

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th March 2015

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

The meeting was pleased to welcome Mr J Smith.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None.	
Approval of minutes	These were approved and signed. The order of the agenda was amended to enable discussion of a particular planning application and item of interest with an attending member of the public.	
Broadband	The high speed broadband cabinet is to be positioned on the green between the existing cabinet and the telephone kiosk. Fibre optic cable will run to the box, and connections between the box and individual houses will be copper. BT hope that the speed to the box will be 80mb and so connection speeds will be considerably faster, depending on the distance of a property from the box. The estimated date for the cabinet to be installed is between March and June. The broadband connection for the Emmington end of the village has not yet been resolved. The connections are in the ground and are therefore known as direct exchange lines. It is hoped once the supply to Chinnor is upgraded there will be an incidental improvement for the properties on direct exchange lines, but negotiations are ongoing with BT to upgrade the lines affected. The full number of properties and postcodes affected by the 'copper re-arrange' at the Emmington junction have been discussed with Craig Bower at Better Broadband. An update is expected in late April.	
<u>Planning</u>		
P15/S0129/HH	1 The Cottage, Brookstones Two storey rear extension and porch <i>No strong views</i>	
P15/S0107/HH and P15/S0108/LB	2 The Thatched Cottages, 2 Sydenham Road a) single storey conservatory to the rear of the property, b) the placing of a new external light fitting to the front external wall at the front of the property <i>No strong views</i>	
Playing field	The Community Capital bid has been successful, and has awarded 60% of the cost of upgrading the playing field equipment. A sum of money has also been promised from the Fayre committee together with the sum budgeted by the parish council, so the project can proceed. It is hoped that the equipment can be in place for this summer. The hedge laying has been completed.	

Signed Date

<u>Finance</u>	The following items was authorised for payment: £180.00 OSR hall hire for meetings during year 14/15 £500.00 OSR annual grant £600.00 Sydenham newsletter annual grant £950.00 W Munday hedging works £128.00 SLCC membership £100.00 donation to Thame Citizens Advice Bureau £250.00 donation to Chinnor village centre	39
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £3,482.38	Payments: £182.21 Clerk's salary £3.06 Southern Electric - supply to defibrillator Receipts: £762.00 BT Openreach for broadband wayleave	Closing balance at 28.02.15 £4,059.11
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £10,740.30	£0.41 interest received	£10,740.71
<u>Correspondence</u>		
SODC OCC SSE	Parish guide to elections Precepts 2015/16 CIL draft charging schedule consultation Local Plan 2031 refined options consultation Neighbourhood planning conference Connecting Oxfordshire - Local Transport Plan 4 consultation Customer relations letter clarifying the proposals for the scheme	
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
New councillors	A pack for new councillors to be compiled for the elections.	HM
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.00 pm. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 2nd April in the OSR at 8pm.</p>		

Signed Date