

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd July 2015

Present: Alison Isherwood
Rachel Blake
Mike May
Heather Mullins
Apologies: Janet Potts

The meeting was pleased to welcome District Councillor Ian White

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None	
Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
Playing Field	The mock up will be ready for approval next week, and different options for the clamber nets are being looked at. The groundwork will be completed in one day during school time to ensure there are no safety issues. The structure will be built in the following two weeks, and the bark areas topped up. There are tentative plans for a picnic and weeding party this week in the playing field.	RB
	The deadline for the second tier of the grant application is today, RB to check that all the required information has been received.	RB
	The application for the tree works is complete for submission - timescale to be checked. Ideally John Heathfield will undertake the tree works at the same time as the playing field equipment is installed.	HM
Speeding on the B4445	At present there is no process in place for a pinch point to be installed by OCC but funded by the parish council - this to be followed up.	AI
	The Speed Indicator Device has been deployed at Slade Farm and on the B4445. Once all the data sheets have been handed in the information will be given to Thames Valley Police, and a summary of the data compiled for the newsletter.	HM
	There was discussion about a portable SID device being purchased by the parish council for deployment at regular intervals. The TVP device to be booked again before the autumn clock change.	AI
	The revised quotation for speed signs has been obtained, and the size and number of signs was discussed, together with the plans for the design competition. Posters to be printed and distributed.	RB/HM
Grove	Parish councillors and one of our district councillors attended a meeting with Soha in Didcot to discuss plans for residents and the relocated tenants. A summary of the meeting was circulated to the village (shown below). Regular meetings with Soha will continue and the village will be kept informed as updates are available.	
	Many of you are probably aware that the last tenants have moved out of Sydenham Grove, so the Parish Council have been liaising with SOHA regarding the plans for the immediate and longer term. Key to the immediate activity is ensuring the site is safe and secure. This currently involves disconnecting the services and getting the appropriate permission to demolish the houses not attached to any homeowners (i.e. No. 3,4,5 and 6) at the back of the site. There are currently no finite timescales for when this will happen, but we are aware that SOHA have been on the site assessing security fencing options	

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	<p>etc. We have contacted SOHA and they have confirmed this will involve installing wire fencing along the edge of the front garden of No.2 and across the road to No.6. This will be the typical wire fencing used to secure sites with concrete feet that the panels slot into. They are also planning to put a concrete bollard in behind the fence across the road to make the site more secure and potentially putting a gate at the entrance. We have requested that SOHA speak directly with the home owners at No. 1, 7 and 8 to brief them on the work and discuss with them how they can minimise the disruption to them.</p> <p>An on-going maintenance plan has also been agreed with an approved SOHA contractor who will be responsible for keeping the grass and gardens at bay in the empty properties over the next few months and also moving forwards once demolition has been completed.</p> <p>In terms of the future, the plans for development are in the very initial stages at the moment, but the hope is to have something going in for Planning in about six months time.</p> <p>The Parish Council is maintaining contact with SOHA and will provide updates as things develop, but feel free to contact us if you have any questions on sydenhampc@gmail.com</p>	14
Road defects	<p>Of the two blocked gullies reported, one has been cleared and the other remains outstanding. An update has been posted on Fix My Street with another dated photo, and the item will be chased up.</p> <p>The routine gully clearance is scheduled for this month, and any subsequent surface water can be reported straight away.</p>	HM
SSE	A new project manager has been appointed by SSE, who is due to attend the site meeting next week. Solutions are being considered for the outstanding issues, and the timescale remains a concern.	MM
Co-option	<p>Two candidates have put their names forward for consideration. Following advice from OALC there will be an interview procedure and the final decision will be made at the next public meeting of the parish council.</p> <p>An extraordinary meeting will be called during the next month to talk to the candidates, depending on the availability of those wishing to stand.</p>	
Broadband	<p>BT have confirmed that they are waiting on the power supply to the cabinet on the green, which is being arranged by SSE.</p> <p>SSE have issued an email copy of the wayleave documentation to the parish council to put the supply across the green. All councillors to read the conditions and decide whether the wayleave is approved, and the hard copy (currently in the post) to be signed and returned accordingly.</p>	All HM
<u>Finance</u>	<p>The following items have been authorised for payment: £138.20 HMRC, PAYE for May-Jul £7.19 Samba Sports Goal repair £58.16 Clerk's expenses £85.00 SODC Election expenses</p> <p>The clerk was given authorisation to transfer funds from the reserve account to the current account if required.</p>	
<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £1,607.75</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £10,742.05</p>	<p>Payments: £183.92 Clerk's salary £ 3.06 Southern electricity, supply to defibrillator £0.47 Interest received</p>	<p>Closing balance at 30.06.15</p> <p>£1,420.77</p> <p>£10,742.52</p>

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<u>Planning</u>	None	15
<u>Correspondence</u> SODC OCC OALC EE	Council's five year housing supply position (planning policy) Grass cutting schedule - clearer maps to be requested so that the schedule can be send out for quotation by others. In the meantime it was felt that certain verges and hedges should be cut. Subsidised buses and dial-a-ride consultation Winter preparedness Members updated - clerk's computer discussed Improving mobile coverage	HM HM HM c/fwd AI
<u>Any Other Business</u> Sustrans Online mapping Dog walking Footpath map Road cleaning Churchyard mowing Emergency plan August meeting date	The scheme to be brought to Chinnor Parish Council's attention with regard to possible CIL funding Neighbourhood planning was discussed with Cllr Ian White and Lynn Lloyd will provide a more detailed briefing to the next Parish Council meeting. Two places have been booked on the Community Planning workshop run by ORCC - Mike May and Janet Potts to attend. A free trial to be used with a view to annual membership (cost to set up and run would be £26) Concern has been expressed regarding the behaviour of a dog - advice to be sought from PCSO Jacky Madden. The repairs to the footpath map on the green are in hand - the map has been reproduced on acrylic and will be fitted into the frame with the necessary refinishing. The tanker cleaning to be requested once the hedges have been trimmed. The annual payment from the Sydenham Fayre committee will be received shortly. There is a new contact number for power cut information - plan to be updated accordingly. It was felt that a meeting should be held in August - this will be on Thursday 6th providing the hall is available.	AI AI HM HM RB HM
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th August in the OSR at 8pm.</p>		

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