

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

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	NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £31,071.69	Receipts: £0.25 interest in October Payments: £500.00 transfer to current account	£30,571.94
		The draft budget for 2022/2023 was discussed. Calculations to be made for increasing the precept to determine the impact on the Council Tax bills.	HM
121	<b>Matters carried forward</b>	<b>Feltham Construction</b> The problem with the front door colours has been resolved. Welcome packs have been given to the new residents.	
122		<b>Playing field</b> A very successful working party tackled strimming and raking - many thanks to the volunteers. The hedges have been cut, and a stretch of 20-30m plus infill marked for replanting. A budget of £500 is approved to purchase suitably sized hedging for planting in February. Once Oxfordshire Highways complete the roadworks outside the playing field the soakaway arrangement in the ditch will be capped and the ditch reinstated.	
123		<b>Speeding on B4445 and through the village</b> A 20mph toolkit has been received from the 20 is Plenty group, including suggestions for a village campaign and how to register the village with Oxfordshire County Council for being a 20mph zone. Councillor Matelot started this process, and it will be followed up with the new County Councillors. An application for grant funding to be made to the District Councillors for a hand held speed gun for use with Community Speedwatch and to promote the 20mph campaign. Expenditure approved for the purchase of promotional bin stickers.  The consultation process for the B4445 pinch point to be discussed with OCC Highways. OCC to be contacted regarding ringfencing the allocated £20k CIL funding at financial year end. A presentation was made to Chinnor Parish Council's Finance Committee on 18 <sup>th</sup> October, seeking the balance of funding for the project. CPC to be contacted regarding the next steps of this process.	AI  HM  MM MM HM
124		<b>Wildflower meadow and Queens Canopy trees from Woodland Trust</b> The tree delivery has been delayed. The area for planting is being agreed. No further update on the wildflower area. It was suggested that another working party would be helpful to keep the brook maintenance in hand. The bench by the playing field will be moved up to the wildflower area.	

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125	<p><b>Village repairs and maintenance</b></p> <p>The hedging works for the parish council have been carried out, and local landowners are also undertaking hedge cuts.</p> <p>Now that the hedging debris can be cleared the ditching works will be carried out. A close watch will be kept on known problem areas of drainage to minimise the flood risk.</p> <p>The hedge opposite the entrance to Holliers Close to be reported on FixMyStreet as it overhangs the road on a bend causing a safety issue for traffic.</p> <p>The village entrance gate on the Stert side of the village needs a post replaced – expenditure approved. The two signs on these gates are damaged and in need of replacement – County Council to be contacted.</p> <p>The OCC drainage improvement works outside Ryders Farm could not be completed during the road closure, as the pipe run had to avoid other utilities, resulting in a lower fallout level into the playing field ditch. Further work is required to create a crate system as a soakaway, after which the ditch can be reinstated. Traffic management will be required but the road will not need to be closed. This is scheduled for December.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>HM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>HM</p>
126	<p><b>Footpaths and bridleways</b></p> <p>The surfacing works for the Jays bridleway have been successfully undertaken and very positive feedback received.</p> <p>A query regarding changes to the drainage has been resolved by digging a holding pond.</p> <p>A grant application has been made to TOE for funding towards a replacement gate and improved access to footpath 378. The grant panel meet in January to assess the applications for this quarter.</p> <p>An update on the Heavy Vegetation Clearance and the vehicle access on Sewells Lane bridleway is awaited from the Countryside Team.</p>	
127	<p><b>Faster broadband</b></p> <p>DCMS funding approval has been given and the project is moving to the Openreach delivery phase. Installation surveys will be undertaken, and the scheme should be implanted in the first half of 2022.</p>	
128	<p><b>Dog bin emptying service</b></p> <p>The ongoing service is being monitored. The sack by the allotment field bin to be reported.</p>	HM
129	<p><b>Sydenham Newsletter</b></p> <p>Rachel has successfully applied for a grant to re-establish the printed newsletter. The new colour edition for October has been well received.</p> <p>MM to be interviewed for a newsletter article.</p>	MM

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130	<b>Matters arising</b>	<b>NatWest bank security box</b> This can be accessed by the RFO and one other authorised signatory with at least 24 hours' notice.	HM/HS
131		<b>The sign for the Old Sun</b> The post for the sign is rotten, and an estimate for repairs has been received for £830. As the post is on parish council land the owner of the Old Sun has offered to pay for half of the repair costs. Expenditure for half the work upto a value of £500 was authorised, in grateful recognition of all the voluntary work done by the owner for the good of the village.	
132		<b>Sydenham Neighbourhood Plan</b> The final amendments document has been received for approval. The Neighbourhood Plan Group email address does not need to be renewed in January.	MM
133	<b>Correspondence</b>	None	
134	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<b>New bench</b> – arriving in November. Presentation arrangements were discussed.	
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting date will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Old School Room</p>			

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