

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of virtual Parish Council meeting 1st October 2020 at 6.00pm

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair
 Michael May (MM) - Vice Chair
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Hayley Smith (HS)
 Heather Mullins (HM) – Clerk

Apologies: Cheryl Belson (CB)

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.

108	Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	No interests declared.	
109	Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be signed in due course.	
110	Planning	<p>P20/S2632/HH and P20/S2633/LB Holliers Cottage, 2 Holliers Close, Sydenham OX39 4NG Remove existing garage/timber store. Construct new store and open fronted carport. Replace existing window in side elevation to bedroom one with inward opening French doors. SODC decision: planning permission granted</p> <p>APP/Q3115/W/20/3250547 Manor Farm, Brookstones, Sydenham, Chinnor OX39 4LZ Conversion and alteration of existing barn to form dwelling with parking and amenity space. Planning Inspectorate decision: appeal dismissed</p> <p>P19/S4132/LDE Wayside, Kingston Stert OX39 4NL Certificate of Lawful Use for the continued use of a timber business. SODC advise application has been withdrawn by applicant</p> <p>P20/S2575/FUL 18 Holliers Close, Sydenham OX39 4NG Proposed front, side and rear extensions to dwelling and subdivision of extended dwelling into two separate 1 bedroom dwellings Resubmission of approved scheme (P/17/S4117/FUL) with associated external works. <i>Parish Council recommendation: further comment to recommend refusal</i></p>	

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115	SSE Electricity Supply The remedial works are now complete and fencing has been used to protect some of the verges.	
116	Playing Field Actions are in hand and nearly all completed. The hedging will be carried out during the next week.	
117	Speeding and proposed chicane The road closure is confirmed for 23 rd to 27 th November. It is hoped that the 'New Traffic Island' signs at the pinch point can be repurposed for the new chicane layout.	MM
118	Traffic survey on B4445 The recent accident, resulting in a fallen telegraph pole and loss of service to neighbouring properties, has further highlighted the problem with speeding in this location. The County Councillor has been approached for help in finding a resolution, and we continue to liaise with the Highways department. The Chinnor SID will be available for a fortnight from 12 th October and will be used on the B4445. The police camera van is regularly in attendance in this location.	AI/MM
119	Parking on Village Greens Where vehicles have gone over a manhole cover on the village green it has collapsed leaving a dangerous void. This has now been made safe and the cover replaced, and the expenditure for the materials approved.	
120	Village repairs and maintenance Blocked drains are reported on FixMyStreet and the gully lorry will be requested once the leaves have fallen. Once the hedging works are completed the ditches can be cleared – quotes to be obtained.	DW MM
121	Reported footpath issues OCC Countryside department are looking at options for improving bridleway 11, which has been highlighted on the quarterly footpath reports and on FixMyStreet. The parish council is obtaining quotes for improving the surface but this would be for action in the spring, depending on progress by OCC.	DW/MM
122	TOE Grant for Thame Park Footpath Footbridge repairs are required and it was agreed that this could be carried out by a working party of volunteers. The wood and posts are to be sourced. Once these repairs are complete the TOE grant can be claimed.	MM/DW

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123		<p>Annual Audit actions The following documents have been reviewed and are adopted: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Procedure for handling requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Policy, Safeguarding policy. The Information Commissioner's Office have issued a model publication scheme for the Freedom of Information Act which will be used for a further review of the council's policy.</p>	HM
124		<p>Maintenance Tasks Items that need to be budgeted for in the forthcoming year include: Ditch clearance, hedge cutting, verge cutting, tree works, repairs to the village gates.</p>	
125	Matters Arising	<p>Wild Flower planting A biodiversity project has been suggested by a villager, with the possibility of requesting further space in the allotment field for a wild flower meadow. The parish council would be pleased to support this scheme, and more details and an idea of budget to be sought.</p>	HM
		<p>Parish Council van The van was damaged in the B4445 accident and an insurance claim will be necessary.</p>	DW
126	Correspondence	<p>Villager – wild flower planting Villager – concern about dog behaviour</p>	HM HM
127	Any Other Business	<p>Dog fouling has been reported in the churchyard and playing field – Sydenham Mail to be sent</p>	AI
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm The next meeting date will be Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm – virtual meeting</p>			

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