

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Meeting of the Parish Council 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair  
 David Wilkins (DW)  
 Janet Potts (JP)  
 Mike May (MM)  
 Stephanie Johns (SJ - Clerk)

Apologies: Rachel Blake (RB)

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 P17/S3659/O</b>	Amendment repositioning dwellings further to the south west & reduce the number of vehicular access at Land north of Sydenham Road Sydenham <i>Parish Council recommendation: Original Objection by the parish Council still stands as it is not felt that this addresses any of the previous comments.</i>	All
<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 <i>Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</i>  <i>SJ will email Ian White (District Councillor) to ask about the process for a Planning Committee as it is likely that this will happen with the Sydenham Grove application.</i>	
<b>Finance</b>	The following items were approved for payment: £ 3.09 to SSE for Defibrillator £ 309.09 Clerk Salary £ 28.00 PAYE £ 250.00 Will Munday for ditch clearing & cutting fallen tree £1106.80 Mick Cornfield – Generator Installation	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £3,861.01	<i>December</i> <b>Payments:</b> £ 3.09 Southern Electric – defibrillator supply £ 309.09 Clerk's Salary £ 28.00 PAYE £ 79.80 Annual Inspection (RoSPA) £ 48.18 Clerk's expenses - Print Cartridges	

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<p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £14,103.34</p>	<p>£ 6.45 Clerk's expenses (Postage) £ 20.56 Rachel Blake Expenses - Materials for village clean £ 35.00 Will Munday - Install of new swing equipment (Banked late) £937.00 Will Munday - Grass Cutting (Banked late)</p> <p><b>Receipts:</b> £0.56 December Interest received</p>	<p>Closing balance at 29/12/17</p> <p>£2,393.84</p> <p>£14,103.90</p>
<p><b>SSE electricity supply</b></p>	<p>The flooding problem at the Stert Junction is now rectified and all ducting is complete. Further work is still to be completed with an estimated completion date of March / April.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p><b>Emergency plan and funds for resilience grant</b></p>	<p>The generator is now fully installed and signed off by the electrician. An annual inspection will be necessary. DW will ask Will to run the generator once a month &amp; record it (he will provide a clipboard). In the event of an emergency, refreshments will be provided in the Crown (For tea, coffee, milk &amp; sugar) and the costs reimbursed by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>DW/RB</p>
<p><b>Speeding</b></p>	<p>The contractor will test the VAS again on the main road now that the leaves have gone &amp; will re-angle the solar panel for maximum sun &amp; report back to the PC.</p> <p>MM has spoken to Keith Stenning and he has promised a drawing of the proposed pinch-point &amp; platform before the next meeting.</p> <p>SJ was unable to download the data from the Sydenham Road VAS for December. This could have been due to high winds so another attempt will be made in a few days time.</p>	<p>DW</p>
<p><b>Playing Field Project</b></p>	<p>Work is continuing on the new A Frame, albeit very slowly. RB is investigating costs for some new gates and the current ones are in a state of disrepair.</p>	<p>RB</p>
<p><b>Road Drainage &amp; Potholes</b></p>	<p>The big puddle that was on the Stert junction is fixed as mentioned above. Sadly there is still no news from Keith Stenning regarding the flooding across the Sydenham Road.</p> <p>SJ will email Biffa and ask them to sweep the roads as is a lot of mud, leaves &amp; mud has built up.</p> <p>JP is to advise SJ if a salt refill is needed for the existing bins.</p>	<p>DW / JP</p>
<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p>	<p>SODC have responded to MM's email regarding Village Classification and a meeting is to be arranged before mid-January. If successful in getting the village reclassified, this will affect the detail of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).</p> <p>The NP Committee have met a few times now &amp; are getting familiarised with the process. The Parish Council have to formally instigate the plan so AI signed the relevant forms to enable this and to get the boundary designated. The team are next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 &amp; are hoping to hold a public meeting to launch the plan &amp; tell people what is happening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January though this is still to be confirmed.</p> <p>SJ will remind parishioners in the next Sydenham Mail that they are asked to submit potential sites for consideration in the plan.</p> <p>MM asked for the possibility of having a NP email address. There will be a cost involved (£86.11 for 2 years) but it was agreed that this is necessary and RB will be asked to investigate.</p>	<p>MM</p>

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<b>Matter Arising</b>	None	SJ
<b>Correspondence</b>	None	SJ
<b>Any Other Business Smartwater</b>	SJ has had some written information but will call to find out how more information as to how the Community can become a 'Smartwater Village'	SJ
<b>Bridge</b>	There is concern over the huge lorries occasionally coming through the village. DW will find out whether there is a maximum weight limit on the bridge.	DW

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.  
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.

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