

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5th November 2015

Present: Alison Isherwood  
Rachel Blake  
Janet Potts  
David Wilkins  
Heather Mullins

Apologies: Mike May

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.	
Improving mobile signal coverage	The village survey returned 49 responses, showing that Vodafone and O2 were the most used subscribers rather than EE. The areas experiencing most problems with reception were the centre of the village and Brookstones. More details to be sought from Vodafone on their signal boosters. O2 do not have a similar scheme. EE to be contacted to say that we will not be pursuing the booster option.	AI
Neighbourhood Planning briefing	There was further discussion on whether a neighbourhood plan would be a good idea for Sydenham. The chair of Aston Rowant parish council has raised the suggestion of a joint plan, but it was felt that a single plan for Sydenham would be best for the village, if one is to be formed. A village meeting to be held in January with a Neighbourhood Planning Officer present so that the idea of a plan can be discussed and community support can be gauged. Ian White to advise which Planning Officers cover our area so that an invitation can be sent. It was suggested that the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan website could be a useful reference.	
Speeding on the B4445	The new type of SID equipment trialled by Garsington records the data onto memory stick, thus reducing the necessary manpower. The police are able to follow this up with warning letters, but not to enforce fines. The speeding problem between the playing field and the Inn at Emmington was discussed. Highways to be contacted for a site meeting to look at possible options, and enquiries to be made about road surface measures.	HM
Playing field	The RoSPA inspection is booked and will take place in the next 4-6 weeks. John Heathfield is providing a quote for a rope to the far end of the new equipment. The bark areas are being weeded and topped up. The proposal for the cricket nets includes a raised base to avoid rotting grass ingress. There is no trip hazard as the netting has a solid skirt to the edge. A grant application for a mower was suggested - to be investigated.	RB

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Speeding sign design competition	The quote for reproducing the poster designs on bin stickers was considered too high, but standard alternatives to be looked at. The expenditure for the correx signs (two of each design) and prizes was approved.	26 RB
Development of Sydenham Grove	Regular liaison continues with SOHA and the housing department at SODC. SOHA to be asked for an update regarding their consultation with the owners of properties in the Grove.	
SSE electricity supply	A further suggestion has been made for the route of the cable, which has been raised with SSE.	
Broadband	Feedback from neighbouring villages shows that they are experiencing similar internet speeds to Sydenham. BT are only just fulfilling the contract criteria to supply 2mb. Angie Patterson is contacting Ed Vaizey's office and AI continues to speak to Better Broadband.	
Grass cutting	Chinnor Parish Council hope to supply their quote before our December meeting.	
Sustrans	c/fwd	RB
Road cleaning	The road sweeper has now been. Some gully clearing has been carried out in the village and more is programmed during the next month. Pothole repairs have also been carried out.	
Emergency plan and funds for resilience grant	A further form has been completed for the grant body and a decision is awaited shortly.	
<u>Finance</u>	The following items were approved for payment: £25.12 SODC dog bin emptying £41.93 Rachel Blake expenses, competition prizes £150.00 Speed signs £150.00 Will Munday, extra cut of churchyard £600.00 Will Munday, mowing village greens and churchyard  The draft budget for 2016/2017 was discussed - the updated document to be circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk's hours should be raised to 23 per month.	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £8,466.28	Payments: £183.92 Clerk's salary £3.06 Southern electricity, supply to defibrillator £84.00 JM Wallington, hedging works £138.00 HMRC PAYE Aug-Oct 2015 £1000.00 John Heathfield Tree Services - play equipment	Closing balance at 31.10.15  £7,057.30
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £10,743.88	£0.44 Interest received	£10,744.32

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<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>P15/S3184/FUL</p> <p>P15/S3313/FUL</p>	<p>1 Holliers Close Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and construction of two semi-detached residential dwellings (use class 3) on the site, with new access into site. <i>No strong views</i></p> <p>The Folly, Chalford Demolition of existing cottage and construction of replacement dwelling <i>No strong views</i></p> <p>Two planning queries were raised for discussion. One to be investigated, the other needs no action.</p>	<p>RB</p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>SODC</p> <p>OCC</p> <p>ORCC</p>	<p>Draft section 106 supplementary planning document consultation Free Code of Conduct Training Consultation on proposed update to local list of information requirements County Council budget 2016/17 - 2019/20 Subsidised buses and Dial-a-Ride - publication of the consultation findings and accompanying cabinet paper Talking Oxfordshire P/TC meeting 9th November amended details</p>	
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>School Catchment</p>	<p>In view of the expansion of Chinnor and the potential numbers of school places it was suggested that the school catchment specified for Sydenham might be reviewed. David Wilmshurst to be asked for advice.</p>	<p>RB</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd December in the OSR at 7.30pm.</p>		

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