

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI)
 Michael May (MM)
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Cheryl Belson (CB)
 Hayley Smith (HS)
 Heather Mullins (HM) – Clerk

152	Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	An interest in planning application P19/S4390/HH was declared by Cheryl Belson.	
153	Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
154	Planning P19/S4390/HH	Clemvelling, Thame Road, Sydenham OX39 4LA Construction of single storey side extension, flat roof rear dormer and velux roof lights in association with loft conversion, removal of flat roof over existing utility room and replace with pitched roof, removal of existing glass roof to conservatory and replace with flat roof. Internal alterations in association with structural changes. Parish Council recommendation: objection	
155	Finance	The following items were approved for payment: £3.17 SSE telephone box December £7.96 Buzz Networks virtual landline £354.20 Clerk's salary for January £100.00 Ditching works £7.94 Vintage Sign Designs – sign for playing field	
156	NatWest Current a/c: b/f £4,737.04 NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £24,140.11	Payments: £3.17 SSE, December supply for defibrillator £7.96 Buzz Networks virtual landline (Dec) £20.16 Clerk's expenses - mileage £190.43 DW expenses – mower parts and fuel £15.55 reimburse M Belson for noticeboard posts £354.20 Clerk's salary for December £360.00 Estate of J M Wallington – hedging works Receipts: £422.96 donation to the Fayre from Santa sleigh collection £4.23 interest for December	Closing balance at 31/12/19 £4,208.53 £24,144.34

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157		Finance report – outturn against budget circulated. The precept for 2020/2021 was confirmed as £16,000 and the forms completed for submission.	HM
158	Matters carried forward	SSE Weather delayed progress around Christmas, work will be completed as soon as practically possible.	
159		Playing Field The replacement sign for the gate was agreed and sourced.	
160		Speeding and proposed chicane OCC Highways have confirmed that of the proposed options for a chicane in Park View/Sydenham Road, option 2 is most suitable and a distance of 14m between the build-outs is recommended. A grant application has been made to the Councillor Priority Fund for the design and consultation costs. Final drawings for the scheme to be obtained from OCC Highways so that quotes can be obtained. Potential costs of a 20mph scheme are still awaited from Highways.	MM HM
161		Neighbourhood Plan The response to the inspector’s observations is being prepared. If the plan goes to referendum it is likely to be in March.	MM
162		Footpaths and bridleways The Rights of Way Officer from OCC has carried out a site visit to the Sewells Lane bridleway to look at ground conditions and see how access could be improved. Awaiting advice.	HM
163		Gully clearance Gullies throughout the village have been listed on FixMyStreet. OPC have cleared blockages and most issues have been resolved. Ditch clearance has improved the drainage around the new pinch point.	
164		Sydenham Grove development As requested Soha are arranging a village meeting to be held in late January. This will involve an exhibition to illustrate the redevelopment works, and representatives from both Soha and the construction firm will be on hand to answer any queries from villagers.	
165		Sydenham Fayre sub committee An informal meeting was held in November to confirm initial plans, and the first official meeting will be held on February 12 th at 7pm, venue to be confirmed and publicised. Volunteers will be welcomed for both setting up and helping on the day. The date of the Fayre will be 6 th June 2020.	CB/HS

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166	Matters arising	<p>Parking on the village greens The greens need to be protected – signs to be put up on the lower greens in Brookstones where there is persistent parking. A Sydenham Mail has advised the villagers which areas are registered village greens and stressed that parking is prohibited. Verges in Brookstones are being damaged by larger vehicles – it was suggested that sections of tree trunk could be used to protect the edges. Some remedial works will be required in the spring, which can then be protected with stakes and barrier tape.</p> <p>Website accessibility The parish council website will be reviewed to ensure it complies with legislation before the required date of September 2020.</p>	<p>CB/HM</p> <p>CB</p>
167	Correspondence	<p>CAB – request for funding. To be included in grant discussion at Annual meeting OCC Democratic Services – contact details and consent</p>	HM
168	Any Other Business	<p>Dog fouling is becoming a problem again – reminder to be included in the next Sydenham Mail BT have been advised that the telephone wires along Sydenham Road towards Kingston Stert are at risk from tree branches.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm The next meeting date will be Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm in the Old School Room</p>			

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