

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting 7th October 2010

Present: Paul Stancliffe
Alison Isherwood
Roy Harrison
Janet Potts
Des O'Flanagan
Heather Mullins

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Brookstones pumping station	Monitoring equipment is in place to monitor flow rates of sewage in Crowell, and the recent heavy rain should show on this. There has been no reply yet to our letter to Thames Water.	
Culvert grid	The brief given to Roger plus his reply from the County Solicitor to be send to OALC to ask their advice. In the meantime, a reply to be sent to Roger/County Solicitor saying that we do not accept this position as the culvert is not our property (to be copied to OALC)	HM PS
Footpath sign	The map is ready for the launch evening on 12 th October. Methods of framing the original artwork for the OSR were discussed. A proof of print to be obtained with a view to reproducing prints/cards for sale.	PS
Speed Awareness	The details from the Sentinal survey show that there are significantly more cars using the stretch of road from the Inn at Emmington to the village during the morning rush hour, and roughly 20% of cars are doing speeds of over 30mph at any time of the day. Follow up letters have not been sent to drivers observed speeding – we are told that this is due to lack of resources. It would be helpful to have a follow up meeting with Jacky Maddon – to be invited to attend one of our forthcoming meetings.	AI HM
Community led plan	An application has been submitted to ORCC for a grant towards the launch of the community led plan on 12 th October, to which we need to contribute £10. Wine and nibbles to be purchased. Anton Nath from ORCC is going to talk about the process, and lead discussion to help identify potential projects. If there is enough interest expressed then we can take the plan to the next stage. The distribution of the fliers was organised.	DOF RH All
Grit bin	A delivery date in November is anticipated.	HM
Ditching	This needs to be discussed with the landowners at a suitable time of the year.	PS
Verges	Chris Cooper has been asked to trim the verges, with the first priority being the junction at the Inn at Emmington.	PS
RoSPA	The Playing Field inspection report has been received, and action points noted. Will Munday to be asked to treat the woodwork with the recommended chemicals, and anchoring hoops to be ordered for the goalposts as the current hoops have been removed. Bark EN1176 to be investigated	RH RH

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Floodsax	Some interest has been expressed – a meeting to be arranged in a couple of months. The pricing information to be re-circulated.	PS HM
Footpaths	<p>AI went with Tony Clarke last week to see Sewells Lane. TC is meeting Jonathon Beale later this month and will impress the need on him for action on the bridge. Jonathon Beale can and will bring machinery out to clear stream (although access is difficult) but the stream needs to be cleared further down to be effective – the farmer had crops which he didn't want disturbed, so the clearing wasn't done this summer.</p> <p>TC requested that we ask OCC as a parish council that the ditches are cleared and that the bridge is replaced with something more substantial (eg concrete), and he will make the same request. This should help with the problems of water levels. OCC have cleared the footpath to make it wider, and also the footpath by The Jays. The route of bridleway 7 was queried with regard to the diversion by Sydenham Grange. Jonathan Beale to be asked to clarify this.</p> <p>HM reported back on how a Right of Way can be applied for.</p>	AI/HM AI/HM
<p>VAS sign</p> <p>Local Referendums to veto council tax increases</p>	<p>The cost of insuring the solar powered VAS sign on the B4445 would be £55.96 (for 6 months' cover) RB to be asked what the County Council policy is going to be regarding maintaining these signs. Will OCC claim continued ownership or would they be willing to pass the sign onto us. The Solargen invoice for the VAS repair needs to be re-issued with the correct location details.</p> <p>No action required.</p>	DOF/PS HM
<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The annual return has been received from BDO with no matters arising. This annual return is approved and accepted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The following items have been authorised for payment: £334.88 BDO - external audit £74.03 Playsafety - playing field inspection £386.00 M P Printers – newsletter, council map and footpath map leaflets £10 payment towards OCC grant for Community Led Plan Solargen - not to be paid yet until we have resolved the outstanding issues</p> <p>Budget to be circulated before next meeting</p>		HM
<p>Natwest Current a/c: b/f £5,869.57</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c b/f £9,225.08</p>	<p>Payments: £138.60 Clerk's salary £34.00 OPFA annual subscription £600.00 Will Munday £15.23 Roy Harrison expenses, playing field repairs £246.75 SLCC Enterprises – training course £1762.50 Aspin – OSR decoration £235.00 Aspin – OSR decoration</p> <p>£0.93 Interest received</p>	<p>Closing balance at 30.09.10</p> <p>£2,837.49</p> <p>£9,226.01</p>

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<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>The Old Smithy</p>	<p>A letter has been drafted regarding the handling of this case and the requested information with reference the Conservation Area. This is being held until the planning decision is received for the Old Smithy. A query has been raised regarding the planning permission for Walnut Barn - information to be checked.</p>	<p>PS HM</p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>SODC</p>	<p>Bridging the leisure gap - Leisure facilities strategy Sept 2010</p> <p>Home 2 school Thame CAB request for funding John Howell surgeries</p>	<p>JP AI HM n/I</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>		
<p>Churchyard wall</p>	<p>The wall opposite the Crown has moved in recent months. The wall needs to be temporarily propped to make it safe, and ultimately rebuilt. The PCC would like the Conservation Officer involved in the work process - Conservation Dept to be notified that there is a problem with the wall and advice asked as to methods of repair.</p>	<p>PS/HM</p>
<p>Mundays Charity</p>	<p>The Parish Council appoints trustees of the allotments, and the governing document sets out how the trustees can distribute the funds. It is felt that current Charity Commission scheme dated 1925 which states that the funds are used for the 'general benefit of the poor' is no longer appropriate. The Charity Commission's permission to be sought to allow paragraph 17 to be changed to allow the trustees to support village groups.</p>	<p>PS/HM</p>
<p>Potholes</p>	<p>The online link for reporting potholes to be re-circulated.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.50pm. The next meeting date to be held on 4th November at 8pm.</p>		

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