

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 8th January 2015

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

The meeting was pleased to welcome Cllr David Wilmshurst.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None.	
Approval of minutes	These were approved and signed.	
Councillor David Wilmshurst	A summary of County Council activity was given, including an update on the 2015/16 budget proposals. The final County Council budget will be decided in February. The Area Steward's discretionary budget for members to allocate to road repairs is no longer available. Councillor Wilmshurst stressed that he was in favour of the bus service between High Wycombe and Chinnor being retained, but that the necessary subsidy from Buckinghamshire might not be forthcoming.	
Playing field	<p>The grant application for £3000 towards new equipment has been completed and submitted, and the outcome should be known in mid February. The Fayre has already pledged £1000 from last year, and there could potentially be a further sum from this year's Fayre.</p> <p>John Heathfield has provided a quote for the play equipment, which in consideration with quotes already obtained is the best option. John would use locally sourced wood which fulfil the sustainability criteria of the grant application. RB suggested that some further fundraising is undertaken to provide a contingency fund - a small sum to be raised by events for the children of the village who will be the end users of the project. A treasure hunt was suggested, perhaps to coincide with the pancake races at half term.</p> <p>NALC have been consulted about the use of the Easy Fundraising scheme, and the parish council are eligible to take part, so details will be given out in the next newsletter.</p> <p>The hedge in the playing field to be laid for the entire length - Will Munday to undertake this work.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>PS</p>
Speeding	Cllr Wilmshurst to investigate the potential use of CIL funding from potential development sites at Mill Lane or the garden centre. The Chairman of Chinnor Parish Council to be contacted to discuss possible joint project for pinch points on the B4445.	AI
Footpath sign	c/fwd.	
Safeguarding Children Policy	Further to the article in the OALC bulletin for December, the requirements of this policy to be checked with Jan Gossett. A draft policy to be compiled.	HM

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Date of Annual Meeting 2015	The annual meeting to be held on Thursday 14th May, as the elections will be on 7th May. This meeting will include standard parish council business, so there will not be a scheduled meeting of the parish council on 7th May. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be decided at the next meeting.	32
Election	Paul Stancliffe stated that he will be standing down from the parish council in May, and there will therefore be a vacancy. A follow up piece to go in the newsletter regarding the forthcoming election to ensure that anyone interested in standing has time to apply. SODC have been asked for details of the election timescale.	RB HM
Annual review	The review for the clerk is due, and a time to be arranged during January for this to be carried out.	RB
<u>Finance</u>	The following items was authorised for payment: £180.00 J M Wallington - hedge/verge trimming £133.80 HM Customs and Revenue PAYE Nov-Jan £12.23 H Mullins - NALC pay award Dec payment and adjustment to Jan payment until direct debit revision. Natwest have confirmed that the interest rate for the reserve account is 0.05% upto a balance of £250,000. It was agreed that a sum of £3,000 would be moved from the current to the reserve account and a letter to the bank was signed accordingly. A letter to the bank confirming the revised direct debit for the Clerk's salary was signed. The option of internet banking to be looked at again.	HM
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £8,073.53	Payments: £150.00 Will Munday - extra cut of churchyard £178.30 Clerk's salary £5.46 Southern Electric - supply to defibrillator	Closing balance at 31.12.14 £7,739.77
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,739.57	£0.35 interest received	£7,739.92
<u>Planning</u>		
P14/S3481/FUL	Sydenham Grange, Thame Park Road Demolition and replacement of existing cattle yards with new portal steel frame buildings (previously approved under application ref P08/E0318) <i>Permission GRANTED</i>	
<u>Correspondence</u>		
SODC	Data Monitoring - removal of building names	File
OCC	Winter awareness campaign	Website
South and Vale	Electoral registers Polling Districts and Polling Places	HM
BT	Wayleave agreement - signature approval agreed once address updated and location clarified.	

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RSN	Launch of rural services network manifesto	33
Thame CAB	Request for donation - £100 donation agreed, to be processed at AGM	
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
Emergency Plan	The latest edition of the Plan to be circulated to all members of the parish council for ease of reference in case of emergency queries.	RB
Planning query	A query has been raised about planning in the conservation area. Any extra restrictions to be investigated, and the listed building register consulted.	HM
Archives	The burial records need to be updated and the originals returned to the archive cabinet.	RB
Electricity supply	The proposed switchgear has been installed on the pole next to the transformer. Consultation continues with landowners regarding the plans to underground certain cables.	
VAS sign	The VAS sign closest to Thame is illuminating the '30' but the 'slow down' part of the sign is not working. This does not warrant a call out on its own, but if required could be combined with another repair in due course. If the pinch point work progresses the sign closest to Chinnor would be redundant and so could be re-utilised elsewhere.	
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.40 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February in the OSR at 8pm.</p>		

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