

# Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 1st November 2012

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None.	
Minutes of last meeting	These were approved and signed.	
Brookstones flood bank	Mr Mike May has contacted OCC and spoken to Gordon Hunt (Drainage department) and Keith Stenning in Highways, and the suggestion is to protect the bank with posts. A third party quote of £250 per post has been given, but OCC can carry out the work at a lower cost if they undertake the work themselves. Mr May is going to speak to Mike Baldwin at SODC, who is familiar with the site, to see if he can suggest any funding solutions. An estimated 3-4 posts are required.	
Sydenham Voice, report given by Janet Potts	Sydenham Broadband update - OCC have a budget for the broadband update, and broadband is being pursued by both OCC and DEFRA. As a smaller village Sydenham needs to be heard against the larger towns. We need to ensure that any improvement between Thame and Chinnor is also connected to Sydenham. Councillor Nick Carter to be invited to speak to the village, following on from the meeting in October with John Howell and Angie Patterson. HM to ask for possible diary dates in November. Local parish clerks to be contacted to enquire what measures other villagers are taking to improve broadband services.	HM HM
Big Society Fund (OSR screen)	Councillor Newton has very kindly offered to fund the projector, but there would still need to be fundraising for the other equipment, as this couldn't be used on its own. Questions have been raised as to the upkeep, insurance, management etc. To see if the scheme has village support a survey is to be compiled to be circulated on Sydenham Mail. The suggestion is that if the project goes ahead it should be overseen by a separate committee.	AI/RB
Sewells Lane road surface	The Rights of Way officer has provided a map which appears to indicate that the first 60m of Sewells Lane are 'maintained road'. We need to find out what procedure is required to get this status recognised. It was agreed that the Definitive Map needs to be corrected, even if the process is lengthy.	PS
B4445 footway	Rain has prevented the weedkiller from being applied, but it is hoped that the treatment can be applied very soon. The dropped kerbs have been installed.	
Phoenix Trail link	A meeting is being held next week to look at engaging a student from Oxford to run a cost benefit analysis of the whole scheme.	RB

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Speeding and data project	The finished signs were shown to the meeting, and will be installed in the next few days. The Thame Gazette has been contacted regarding the project.	24 RB
Jubilee and Fayre benches	The Fayre bench has been installed outside the playing field to prevent cars parking on the verge and blocking the view of traffic approaching from Emmington. The position was chosen to maximise visibility and because of the speed of traffic on this approach.	
Playing Field	The last inspection showed that some sandpapering is required. The cost of sturdier goal posts to be investigated.	RB RH
Schedule of main modifications for South Oxfordshire Core Strategy	No action points.	
<u>Finance</u>	<p>The following items have been authorised for payment:</p> <p>£40.00 HM Revenue PAYE to 5.11.12  £96.00 Block 9 Display Ltd  £33.17 Clerk's expenses  £41.57 Paul Stancliffe expenses (bench)  £96.45 Rachel Blake expenses (speed awareness project)</p> <p>The draft budget for 2013/14 was circulated for comment. This cannot be finalised until the precept is agreed in December/January.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk's salary is to increase to £12.32 per hour (SCP28) with effect from 01.04.12 and to £12.81 per hour (SCP29) with effect from 01.04.13.  The standing order for the Clerk's salary is to be adjusted accordingly.</p>	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £2,857.95	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£160.00 Clerk's salary  £570.00 Will Munday - work to green by Burrows Farm  £35.00 OPFA renewal  £40.00 PAYE for period ending 5.10.12  £53.97 Reimburse Roy Harrison expenses  £162.00 BDO external audit fee  £600.00 W Munday, mowing village greens and 2x cut of churchyard</p> <p>Receipts:</p> <p>£4,000.00 SODC precept part 2</p>	Closing balance at 30.10.12
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,731.76	£0.77 interest	£5,236.98  £7,732.53
<u>Planning</u>		
P12/S1980/HH	Old Byre House, Sydenham Road Proposed alterations and extensions <i>GRANTED</i>	

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<u>Correspondence</u>  SODC  OCC NALC	Christmas tree recycling scheme SODC budget for 2013/14 Primary school admissions Policy briefing - precepts update	25  HM Syd Mail n/b
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Footpaths	Following a query from the Ramblers, Will Browning to be asked to reinstate the cross field footpaths after ploughing and cropping on Sydenham Grange Farm.	JP
Proposed diversion of bridleway 7	Andy Sylvester to be asked for an update	HM
<p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.  The next meeting will be held on 6th December 2012 in the OSR at 8pm.</p>		

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