

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of virtual Parish Council meeting 14th January 2021 at 6.30pm

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

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 County Councillor Matelot and a member of the public.

164	Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None	
165	Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be signed in due course.	
166	Planning	<p>P20/4841/HH Slade Farm, Sydenham Road, Sydenham OX39 4LH Single storey extension <i>Parish Council recommendation: response submitted, no objection</i></p> <p>P20/S3167/FUL Wheatsheaf Barn, Sydenham Road, Sydenham OX39 4LR Garden shed to rear of property. <i>SODC planning permission granted</i></p> <p>P20/S3824/HH Thorlby Cottage, Sydenham Road, Sydenham OX39 4LN Demolition of porch and detached garage. Single storey extension. <i>SODC planning permission granted</i></p>	
167	Finance	<p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>£3.17 SSE telephone box £7.96 Buzz Networks virtual landline £418.75 Clerk's salary £18.00 Scoop Dotty Dog dog bin emptying £190 Mick Cornfield VAS electrical works £5,591.70 Swarco VAS unit for B4445</p>	
168	NatWest Current a/c: b/f £8,679.07	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£418.75 Clerk's salary, November £12.00 Scoop Dotty Dog – dog bin emptying</p>	Closing balance at 31/12/20

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	NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £30,619.67	<p>£7.96 Buzz Network virtual landline – repay clerk £3.17 SSE supply for the defibrillator £190.00 Mick Cornfield – work to VAS signs on Sydenham Road £360.00 Estate of J M Wallington – hedging works £418.75 Clerk’s salary, December</p> <p>Receipts: £2,922.00 TOE grant for Thame Park project £176.62 S.G.Busby refund of insurance for council van</p> <p>Receipts: £0.26 Interest for December</p>	<p>£10,367.05</p> <p>£30,619.93</p>
169		The final price for the ditching works will be less than quoted.	DW
170	Matters carried forward	Feltham Construction The site foreman has nothing to report to the village. Roofing works underway.	
171		Playing field The necessary signage is still in place and regular inspections continue. Play bark levels and the replacement of an edging piece to be actioned in the spring.	DW
172		Chicane installation on Sydenham Road The installation is complete, and all signs are in place.	
173		Speeding on B4445 and through the village A grant application to Councillor Matelot’s Priority Funding has been successful and £3,000 has been received towards the cost of the replacement VAS on the B4445. A quotation from Swarco of £4,659 is approved and an order placed. Councillor Matelot has requested council funding of £20,000 towards traffic calming measures, which has been approved. JM will set up a meeting with Highways and parish councillors to look at a pinch point scheme on the B4445. The first step would be to look at possible designs whilst the effectiveness of the comparable scheme on the B4009 is assessed. Councillor Matelot is also supportive of a 20mph zone in the village and will start an application.	AI
174		Wildflower meadow and oak sapling A meeting has been held with the Trustees of Munday’s charity and Will Browning. One half of the field is to be planted with a local old seed variety which is edible for cows and has a blue flower that is attractive to bees. A small test strip will be ploughed near to the allotments for wildflower seeding for a community project. Seed prices are being obtained so that options for funding can be discussed.	

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		Munday's charity to be asked about planting the sapling oak in conjunction with the wildflower meadow.	MM
175		<p>Village repairs and maintenance</p> <p>The ditching works to Brookstones, Sydenham Road and the playing field have been carried out and have proved very successful in the recent heavy rain.</p> <p>Councillor Matelot has asked for details of problem drainage areas so that she can investigate on our behalf, also problems with trees. A location map and photos to be sent.</p>	DW DW
176		<p>Reported footpath issues</p> <p>The bridleways are very muddy and almost impassable. The extreme weather is not conducive to making any of the routes usable at present – options to be considered at the start of March.</p>	All
177		<p>TOE grant for Thame Park footpath</p> <p>The grant claim has been submitted and the funds received, and the footbridge repairs will be completed this month. The grant project report can then be updated with the final photos.</p>	MM/DW
178	Matters Arising	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Although the village Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted for examination and awaits referendum, South Oxfordshire has since adopted the Local Plan 2035. In one instance the wording of the Local Plan 2035 is slightly different to the version that the Neighbourhood Plan was based on. Therefore a small amendment is required to ensure compliance of the Neighbourhood Plan document with the Local Plan. ONeil Homer have duly been consulted and the rewording agreed. SODC are carrying out a consultation on this amendment, commencing 15th January for 6 weeks. An email to be sent to SODC formally approving the consultation.</p>	HM/MM
179	Correspondence	<p>Emails regarding possible cycle path link to the Phoenix Trail – if this could be achieved then Sydenham would be interested in linking through Chinnor.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police – have your say on an increase in council tax across Thames Valley.</p>	HM CB
180	Any Other Business	<p>Litter in the verges – an official litterpick is not possible during the pandemic but some villagers are collecting pieces that they see. The bookshelf in the bus shelter is proving popular during lockdown. Start time of next meeting to move to 7pm.</p>	
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm The next meeting date will be Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7pm – virtual meeting.</p>			

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