

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th December 2014

Present: Paul Stancliffe
Alison Isherwood
Janet Potts
Roy Harrison
Heather Mullins
Apologies: Rachel Blake

The meeting was pleased to welcome PCSO Jacky Madden and Cllr David Wilmshurst.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None.	
Approval of minutes	These were approved and signed.	
PCSO Jacky Madden	<p>Following an enquiry about Smartwater, Jacky demonstrated some kits and gave an introduction to the product which is a colourless liquid that fluoresces under UV light and has a unique forensic fingerprint for each purchaser, householder or business.</p> <p>The kits are available from the police and from Jacky for a discounted price, details to go in the newsletter and kits to be available at the next Have Your Say meeting.</p> <p>The recent SID exercise results have been processed by Thames Valley Police, and highlighted two drivers who have twice offended by speeding through Sydenham on previous occasions. These people will be contacted by TVP Roads Policing Officers and there will be suitable enforcement.</p>	
B4445 speeding	<p>The results of the site meeting with the Highways Technician looking at the possibility of a pinch point on the B4445 near the Emmington junction were described to Cllr David Wilmshurst. This included the most suitable location for a pinch point being by the start of the current 30mph zone and the fact that the 30 mph zone would need to be extended further up the road towards Chinnor to allow room for traffic to slow down. The pinch point would not need to be lit. The Highways Technician also suggested that as part of the scheme the speed limit between Chinnor and the 30mph zone be reduced to 40mph. The estimated cost of the scheme, to include all the necessary consultations and revised signage would be £7,000.</p> <p>Bearing in mind the proposed developments at Chinnor Garden Centre or Mill Lane there would be an increase in traffic using the B4445. Chinnor Parish Council are in favour of a pinch point near the garden centre, and are interested in our suggested scheme. It may be possible to combine both projects and to fund them with a CIL payment - Councillor David Wilmshurst to investigate this.</p>	
Drainage & flooding	<p>The ditches and road gullies alongside the Thame road have been marked on to a map for OCC. There is some cluttering with debris but most are running well and the drainage lorry has been clearing some of the road gullies this week. One gully remains uncleared and has been marked with a red cross.</p> <p>The drain under the gateway opposite Windmill Cottage in the village is being looked at by the landowner, with digging and a new pipe being considered. Debris has been cleared from the stream beyond Brookstones, and where necessary is to be moved away from the sheep in the fields to prevent them getting caught on brambles.</p>	

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	As part of the emergency plan the village have been supplied with cones and flood signs warning that the road may be closed. These to be stores in the same locations as the 'road closed' signs.	29
Playing field	The repairs to the posts are underway. The grant application for the new equipment is nearly complete. £1000 has already been pledged from Sydenham Fayre and there may be another donation from the 2015 Fayre. John Heathfield is working on a quote to be included in the grant application, which considers sustainability. The feedback from the village so far has been in favour of the more challenging equipment options.	RB
Footpath sign	c/fwd	
<u>Finance</u>	The following items was authorised for payment: £150 Will Munday for an extra cut to the churchyard. A direct debit has been put in place for payment of the SSE bills for the electricity supply to the defibrillator. The budget for 2014/15 was approved and the precept application of £8000 to be submitted to SODC. The NALC national salary award 2014-2016 is to be implemented from 1st January 2015. This includes one-off payments for employees in December 2014 and April 2015. The clerk's salary is based on SCP 30, and once the pay award is applied the monthly payment after tax would be £182.21. A letter to be written to the bank to change the direct debit payment, and a cheque payment to be made for the pro-rata December 2014 payment (£8.32 after tax). NatWest Bank to be asked about interest rates for the reserve account and a transfer to be made if required to obtain a better rate.	HM HM HM
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £8,889.39	Payments: £600.00 Will Munday - mowing churchyard and greens £178.30 Clerk's salary £25.00 Safe custody bank fee - playing field deed £12.56 SODC - dog hygiene bin emptying	Closing balance at 30.11.14 £8,073.53
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,739.27	£0.30 interest received	£7,739.57
<u>Planning</u>		
P14/S3481/FUL	Sydenham Grange, Thame Park Road Demolition and replacement of existing cattle yards with new portal steel frame buildings (previously approved under application ref P08/E0318) <i>No strong views</i>	
P14/S3087/LB	The Thatched Cottages, 2 Sydenham Road Installation of gas boiler in the kitchen with an external flue. <i>Permission GRANTED</i>	
APP/Q3115/D/14/22 27906	The Folly, Chalford, in the parish of Aston Rowant OX39 4NQ Planning appeal against refusal of a householder application ref P14/S1247/HH	

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<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>SODC</p> <p>OCC</p> <p>OALC</p> <p>NALC</p>	<p>CIL briefing presentation notes</p> <p>Emergency planning events Oxfordshire's Learning Disability Strategy 2015-18</p> <p>Nov members update</p> <p>Pay award 2014-16</p>	<p>30</p> <p>website</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>CIL</p> <p>Flooding</p> <p>SSE</p> <p>The Town and Parish Forum attended by PS included information on the Community Investment Levy. Essentially developers contribute funds (previously s106) to generate money within communities that can be spent on infrastructure projects. This levy is applied at £150/m², even for single room household extensions. The funds are collected by District Councils who then distribute to parishes. More funds are available to parishes with Neighbourhood plans. The levy will come into effect in Autumn 2015, regardless of which government is in power.</p> <p>In response to an enquiry from The Millhouse, PS referred to a report on last winter's flooding which was presented at a recent meeting at SODC Crowmarsh. This included a graph from the Environment Agency showing the tonnage of water down the Thames during the eleven and a half weeks from 13th December 2013. This shows that the flooding down the Thames lasted much longer than at the time of the two record floods which have flood marks and plaques on many of the Thames locks, and that the total tonnage of water this time was very much greater than either of the previous exceptional floods.</p> <p>Gradual progress continues whilst approval is sought from the various landowners. Works are likely to take place in the Spring.</p>		
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.35 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th January in the OSR at 8pm.</p>		

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