

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th April 2013

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

Des O'Flanagan

<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	The location of bulb planting throughout the village has been noted, and Sydenham Fayre are to be approached for funding for further planting. The wording of the follow up survey for Sydenham Voice has been agreed, and this will be circulated in due course. An update on the B4445 was requested - next agenda item. The issue of potholes was raised - these continue to be reported and the online link will be included in a Sydenham Mail from the parish council.	HM
B4445 footpath	The dialogue with Chinnor parish council continues and the weedkilling will be re-done in suitable weather. After the elections and into the new financial year it may be possible to ask our elected councillors for funds for the siding works.	
Brookstones and village verges	Once the weather is drier and there are no further tankers Thames Water have guaranteed to re-instate the verges. There is another meeting with John Howell next week from which there may be an update on the final financial approval of the new pumping station scheme. The road sweeper from SODC to be requested, and again before the Fayre.	HM
Big Society Fund	The application for funding for goalposts in the playing field was successful. Several quotes to be obtained. Following feedback from the playing field users, full size goalposts to be purchased. Details of grant monitoring to be checked to ensure we comply.	RB HM
Footpaths	The path by The Jays has been cleared by OCC and is now much wider. Jonathan Beale has been thanked. Sewells Lane bridleway has also been cleared although water is making some areas hard to walk.	
Sewells Lane road surface	A meeting has been arranged with Jan Gossett at OALC on Tuesday 9th April.	PS
Power cuts	A reply has been received from Scottish and Southern Energy explaining the reasons for the recent unreliable electricity supply to the village. A response to be submitted regarding the manual switching of the three sources to the village.	PS

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<u>Finance</u>	<p>The following items have been authorised for payment: £139.15 Osbornes Insurances Oxford Ltd - combined liability policy £360.00 J M Wallington - ditching works £24.40 SODC dog hygiene bin emptying £150.00 W Munday footpath clearance and ditching £44.80 PAYE to 05.04.13</p> <p>SODC can be paid by direct debit for the dog hygiene bin service - it was agreed that this should be set up. Payments will be taken automatically and the invoices received via post. The cost of collections will be increasing from 1.4.13.</p> <p>The new reporting system for PAYE (Real Time Information) will commence from 6.4.13. The new payroll software is in place and the clerk has attended a training session.</p> <p>The Council Tax documentation issued by SODC showed a percentage increase for the precept although the amount applied for has not increased. The change is due to the method by which the tax base is calculated. These details to be included in the parish council Sydenham Mail circular.</p>	<p>38</p> <p>HM</p> <p>HM</p>														
<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £1,549.02</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,733.33</p>	<p>Payments:</p> <table> <tr> <td>£170.79</td> <td>Clerk's salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£50.00</td> <td>Depreciation payment for use of clerk's computer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£52.60</td> <td>PAYE to 5.3.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£0.00</td> <td>Clerk's expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£8.39</td> <td>Salary adjustment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£139.15</td> <td>Osbornes Insurance - W Munday policy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£110.89</td> <td>OALC subscription (unpresented)</td> </tr> </table> <p>£0.74 interest received</p>	£170.79	Clerk's salary	£50.00	Depreciation payment for use of clerk's computer	£52.60	PAYE to 5.3.13	£0.00	Clerk's expenses	£8.39	Salary adjustment	£139.15	Osbornes Insurance - W Munday policy	£110.89	OALC subscription (unpresented)	<p>Closing balance at 31.03.13</p> <p>£1,105.44</p> <p>£7,734.07</p>
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<p>P12/S2390/HH and P12/S2391/LB</p> <p>P11/E2086</p>	<p>2 Holliers Close Amended details <i>No strong views</i></p> <p>Cattle Market Site, Thame <i>Planning permission refused</i></p>															
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<p>SODC</p> <p>Thames Valley Police</p> <p>Scottish & Southern Electricity Boundary Commission</p> <p>Ramblers Association</p>	<p>Thame neighbourhood plan examiner report and decision statement Copy of adopted policy maps for Core strategy Monthly report</p> <p>Reply to enquiry about power cuts</p> <p>Electoral review of South Oxfordshire: final recommendations</p> <p>Designated paths warden</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>PS</p> <p>HM</p>														

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<u>Any Other Business</u> Next meeting	The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, on Thursday 2nd May. The small hall will be in use as a polling station, so the parish council meeting will be held in the main hall.	39
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting will be held on 2nd May 2013 in the OSR at 8pm.		

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