

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6th March 2013

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

Carol Carney

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None	
Minutes of last meeting	These were approved and signed.	
Sydenham Voice	Over the summer the village will be observed by groups, who will note the location of existing bulbs, then in the autumn the aim is to fill any gaps with new planting. When Sydenham Voice first started there was a survey to see what people felt were priorities for the village. Now that most of these issues have been tackled, some in conjunction with the parish council, a follow up survey is planned.	
B4445 footpath	It has been confirmed that there is no funding to undertake the siding out. The weed killing was not done satisfactorily in the autumn and PS has asked that it be done again in the spring. Councillor Wilmshurst is well aware of our dissatisfaction with the situation and is due to speak to Keith Stenning.	
Brookstones and village verges	Thames Water have agreed to turf and protect all damaged verges, but this will need to wait until the main wet season is over and the pumping lorries are no longer journeying back and forth. The scheme for the new pumping station goes before the investment committee later this month for final approval and on 25th March there is a meeting at which the decision to undertake this scheme in Summer 2013 will be taken.	
Brookstones Pumping Station	It is hope that the new pumping station will be at Kingston Stert, and that final financial approval will be given this month. The new pumping scheme has been given priority with Optimise, who will undertake the scheme (if approved) in the summer when the crops come off the land, providing ground conditions are suitable. The pipe would be large enough to take a bigger flow and will run from the Stert to Henton, going directly into the Chinnor main half a mile short of Henton village. Brookstones station will only take waste from Kingston Stert and Sydenham, just a fraction of what it currently pumps.	
Broadband	The tendering process for Broadband provision is underway, and the provider for Oxfordshire will be announced shortly. The £15m County Council funding for rural broadband can then be allocated. The nominated provider will fund 70% of the coverage in the county, but subsidies will be required from OCC for areas outside this coverage.	

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Big Society Fund	An application has been submitted for funding for goalposts in the playing field.	35
Phoenix Trail	No further update, waiting to hear if Oxford Brookes students are going to undertake the research project.	
Bridleway 7 diversion	No feedback to date. CPRE rejected the proposed diversion, wanting to keep the current permissive path and a surface suitable for cyclists. The path by The Jays to be improved by OCC, cutting back scrub etc to widen it. A surface can't be decided on until the source of all the water is traced. The scalplings obtained from road resurfacing can't be used for a path surface as they would leach chemicals into the water course. Sewells Lane bridleway has become overgrown - WM to be asked to clear it.	PS
Sewells Lane road surface	Parish council records from 1951 state that the bridleway starts at the Old Post Office. Jan Gossett at OALC to be consulted to see if this situation can be reversed. Custom and practice to be queried as OCC have resurfaced the road section three times previously. The NERC act to keep vehicles off bridleways means that residents have right of access. OCC will not resurface the road, and state that any resurfacing carried out by raised funds must be done under their approval.	PS
Power cuts	A letter has been sent to the electricity board querying the recent cuts and the previous statement in the 1980s that there were three supplies to the village that could be switched if one was out of action. LED battery lights were discussed as a useful backup in case of power cuts - details to be put in the next newsletter.	JP
<u>Finance</u>	The following items have been authorised for payment: £133.07 OALC subscription £50.00 depreciation payment for use of clerk's computer £52.60 PAYE to 5.3.13 £22.65 clerk's expenses £8.39 salary adjustment The internal auditor has confirmed that he will carry out this year's audit.	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £1,907.41	£170.79 Clerk's salary £100.00 Donation to Thame CAB £42.60 PAYE to 5.2.13 £45.00 ORCC new membership scheme	Closing balance at 28.02.13 £1,549.02
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,733.33	No transactions	£7,733.33
<u>Planning</u>		
P12/S2390/HH and P12/S2391/LB	2 Holliers Close Amended plans - <i>for information only</i>	
P13/S0084/FUL	Spencers Farm Marsh End, Tetsworth One 15KW wind turbine <i>Application withdrawn</i>	
P11/E2086	Cattle Market Site, Thame <i>Planning Committee notification 13th March</i>	

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<u>Correspondence</u> OCC TVP	Oxfordshire Dial a Ride Communication with TVP	36 HM HM
<u>Any Other Business</u> None		
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on 4th April 2013 in the OSR at 8pm.		

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