

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3rd January 2013

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

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	Advice has been sought as to whether Paul Stancliffe has a pecuniary interest in the Sewells Lane road surface. No further action to be taken until this is clarified.	
Minutes of last meeting	These were approved and signed.	
Broadband	There is a meeting for John Howell's constituency at Chalgrove on 18th February, to which the Broadband Champions and Parish Council have been invited. This will be a meeting with BT to hear their proposals for broadband, and to hear what the government are planning for rural communities. There is also a village meeting on Sydenham on 23rd January, at which Councillor Nick Carter will be speaking about Oxfordshire County Council's plans for the county and how grant aid can be applied for to help with proposed schemes. Details of this meeting to be circulated, and invitations issued to neighbouring villages who are similarly linked to the Chinnor exchange.	PS
Brookstones flood bank	The posts have been installed and so far all feedback has been positive. The tankers visiting the pumping station over the Christmas period have caused a lot of damage to the verges in Brookstones and to the green. Thames Water have been asked to re-instate these verges in the Spring, and Gordon McLeod has kindly offered to advise. Thames Water are holding a meeting on 25th January at which the proposed new pumping station and pipe diversion will be outlined. The scheme has been approved overall and funds allocated, but the final route has to be agreed with the relevant landowners.	
Big Society funding for OSR project	There has only been one more response to the survey. In view of the current financial climate there has not been a strong feeling in favour, and therefore the decision has been taken not to proceed with this scheme. A query was raised as to whether the Big Society funds earmarked for the OSR scheme could be spent on a different scheme - perhaps new goalposts in the playing field? Caroline Newton to be given an update on the decision, and to be asked about the goalposts.	PS
Sewells Lane	c/fwd.	
Phoenix Trail link	The ownership of New Close Farm is changing in January, so the new owners will be consulted about the use of the bridleway, together with the other landowners affected.	RB
Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Responses to this consultation have been invited, and the Phoenix Trail link is to be included in a response from Rachel Blake, as the purpose of the Plan is to establish rights of way.	RB

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Playing Field	Costs for replacing goalposts to be obtained. One of the posts on the adventure trail is being monitored as it is wobbling.	30 RH
Bridleway 7 diversion	The landowners are considering the options and will speak to the Rights of Way Officer in due course.	
<u>Finance</u>	The following items have been authorised for payment:  £42.70 HM Revenue PAYE to 5.1.13 £42.70 repayment to Clerk for payment of PAYE (bank cheque book not supplied in time for payment of Dec PAYE) £180.00 Old School Room Committee, hire of hall for meetings Apr'12-Mar'13 £500.00 Old School Room Committee, annual grant £1000.00 Sydenham newsletter, annual grant £456.00 J M Wallington, cutting of verges and hedges  The budget and proposed precept were discussed, and it was agreed that a precept of £8000 would be set for the year 2013/14.	
NatWest Current a/c: b/f £4,744.79	£250 Oxfordshire County Council - post to protect Brookstones flood bank £170.79 Clerk's salary	Closing balance at 31.12.12  £4,324.00
Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,732.53	£0.80 interest received	£7,733.33
<u>Planning</u>		
P12/S2915/FUL and P12/S2916/LB	Manor Farm, Sydenham Road Conversion of diary building into ancillary accommodation <i>No strong views</i>	
<u>Correspondence</u>		28
SODC South & Vale Thames Valley Police Thame CAB	Budgets and precepts Council Tax reduction scheme Thames Valley Alert messaging system  Request for donation - £100 authorised	HM  n/l w/s  HM
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
District Councillor's report	This was circulated and read.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 7th February 2013 in the OSR at 8pm.		

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