

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Meeting of the Parish Council 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair  
 Rachel Blake (RB)  
 David Wilkins (DW)  
 Janet Potts (JP)  
 Stephanie Johns (SJ - Clerk)

Apologies: Mike May (MM)

1 member of the public was welcomed to the meeting.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
<b>Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)</b>	No interests declared	
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
<b>Planning P18/S0823/FUL</b>	Erection of a 3-bedroom detached dwelling at April Cottage, 13 Thame Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LA <b>Parish Council Recommendation:</b> No Objection but the Parish Council have noted in their response that their reasons for no objection on this application is because despite previous applications being refused (See Planning & Design & Access Statement ref Planning History, Ref 3.2 & 3.4), the adjacent property & land (Copse Farm) has since been given permission for domestic use and there is now a house of similar character that has been built. <b>SODC Decision:</b> Target Decision date 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	All
<b>P18/S0797/HH</b>	Demolition of a garage. Construction of a 2 storey side extension, and single storey rear extension at The White House Sydenham Road Sydenham OX39 4NE <b>Parish Council Recommendation:</b> No Objection <b>SODC Decision:</b> Target Decision date 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	
<b>P16/S0894/FUL</b>	<b>P16/S0894/FUL</b> New Replacement pavilion building (As amended to omit the overflow parking provision on Pitch 2 & to omit the indoor cricket nets, and to alter the design & siting of the pavilion, outdoor nets & the internal access & parking provision at Aston Rowant Cricket Club, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant, X49 5ST <b>SODC Decision:</b> Approved at Planning Committee Meeting	
<b>Sydenham Grove Development</b>	AI & MM have met with SOHA and discussed some different layout ideas suggested by the PC (Appendix 1 & 2 attached to these minutes). SOHA are planning to appeal the recent decision but they have agreed to talk to their planners and architects and if agreed, a new application will be submitted concurrently with their appeal to the recent Planning Committee decision.	

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<b>Finance</b>	The following items were approved for payment: £ 3.21 Southern Electric – defibrillator supply £ 340.42 Clerk’s Salary (March) – including tax rebate £ 23.85 R. Blake Expenses (Mileage) £ 12.56 SODC – Dog Bin Emptying (Jan 18 – Mar 18)	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £ 5349.96	<b>March Payments:</b> £ 3.21 Southern Electric – defibrillator supply £ 621.62 Clerk’s Salary (February) – including tax rebate £ 304.80 Solagen – Parts for vehicle activated sign (VAS) £ 260.00 Mick Cornfield – Repair of solar powered VAS £ 42.00 OPFA (Oxon Playing Fields Association) annual subs Apr 18 – Mar 19 £ 54.04 S. Johns expenses (Print cartridges)	Closing balance at 29/03/18  £4064.29
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £12,105.03	<b>Receipts:</b> £0.48 March Interest received	£12,105.51
<b>SSE electricity supply</b>	An update will be provided at the next meeting	MM
<b>Speeding / Pinchpoint</b>	AI is continuing to discuss this with Jeannette Matelot (County Councillor)	AI
<b>Playing Field Project</b>	The basic structure of the A-Frame has been completed, but there is still work to be done to re-create the picnic table / den space underneath plus finish the surfacing space, replace the surfacing under the child swings and add a rope to the climbing structure to make it more interactive for younger children. RB will draft a formal letter (The clerk will send the letter) to the contractor asking for a site meeting for this to be discussed. Until then, the invoice will not be paid.	RB
<b>Road Drainage &amp; Potholes</b>	DW has spoken to Bob Burgess who has replaced James Freeman at OCC who has said that it is the fault of British Gas that the drainage is in such a state so now we are waiting for British Gas to take responsibility. When the road is eventually closed for 4 days he has promised the work will be carried out at the same time.	DW
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	Since the last meeting, the NPG have met with SODC and found their advice very helpful. A new season of funding is now open and the group are in the process of applying for a grant of £21,500 with an additional £2500 coming from the Parish Council. Any unused money from the grant is given back. Another meeting is scheduled in May and the new page on the Parish Council website is almost ready to be loaded. RB is assisting with this. Mark Kermack will produce an update report for the Annual Parish Meeting. Unfortunately, one member has had to leave the group so new volunteers are very welcome!	RB
<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>Insurance for Sydenham Fayre</b> SJ will follow up on the insurance for the Fayre. Unfortunately, this seems to be taking some time as we are still awaiting information from the Police with regards to the accident that destroyed the vehicle activated sign which, until	AI

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	<p>resolved will affect the premium. SJK will write again asking for information and will also contact the new insurers again to follow up.</p> <p><b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> This will be held after the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018. SJ will invite all the clubs and groups associated with the Parish to submit a report. As usual, everyone is invited to attend.</p> <p><b>VAS Insurance Claim</b> This is progressing. We are awaiting one more quote from Swarco before making the decision. Frustratingly, most of the quotes do not include the pole that the VAS has to attach to.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	No correspondence received	SJ
<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>The Councillors were asked for advice about applying for a grant to enable the purchase of replacement cricket nets. The Contractor that will be doing the work will be leaving a mound of soil in the play area. RB will advise where the best place would be to enable a bonus play facility.</p> <p><b>Village Clean-Up</b> This is organised for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and the necessary equipment has been ordered. SJ will communicate a reminder via Sydenham Mail.</p> <p><b>Abandoned Car</b> A resident has complained to the PC about what appears to be an abandoned car in Plough Corner. This was discussed but because the car is taxed and legally parked there is nothing that can be done. AI will communicate this to the resident concerned.</p> <p><b>GDPR / Data Protection</b> Revised data protection rules come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and a few changes may need to be made to the way we handle our data. RB has created new policy documents in line with the new GDPR rules which will be put onto the PC website.</p> <p><b>Bus Shelter</b> The felt on the roof of the bus shelter has come off. DW will speak to Will Munday about repairing it and will also ask him for a quote for digging out the bark in the playing field.</p> <p><b>Grass Cutting</b> DW will decide when the first cut of the playing field is needed.</p>	
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting and will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm in the Old School Room. The Annual Parish Meeting will follow at 8pm.</p>		

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## Appendix 1

**The Grove Value Comparisons****SOHA**

	<b>Size (sqft)</b>	<b>Number of properties</b>	<b>Total sqft</b>	<b>Value per sqft £</b>	<b>Value</b>
2 bed	1100	2	2200	436	£959,200
3 bed	1500	3	4500	436	£1,962,000
4 bed	2000	1	2000	436	£872,000
5 bed	2500	2	5000	436	£2,180,000
		<b>Total sqft</b>	<b>13700</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>£5,973,200</b>

**SPC option 1**

	<b>Size (sqft)</b>	<b>Number of properties</b>	<b>Total sqft</b>	<b>Value per sqft £</b>	<b>Value</b>
2 bed	1100	4	4400	436	£1,918,400
3 bed	1500	6	9000	436	£3,924,000
4 bed	2000		0	436	£0
5 bed	2500		0	436	£0
		<b>Total sqft</b>	<b>13400</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>£5,842,400</b>

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Appendix 2



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