

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7th June 2012

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Police report	<p>PCSOs Diane Jackson and Chris Hollis gave the following report on behalf of Jacky Madden :</p> <p>Between 1-29th May there was one reported incident, which was traffic related. The local PCSO continues to conduct speed checks in the village, with letters sent to any offenders.</p> <p>If anyone would like information on home security, please contact Jacky Madden on the new non-emergency number for Thames Valley Police, which is 101.</p> <p>There have been a number of thefts from cars in the local area - people are advised to always lock their cars and avoid leaving items on view as many of the thefts are opportunist.</p> <p>Crime statistics (and other local information) are available for the local area via www.police.uk, by entering your postcode and clicking on 'find out more'.</p> <p>Locations for the SID van are still being verified, and a visual presence is being maintained. The speed data from the B4445 can only be obtained via a data protection enquiry.</p> <p>The effectiveness of CCTV in Thame was discussed.</p>	
County Councillor	<p>Our new county councillor Caroline Newton gave the following report:</p> <p>The boundary areas are currently under review and it is likely that Sydenham will move to the Chinnor division, under Councillor David Wilmshurst. This would take effect at the next May election.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting Mrs Newton had asked the parish council if there were any items that they would like to have considered for funding under the Area Stewards Fund. The ideas submitted that were suitable were posts to protect the flood defences in Brookstones (the playing field has been suggested as another site), and chequered signs and road markings to enforce the speed limit through the village. The pavement of the B4445 is too large a project to be covered by the Area Stewards fund, and also this funding has been sourced from elsewhere. An estimate has been provided for siding the path and scraping the weeds back, and also for providing the dropped kerbs requested. Chinnor Parish Council and Councillor David Wilmshurst are providing progress updates.</p> <p>Councillor Newton also discussed the Big Society Fund - a country wide scheme for meeting new, sustainable, community driven schemes to meet needs not otherwise met. Examples were given such as the apple press in Watlington. It was suggested that a large screen and speakers for the OSR could be applied for - ideas need to be endorsed by Councillor Newton before they go to Council.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council are committed to getting 90% of all households on faster broadband within three years. Schemes are being considered to help the remaining 10%. Sydenham may be linked to the Chinnor exchange which could be upgraded.</p> <p>The quality of the Postcombe road repairs were commented on, although there are still areas to be completed - Highways to be contacted.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">AI/HM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HM</p>

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Sydenham Voice	<p>The issues that came up at the latest meeting of Sydenham Voice were:</p> <p>Parking outside the playing field (following on from the discussion in March when the gate access was being considered) - instead of replacing the kissing gate, it was suggested that the main gate could be hinged to open the opposite way. However it had been decided that gate access had been a 'one-off' issue and that the main concern was to prevent vehicles parking by the gate and blocking the line of sight of children entering/leaving. This item is to be discussed later in the agenda.</p> <p>Wild flower planting - the vegetation needs to be cut back first, then sprayed with weedkiller, ideally in Spring. Chris Cooper to provide an estimated cost.</p> <p>Suggested areas are from the Millhouse to the Stert junction, from Holliers Close to the Old Chapel and on Plough Corner. SV to consult villagers to see if they are happy for this to be done.</p> <p>The Historical Society are looking to scan large maps - RB has a contact who would be happy to help. The estimated quantity would be 20 x A3 copies.</p>	08 RB
Dog fouling	<p>Chinnor Parish Council are referring the request for a bin in Emmington to their environment committee. A request to be made for an all purpose bin instead of a dog hygiene bin as this would tackle the litter problem at the same time, and dog waste could still be put in as long as it was bagged.</p> <p>Another incident of fouling has been reported in Brookstones.</p>	PS
Phoenix Trail link	<p>A meeting was held with other interested parishes to discuss the route and how it could link the communities together. The suggested route is from J6 of the M40, past the Blue Cross site up onto the Lower Icknield Way and along to Chinnor (with a spur off to Sydenham). The next stage is a cost/benefit analysis, which has been started off by a student in Oxford for their dissertation.</p> <p>Funding is being sought via grants, and an application is being submitted to TOE2. Community support will be sought and local cycling and walking groups will be approached to see if they are interested in giving support to the scheme.</p>	
Speeding Data project	<p>The competition has been compiled for this term and schools are aware that it is on the way.</p>	RB
Playing Field	<p>The new sign has been received and will be installed this weekend. Once the Jubilee bench arrives for the green (there is lead time of several weeks on this) the current Fayre bench will be relocated to the verge by the playing field to prevent parking on the RHS. The edges of the grass to be followed with wooden posts - Highways to be contacted for a quotation. PS to attend any site visit to help with information as to cable and services locations.</p> <p>The possibility of a having a central locking post in front of the field access was discussed and ruled out.</p>	RB HM
Sewells Lane	<p>Councillor David Wilmshurst and Keith Stenning (Highways) have advised that getting this initial stretch of tarmaced surface reclassified from bridleway to road could take upto 10 years. It was decided that an application should be submitted to start the process.</p>	PS
Code of Conduct	<p>The Parish Council passed the following resolutions:</p> <p>That the code of conduct adopted by the South Oxfordshire District Council be adopted as the code for members and co-opted members of the Sydenham Parish Council with effect from 1 July 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations, to replace the current code of conduct; and that the clerk be requested to notify the monitoring officer of the South Oxfordshire District Council of the passing of the above resolution.</p>	HM

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Park View street signage	Following a site meeting with the data monitoring manager, a proposal has been made to put three street name plates up to clearly mark Park View. These would take 4-6 weeks to manufacture and install, and the cost would be covered by SODC. It was agreed that the order should be submitted.	09 HM
<u>Finance</u>	<p>The following items have been authorised for payment:</p> <p>£40.00 HM Revenue PAYE £21.60 MP Printers - footpath maps £243.30 Tower Mint (s137 expenditure, Jubilee) £135.00 RJS (IA) Ltd - internal audit £117.50 Menu Shop - playing field sign, repay Rachel Blake £570.00 W Munday - clearing, turfing and wild flower seeding works by Burrows Farm House £57.24 repay Paul Stancliffe for turf £50.00 Air Ambulance donation £367.49 Cyan - jubilee bench</p> <p>Following the May meeting it was agreed that Aon Insurance provided the best value quotation and the parish council cover was renewed, to take effect on 1st June 2012.</p> <p>The annual accounts have been passed by the internal auditor with no points raised and will be submitted to BDO by 9th July. A notice has been displayed for the exercise of voters rights, showing when the accounts are available to view.</p> <p>Bank signatories to be checked and updated if required.</p>	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £5,067.31 Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,730.99	Payments: £ 160.00 Clerk's salary £ 40.00 PAYE for period ending 5.5.12 £ 18.48 Repay Paul Stancliffe for grass seed, flower seed etc £ 676.48 Aon Ltd - insurance renewal (o/s) £ 250.00 Chinnor village centre - donation (o/s) £ 30.00 ORCC membership Receipts: -£ 814.82 HMRC vat repayment for year ending 31.3.12 No transactions	Closing balance at 31.5.12 £5,633.65 £7,730.99
<u>Planning</u>		
P12/S0815/HH	The Old Vicarage, Sydenham Road Extension, conversion and alteration of existing single storey outbuildings to form a one bedroom annexe <i>No strong views</i>	
P11/S0443 and P11/S0246	Vears Farmhouse, Brookstones Proposed replacement barn - amendment <i>For information only</i>	
P12/S0711/LDP	The Hedgerow, Brookstones Construct semi-open porch to front of property <i>Certificate of Lawful Development</i>	

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<u>Correspondence</u> ORCC Audit Commission Air Ambulance	Big Society Fund Community transport and green transport in your parish Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years Request for donation - £50 agreed	10 AI RH HM HM
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Parking on registered village green	Another piece to go in the newsletter including a plan to show the areas of registered village green, to ensure that these areas are not used for parking	n/l
Damage to VAS sign	The parish council were contacted by Thames Valley Police who were following up a query that the damage to the VAS sign last year was caused by a bullet. The police saw photographs of the damage to the sign and spoke to the engineers from Solargen who repaired the solar panel, and have confirmed that they do not think the sign was shot at.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th July at 8pm.		

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