

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of virtual Parish Council meeting 3rd December 2020 at 6.30pm

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair
 Michael May (MM) - Vice Chair
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Cheryl Belson (CB)
 Hayley Smith (HS)

Apologies: Heather Mullins (HM) – Clerk

Under the current restrictions concerning Coronavirus it was not possible for the scheduled meeting of the Parish Council to take place in the Old School Room. In line with The Corona Virus Act 2020 section 78(2) this meeting was held remotely. Meetings will continue to take place virtually until otherwise advised as per guidance from OALC.

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| 147 | Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda) | DW declared an interest in planning application P20/S3167/FUL and was excluded from the meeting for this discussion | |
| 148 | Approval of minutes | The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be signed in due course. | |
| 149 | Planning | <p>P20/S3167/FUL Wheatsheaf Barn, Sydenham Road, Sydenham OX39 4LR Garden shed to rear of property <i>Parish Council recommendation: Support</i></p> <p>P20/S3242/LB Cape Cottage, Sydenham Road, Sydenham OX39 4NE Replacement windows <i>SODC planning permission granted</i></p> | |
| 150 | Finance | <p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>£3.17 SSE telephone box £7.96 Buzz Networks virtual landline £418.75 Clerk's salary for December £12.00 Scoop Dotty Dog dog bin emptying</p> | |
| 151 | NatWest Current a/c: b/f £9,014.48 | <p>Payments:</p> <p>£12.00 Scoop Dotty Dog – dog bin emptying £23.81 DW expenses – fuel for mower £53.82 SODC dog bin emptying to 30.9.20 £4.12 Clerk's expenses - postage £7.96 Buzz Network virtual landline – repay clerk £252.00 DNH Building Services – manhole repairs on green £3.17 SSE supply for the defibrillator £25.00 Safe custody bank fee £71.86 GoDaddy email renewal – repay clerk</p> <p>Receipts:</p> | Closing balance at 30/11/20 |

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| | NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £30,619.41 | £118.33 Kindertons Accident Management and DVLA tax refund Receipts: £0.26 Interest for November | £8,679.07 £30,619.67 |
| 152 | | Additional £2k expenditure for traffic calming. Budget agreed and precept of £16k to be requested from SODC CIL report agreed for submission. | AI |
| 153 | Matters carried forward | Feltham Construction The site foreman has nothing to report to the village. Build progressing well, two properties should have roofs on before the end of the year. | AI |
| 154 | | Playing field Nothing to report. | DW |
| 155 | | Speeding and proposed chicane Signs yet to be installed so road closure currently still in place. MM to ask ODS re maintenance of white edging. Verge to be seeded in the spring. | MM |
| 156 | | Speeding on B4445 Chicane on B4009 is in a comparable position, going from 50 mph to 30 mph towards a junction, to the one proposed on the B4445 so OCC Highways will monitor its effectiveness with a view to designing a scheme on the B4445. The VAS sign on the B4445 on the carriageway approaching from Chinnor is not working and is leaning towards the ditch. OCC Highways have provided a quote via Westcotec which is £6.5k. A comparable quote being sought from Swarco who supplied the sign on the opposite carriageway. Approval for expenditure up to £4.5k provisionally given. | MM/AI |
| 157 | | Wildflower meadow Meeting to be set up with Munday's charity trustees, villager and farmer. Farmer to mix wildflower seed in with grass seed when planting this spring if agreed with possibly a small area near to the allotments being set aside for wildflowers only. | MM |
| 158 | | Village repairs and maintenance Maintenance of trees from Mill House to Kingston Stert are responsibility of landowners not OCC Highways. Quote to be obtained to trim/remove these trees and clear ditches next spring. Ditch clearance between Slade Farm and the village, and along Brookstones to be put in hand asap. | DW |
| 159 | | Reported footpath issues Buryhook Services, who previously quoted for resurfacing the Jays bridleway, to be asked to requote with a view to applying for a TOE grant. Quote/advice on resurfacing of Sewells Lane and/or widening a path for walkers also to be sought. | AI |

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| 160 | | TOE grant for Thame Park footpath Grant will be paid upon submission of grant claim, MM and DW to review claim form. The deadline for claiming the TOE grant is 14 th December. Footbridge to be replaced when possible. | MM/DW |
| 161 | Matters Arising | None | |
| 162 | Correspondence | Report received from Ramblers of unresolved footpath issues. Rule on stiles and dog accessibility – query with OCC Countryside services. Query from a Kingston Stert resident regarding a printing error in the newsletter - recommendation to contact the Local Government Ombudsman. Sapling oak tree position – possibly adjacent to wildflower meadow. | AI MM |
| 163 | Any Other Business | None | |
| There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00pm The next meeting date will be Thursday 14 th January 2021 at 6.30pm – virtual meeting | | | |

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