

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6th December 2012

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

<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	The Highways Dept has recommended three posts at a cost of £250 each, one to be paid for by SODC, one by Highways and they are seeking for one to be paid by the Parish Council. This payment was approved, and the cheque is to be sent to the Area Steward straight away so that the work can be scheduled for next week.	HM
Sydenham Voice, report given by Phil Archer & John Ashfield	<p>Broadband - a summary to date was given by John Ashfield. The parish council have written to John Howell MP asking for assistance to improve our broadband in the village. John Howell is organising a meeting with the rural parishes in his area, to be held in Chalgrove in the new year. A meeting with Councillor Nick Carter has been arranged for January as he is a specialist within OCC on the subject of broadband, and might be able to assist with funding for potential improvement schemes.</p> <p>Phoenix Trail link - Rachel Blake to be invited to the next SV meeting. 20mph limit - SV are going to write to the new police commissioner on the issue of these limits being hard to enforce. Planting - to be discussed at the next SV meeting, including planting times and visibility issues. Village cinema - there has been a limited response to the survey so far, and a further request for feedback has gone in the next newsletter. If the OSR decide to adopt the scheme, SV are happy to help facilitate. At present Thame Gazette cannot be delivered to the village, but this is still being pursued. It has been decided that Sydenham Trader will not continue after the trial period. Whilst the area to the right hand side of the playing field gate is not village green, its use for parking has been commented on. There continues to be a problem with dog fouling in Brookstones, and residents are actively monitoring dog walkers. A welcome pack has been compiled with information for new villagers. There will not be a SV attendee at the January parish council meeting, and Siobhan McKee will attend the February meeting. SV have discussed the future plans for the group. It was suggested that the group could work with the parish council on future projects on a co-option basis as required.</p>	

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Sewells Lane	The parish council minute books for 1950-51 have been consulted at the record office to investigate the statement dated 1951 that marks the bridleway continuing all the way to the Old Post Office. A survey was carried out in 1950/51 by Bullingdon District Council when Sydenham Parish council were asked to supply information for this. As Bullingdon were then taken over by SODC, South Oxfordshire to be asked for a copy of the 6" maps that were marked up by the parish council in 1950. If Sewells Lane is proved to be a bridleway then Oxfordshire County Council Countryside Service would be responsible for its repair.	27 PS
B4445	Weedkiller has not been applied, probably due to the weather conditions. Item carried forward to the spring.	
Phoenix trail	Following the meeting with the team, they have developed an application to get some research done by an Oxford Brookes student. This has been submitted and they are awaiting feedback. The team are also due to visit farms/homes in the area which were objecting to the scheme.	RB
Playing field	Goal post costs being researched.	RB
Footpath Reinstatement	All the paths queried have been walked and all bar one have been reinstated. The one remaining path will soon be completed.	
Bridleway 7 diversion	There has been no further update from the Rights of Way Officer.	
<u>Finance</u>	The following items have been authorised for payment: £42.70 HM Revenue PAYE to 5.12.12 £24.40 SODC dog bin emptying £250.00 Oxfordshire County Council - post to protect Brookstones flood bank Future payments for January were discussed: the annual donation of £500 to the OSR, the rental for the OSR, and a payment of £1000 for the newsletter. Following guidelines received for the setting of the precept, it was agreed that dispensations were not required.	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £5,236.98	£160.00 Clerk's salary £40.00 PAYE for period ending 05.11.12 £96.45 Rachel Blake expenses for speed awareness £33.17 Clerk's expenses £96.00 Block 9 Display - speeding signs £41.57 Paul Stancliffe expenses - bench relocation £25.00 safe custody hold - playing field deed	Closing balance at 30.11.12 £4,744.79
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,732.53	No transactions	£7,732.53
<u>Planning</u>	None	

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<u>Correspondence</u>		28
SODC OCC	South Oxfordshire Core Strategy Inspector's report Thame Neighbourhood Development Plan publication Rights of Way P1 review consultation - review of first improvement plan	HM PS
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Police report and District Councillor's report	These were circulated and read.	
Christmas Tree recycling	Chinnor parish council are hoping to have a recycling point and will let us know when it is confirmed by SODC so that we can publicise the details.	HM
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on 3rd January 2013 in the OSR at 8pm.		

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