

# Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of virtual Parish Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: David Wilkins (DW)

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. The meeting was pleased to welcome a member of the public.

<b>181</b>	<b>Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)</b>	None	
<b>182</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be signed in due course.	
<b>183</b>	<b>Planning</b>	P21/S0083/FUL 18 Holliers Close, Sydenham OX39 4NG Proposed front, side and rear extensions to dwelling and sub-division of extended dwelling into two separate 1-bedroom dwellings. Re-submission of approved scheme (P/17/S4117/FUL) with associated external works. Parish Council recommendation: response that objections to the previously approved scheme still stand	
<b>184</b>	<b>Finance</b>	The following items were approved for payment: £3.17 SSE telephone box £7.96 Buzz Networks virtual landline £418.75 Clerk's salary £12.00 Scoop Dotty Dog dog bin emptying £23,595.88 Oxford Direct Services, chicane installation £480.00 ONeill Homer, neighbourhood plan consultancy £19.37 CB expenses, Fayre website renewal £678.00 DNH Building Services Ltd, footbridge repairs Printer cartridges, approx. £35.00	
<b>185</b>	NatWest Current a/c: b/f £10,367.05	Payments: £18.00 Scoop Dotty Dog – dog bin emptying £7.96 Buzz Network virtual landline – repay clerk £3.18 SSE supply for the defibrillator	Closing balance at 31/01/21

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	NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £30,619.93	Receipts: £3,000.00 Councillor Priority Fund grant towards replacement VAS  Receipts: £0.24 Interest for January	£13,337.91  £30,620.17
186		A bank reconciliation has been prepared for signature.	AI
187	<b>Matters carried forward</b>	<b>Feltham Construction</b> Feltham to be contacted regarding site foreman contact details and regular progress reports.	HM
188		<b>Playing field</b> Estimate to be obtained for swing repairs.	DW
189		<b>Chicane installation on Sydenham Road</b> Repairs to the white lining will be carried out once the weather improves.	
190		<b>Speeding on B4445 and through the village</b> Awaiting confirmation of the meeting with Jeannette Matelot and Highways.	MM
191		<b>Wildflower meadow and oak sapling</b> A location has been agreed for the saplings and ideally they can be planted before the end of March whilst dormant. Gordon McLeod to be asked for advice.	AI
192		<b>Village repairs and maintenance</b> 1. Jays footpath. The landowner has undertaken excavation works to the surface and ditches. This is to allow water to get away more quickly so that more permanent measures can be undertaken. Once the weather improves hardcore will be added to the surface. 2. Flooding on the green. DW and MM have worked hard to clear the drain but it is severely blocked under the road. A gully sucker and jet hose will be required. The problem has been flagged up to County and progress to be checked. At present the County have a 4-yearly schedule for drain clearance. 3. Drainage by entrance to Holliers Close. This has been raised with Highways as a safety hazard. Jetting has determined that the pipe is most likely blocked roughly half-way across the road. Further investigation is required from both ends of the pipe, and ditch clearance is required to expose the far end. If repairs in the road are required the County Council cannot fund them before April. 4. A leak by the Stert junction is causing the ditches to backfill and water is then flooding the road. To be investigated. The cost to hire a small digger for a day (£67) to was approved if required.	MM/DW  MM/DW  DW

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193		<p><b>Reported footpath issues</b>  The Thame Park project is complete as the footbridge repairs are finished.  Sewells Lane – HM to check query raised with Countryside Services.</p>	HM
194	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Armed Forces Small Grant trust</b>  A meeting to explore this funding was attended. It has been suggested that the village purchase two ‘Lest we forget’ silhouettes, one for each end of the village. Costs to be researched.</p>	HM
195	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Councillor Community Grants – deadline extended. Suggest bid to be submitted for two extra rubbish bins.  Airband FTTP works – insufficient number of subscribers to progress at this point. Options with other suppliers being investigated.  Pre-planning query – directed to SODC.  Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance survey on primary healthcare facilities.</p>	HM MM/AI MM
196	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>Dead tree on corner of Holliers Close – a resident has volunteered to remove it. Request to replace rowan tree on opposite corner refused for time being. Origin of tree to be researched.  A volunteer group has been suggested for working parties undertaking tasks around the village. It would be helpful if they could liaise with the Parish Council.  Now that the bridge works are complete the Ramblers Association to be asked to replace missing roundels on FP10.  Another bookshelf is being made for the bus shelter as the book swap station has proved so successful.  Annual actions – documents to be reviewed and circulated before next meeting.</p>	HM MM AI CB HM
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm  The next meeting date will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm – virtual meeting.</p>			

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