in a few month's time. Wild flower planting - this is going ahead as part of the Jubilee celebrations, and the area by Burrows Farm House has already been seeded.</p>	
Dog fouling	<p>Emmington residents are planning to attend the Chinnor Parish Council meeting regarding provision of a bin. PS to speak to the Chairman of Chinnor with reference to their emailed response regarding lack of budget. An owner failing to clear up after their dog has been identified. Follow up action to be taken.</p>	<p>PS RH/PS</p>
Phoenix Trail link	<p>Members of the interested parishes are meeting on 15th May to discuss the action plan and the possibility of applying for a TOE2 grant. The ideal option would be to achieve a permissive licence for the stretch of</p>	<p>RB</p>

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	footpath near Henton with the landowner's permission. Other legal options could take years to progress..	05
Speeding data project	RB is organising the competition and sending the information to Aston Rowant and Lewknor schools after the half term holiday.	RB
Playing Field	The wording of the sign was agreed, having researched other local playground information signs and consulted the Playing Field Association. A quote has been obtained for a wooden sign and the order was agreed.	RB
Parking by the playing field	The Jubilee committee are seeking permission to place a new jubilee bench on the green with a time capsule buried underneath and a plaque to mark the occasion. It was agreed that this should go ahead, and that the existing bench should be replaced with the jubilee bench. The existing bench can then be relocated to the verge by the playing field to prevent cars parking.	
Deep cleanse programme	Following the letter from SODC, the footpath from Chinnor to the Inn at Emmington and the kerbs along the entire length of the B4445 from Thame to Chinnor have been put forward for weed clearance under the Deep Cleanse programme.	
Sewells Lane road surface	Councillor David Wilmshurst has been looking at this with EME planning regulators, who have confirmed that the legal status of Sewells Lane is a bridleway, and therefore will not be resurfaced by OCC. The Rights of Way Officer has advised that to get this upgraded, evidence must be obtained that the route has been incorrectly recorded and that there is vehicular access open to all traffic.	PS
Proposed diversion of Bridleway 7	A letter was submitted to Andy Sylvester from OCC objecting to the proposed diversion. Subsequently OCC have asked for the parish council's views on reinstating the 1980's route. A further letter has been submitted stating that the parish council have reassessed the proposals for the 1980 route, the 2002 route and the shorter diversion around the farmyard, and would now be in a position to consider any of these alternatives providing that the surface accommodates bicycles.	
Brookstones verges	These are recovering from the tyre damage.	
Parking on the green	The vehicle which had been queried by a parishioner is not parking on registered village green.	
<u>Finance</u>	<p>The following items have been authorised for payment: £40.00 HM Revenue PAYE £75.00 playing field sign £18.48 Paul Stancliffe expenses -grass and flower seed</p> <p>The insurance renewal was discussed as alternative quotes have been obtained. A comparison of cover to be carried out before the renewal.</p> <p>The audit documents have been submitted to the internal auditor.</p>	

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NatWest Current a/c: b/f £1,410.38	Payments: £ 160.00 Clerk's salary £ 133.07 OALC subscription £ 30.00 ORCC membership (o/s) £ 50.00 HM Revenue and Customs PAYE for April Receipts: £ 4,000.00 precept 1st instalment	Closing balance at 30.4.12
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,730.99	No transactions	£5,067.31 £7,730.99
<u>Planning</u>		
P11/E2385	Slade Farm, Sydenham Road Demolition and erection of replacement stables and ancillary groom accommodation <i>Permission GRANTED</i>	
P11/S0246 and P11/S0443	Vears Farmhouse, Brookstones Demolition of existing outbuilding and the erection of a replacement outbuilding for storage and garage use ancillary to the main residential dwelling <i>No strong views</i>	
<u>Correspondence</u>		
SODC	Adopting the new councillors code of conduct	All
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Park View	The lack of road signage is causing problems for deliveries to the stretch of road called Park View which is preceded and followed by 'Sydenham Road' from the Inn at Emmington to the village. SODC to be asked about getting a sign.	HM
Village Centre	The Chinnor Village Centre have written to request a donation - £250 authorised.	HM
Royal Wedding tree	The removal of the willow and the planting of the copper beech tree have been confirmed to SODC and the necessary form completed.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.40pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th June at 8pm.		

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