

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd January 2014

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

The meeting was pleased to welcome 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, represented by Carol Carney	The results from the recent survey were summarised and key points and feedback were discussed. These included the content of the village website, communications, village facilities and the use of the OSR, ongoing parish council and Sydenham Voice projects, and a possible wildlife project (opinion on this to be sought in the next newsletter). Comments and feedback in the survey included speeding in the village, broadband, footpath surfaces, senior residents, volunteers interested in getting involved with village projects, and the condition of certain buildings within the village.	
Insurance	The liability insurance for the information kiosk is unaffected by the addition of the defibrillator. The insurance for the equipment is being arranged by the defibrillator group.	
Sydenham Grange bridleway	No response has been received from David Wilmshurst. JP and Tony Clark from the Ramblers have walked the route favoured by OCC, and Tony Clark's subsequent report to OCC has been circulated to the parish council and Councillors Wilmshurst and Carter. Andy Sylvester at OCC to be contacted to see if there is any update, and to be asked about his availability for a site meeting. Councillor Carter to be contacted to ask about availability for the planned site meeting.	JP HM
Speeding	The bin stickers have been delivered to residents on the main road through the village, on the Thame Road and in Brookstones. There are a few spare stickers, so a note will be put in the next newsletter asking if anyone would like them. Enquiries have been made about prices to buy SDR equipment. It would be helpful to know what type of unit the TVP own and that we will be trained to use so that we could investigate the cost of purchasing a similar unit, possibly in a joint enterprise with neighbouring parishes. AI to contact PCSO Jacky Madden to ask if there is a date yet for the SDR.	AI AI
Playing Field	The post replacement and goal repairs are in hand but the weather has prevented progress.	

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Tree Maintenance	PS is trying to make contact with the owner concerned.	30 PS
Standing Orders	To be reviewed by the next meeting.	PS/HM
SSE Electricity Supply	PS has written to the electricity board twice after the last power cuts but has not received a response. The most recent power cut was caused by damage in the Tetsworth area and meant that the village had to be supplied from the south, by being manually switched to a supply from Watlington via Kingston Blount. The supply from Stoke Talmage was isolated. The proposed scheme to underground two stretches of the current supply into the village together with automatic switching gear will improve the supply to Sydenham. The scheme is currently awaiting approval by SSE. Correspondence has been copied to our local and district councillors and our MP to keep them informed of the situation.	
<u>Finance</u>	The precept application for 2014/15 has been submitted.  The following items have been authorised for payment: £135.00 repayment to Rachel Blake for the bin stickers £132.40 HM Revenue and Customs, PAYE for Nov 13 to Jan 14	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £5,910.68  Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,735.65	Payments: £172.50 Clerk's salary £120.00 Block9 Display, footpath sign  £0.78 interest received	Closing balance at 31.12.13  £5,618.18  £7,736.43
<u>Planning</u>  P13/S3730/HH and P13/S3732/LB	Vicarage End, Sydenham Road Single storey flat roof rear extension with flat roof link to adjacent garage/outbuilding <i>No strong views</i>	
<u>Correspondence</u>  SODC	GoActive programme	HM
<u>Any Other Business</u>  Blocked gully	The report regarding the blocked road drains by the Mill House was dealt with within 24 hours, and demonstrates the efficiency of the online reporting link for the Highways department.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th February in the OSR at 8pm.		

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