

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2019

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair
 Rachel Blake (RB)
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Janet Potts (JP)
 Mike May (MM)
 Heather Mullins (HM) - Clerk

Two members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	No interests declared	
Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
Planning	<p>P18/S3141/HH and P18/S3142/LB Vicarage End, increasing height of two chimney stacks and alterations to internal fireplace. SODC Decision: Granted 13th December</p> <p>P18/S0823/FUL April Cottage, 13 Thame Road Erection of a 3 bedroom detached dwelling Appeal Parish Council to respond that our previous comments stand</p> <p>P17/S3659/O Land north of Sydenham Road, Sydenham OX39 4LH – APPEAL DISMISSED</p>	
Finance	<p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>£3.09 SSE Telephone box November account £3.09 SSE Telephone box December account £56.99 Stephanie Johns expenses – email renewal £350.00 Adrian Nicholls – ditch clearance £250.00 Adrian Nicholls 5 days further labour for ditch clearance, bramble removal (flood avoidance) and footpath</p> <p>Query raised on possible new VAT payment method – check with OALC if this applies to parish councils</p> <p>Contract of employment signed for clerk and new starter details to be sent to payroll services</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>HM</p>
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £12,335.65	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£5,010.00 - RCOH Ltd (NP) £13.33 - DW expenses £11.64 – RB expenses £3.09 to SSE for telephone box</p>	Closing balance at 31/12/18

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<p>NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £12,112.56</p>	<p>£100 to OSR for Will Munday's funeral donation Receipts: £1,775.00 OCC Councillor Priority Fund, grant for pinch point £5,000.00 SODC grant for Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Receipt: £2.06 interest</p>	<p>£13,972.59</p> <p>£12,114.62</p>
<p>SSE electricity supply</p>	<p>SSE only have two outstanding permissions, and MM will obtain update before next meeting.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p>Speeding / Pinch point and van</p>	<p>Pinch point OCC will launch the consultation for the pinch point next week. A more detailed design has been received and site meetings are booked to discuss the extent of the resurfacing plus any associated road closure, and to finalise the details of the scheme with both the contractor and OCC Highways. Grant balance now received.</p> <p>Van parking Legal advice to be sought regarding the correspondence to date.</p>	<p>JP,AI,DW</p> <p>HM</p>
<p>Playing Field</p>	<p>Awaiting quotation from Shaun Hunter to supply and replace new gates, materials and labour. Shelter outside the playing field needs roof repairs – Gas Board to be contacted. Salt bin to be relocated when possible. Some of the additional bags of salt delivered to be offered to the two village pubs.</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>HM</p>
<p>Road Drainage & ditches</p>	<p>Ditch clearance is progressing well, with one more day required to do the stretch from the playing field gate.</p>	
<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>The draft NP will be circulated to the statutory consultees next week, and a letter will shortly be issued to the relevant landowners. MM/MK to advise all contact details.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>SODC Deep cleanse – form to be submitted requesting pavements throughout the village to be cleaned and litterpick done to verges from Holliers Close to the Stert. Virtual landline costs approved. Application to be submitted. SODC Local Plan – now out for consultation, Sydenham Mail to be sent and posters displayed once received. Succession planning – two councillors will definitely be standing down. There is at least one person interested in standing for election. A Sydenham Mail to be sent regarding vacancies and asking interested parties to contact the parish council. Sydenham Grove – Parish Council to contact the relevant Planning Officer at SODC to ask for clarification on the planning conditions imposed from the original application and subsequent appeal decision from the Inspector, together with detail on the process. Interested residents to contact SOHA to express their concerns re planning conditions, and to ask for feedback on timescales for the project.</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>HM</p> <p>AI</p> <p>AI</p> <p>HM</p>

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Correspondence	SODC – Local Plan consultation.	RB
Any Other Business	BT wires under stress from tree growth towards Stert junction. Oak trees in Brookstones discussed. PCSO to be notified of next meeting date.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.50pm The next meeting date is at Thursday 7 th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.		

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