

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7th November 2013

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

The meeting was pleased to welcome PCSO Jacky Madden, Carol Carney and Councillor David Wilmshurst.

<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, represented by Carol Carney	The survey is ready to go out. It is three years since Sydenham Voice formed and a lot of the issues that were initially highlighted have either been resolved, are ongoing or have ceased to be a problem. The survey is asking if there are other issues that villagers would like to raise. The daffodil bulbs have all been planted. The village clean up had to be cancelled as the equipment was not available.	
Broadband	Local champions are urging residents to register their interest so that BT can see the interest in areas that are not currently shown as included in the rollout plans. This link has been circulated on Sydenham Mail and in the newsletter. Cllr David Wilmshurst to ask the officer at County Hall for an update, and Cllr Nick Carter will let us have any news as soon as the next indicative plan draft is provided by BT.	
Speeding	Regarding the dangerous driver reported by Sydenham villagers, PCSO Jacky Madden gave an update as far as permitted. Jacky Madden then described the Community Speed Detection scheme which would allow a team of volunteers to use equipment borrowed from Thames Valley Police to carry out speed detection. Volunteers would need to be trained to use the device, and suitable locations surveyed. There was discussion as to the best time to book the equipment, as the weather conditions required are limiting. Jacky Madden has been asked to book the equipment for the Spring and to arrange for training for six volunteers. Jacky Madden then summarised the TVP report.	
Playing Field	Will Munday has cut the hedge behind the swings and is going to replace the post on the adventure trail. There has been a report of fouling in the playing field, but foxes are suspected rather than dogs.	
Sydenham Grange Bridleway	Unfortunately no response has been received from Cllr Nick Carter following letters from Paul Stancliffe. The Ramblers Association are also keen to break the current impasse, where the county council are insisting that the original route be reinstated, following a suggestion by CPRE. This is impractical as a suitable surface for cycling has been requested by all other parties, and agreed to by the owners, and the original route crosses three fields. An explanation is required	

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	as to why this is considered the best option. PS to copy the relevant correspondence to Cllr David Wilmshurst, for him to work with Cllr Carter to reach a resolution as a matter of urgency.	24 PS
Tree Maintenance	PS to speak to the owner of the identified tree to ask if a ring can be cut to kill the ivy.	PS
Standing Orders	NALC have issued new Model Standing Orders, revised to reflect the new code of conduct and other changes in legislation. HM to examine and highlight recommended/applicable changes to Sydenham standing orders. Sydenham Standing Orders have already been revised to include the new code of conduct.	HM
County Council report from David Wilmshurst	A recap was made on the savings required for planning next year's budget. Cllr Wilmshurst was asked why the built up reserves of £300m cannot be used - apparently they are for emergency use only and once gone are not replaced. DW asked to keep raising this point with the Council. Home to School transport is being examined to see where savings can be made, and a consultation is ongoing. There is concern about children's centres, adults social care and social isolation. If the budget is set above 2% then a referendum will be required and this itself costs money. Libraries are the only section resolved and this is set for three years. At the Chinnor Library meeting it was agreed to form a Friends Group of volunteers. A further meeting is going to be arranged and publicised. There is now going to be a close link between the NHS and the local authority to ensure better provision and to avoid 'bed blocking'. DW has met with the officers concerned with the transfer of Ladybirds Pre School to St Andrews, which is set for January.	
<u>Finance</u>	The proposed budget for 2014/15 was examined and approved. The following items have been authorised for payment: £120.00 Block 9 Display - footpath map on acrylic £96.72 Clerk's expenses	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £3,421.72	Payments: £170.79 Clerk's salary £34.99 R Harrison expenses £40.00 OPFA membership renewal £78.00 PlaySafety inspection £750.00 Will Munday for mowing greens and churchyard £131.00 PAYE quarter Aug-Oct £12.04 backdated pay award to clerk	Closing balance at 31.10.13
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,735.65	Receipts: £4000.00 SODC precept part 2	£6,204.90
	No transactions	£7,735.65
<u>Planning</u>	None	

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<u>Correspondence</u> SODC OCC TVP NHS CAB	Community Governance review Replacement of tree within conservation area Home to school transport consultation - meetings Neighbourhood Team report Choose Well campaign Request for contribution	25 PS n/b n/l HM
<u>Any Other Business</u> Travelling Arts	The group who perform Circus Berzerkus are touring. Following discussion it was decided that the ticket prices made the event impractical.	
<p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd December in the OSR at 8pm.</p>		

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