

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March 2023 in the Old School Room

Present: Michael May (MM) – Chair
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Hayley Smith (HS)
 Heather Mullins (HM) – Clerk

Apologies: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Vice Chair
 Cheryl Belson (CB)

235	Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None	
236	Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed.	
237	Planning	<p>P22/S4643/O (Outline) Land west of Thame Road Chinnor Amendment : No. 2 - dated 1st March 2023 Amendment : No. 3 – dated 6th March 2023 Outline planning application for up to 150 residential dwellings including up to 40% affordable housing, creation of new vehicular access off of Thame Road and provision of public open space including a children's play area with associated infrastructure and earthworks. All matters reserved except accessibility to the site, for vehicles in terms of the positioning and treatment of access to the site (as updated by additional information 24 January, and 1 & 6 March 2023). <i>Parish Council response – objection and response to be made to developer's additional information</i></p>	MM
238	Finance	<p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>£7.96 Virtual Landline £4.55 SSE electricity supply for defibrillator £451.25 Clerk's salary £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions £35.00 ICO registration annual fee (dd) £60.00 DW expenses, fuel for machines</p> <p>Fayre items: £276 First Aid £300 Joanna Ferreday (entertainer) £195 inflatables/bouncy castle</p>	
	NatWest Current a/c: b/f £61.73	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£451.25 Clerk's salary for January £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions – dog bin emptying for January £60.02 DW expenses – fuel for machines £456.00 The Partners Kingston Stert Farm – hedging and verges £7.96 Virtual landline £4.55 SSE Southern Electric – supply to defibrillator</p>	Closing balance at 28/02/23

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	NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £31,717.27	<p>Receipts: £500.00 transfer from reserve account £354.07 Santa Sleigh collection (Fayre) £200.00 transfer from reserve account</p> <p>Payments: £500.00 transfer to current account £200.00 transfer to current account</p> <p>Receipts: £21.49 interest in February</p>	<p>£100.02</p> <p>£31,038.76</p>
		Donations for the financial year were discussed. A payment of £400.00 to be made to Chinnor Village Centre.	HM
239	Matters carried forward	<p>Playing field A pair of smaller goals (6' x 4') and a single goal (8'x6') to be sourced and purchased. A contribution towards the new mower was confirmed (as approved in minute 131 at October meeting)</p>	<p>DW/HM</p> <p>HM</p>
240		<p>Chicane installation on B4445 Further to OALC advice regarding the placing of the order for a joint scheme, CPC have been contacted to clarify and answer awaited. PC to follow up in next two weeks. OCC have confirmed that the £2000.00 Councillor Priority Funds has been granted for the period ending 31.3.23 and will be paid to Sydenham Parish Council.</p>	HM
241		<p>Village repairs and maintenance The volunteer team would welcome some more members – to be raised at APM and via Sydenham Mail.</p>	
242		<p>Footpaths and bridleways The Holliers Close footpath has been successfully cleared. It would be helpful if the hedge at the start of the path could be reduced back – owner to be asked. If this can be achieved then works to the shuttering would not be required. The re-grading work at the top of Sewells Lane cannot take place until the weather improves.</p>	DW
243		<p>Fayre Committee report The road closure is confirmed. All costs agreed so far have been submitted for approval. Most of the outside attractions are now booked and further ideas are being followed up with local businesses. Village attractions and local schools have been approached. Fiona Bruce has confirmed that she will open the Fayre. Outside stall pitch fees agreed.</p>	

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		<p>There will be an online-only programme that included a map (downloadable via a QR code) to avoid paper waste and eco-friendly cups/plates etc will be used.</p> <p>Likely to be a cash-only event.</p> <p>Dog show will require participants to sign a legal disclaimer to take part as PC insurance does not cover dog show.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 14th March.</p>	
244		<p>Generator</p> <p>The connection will enable two sockets inside the OSR small hall, which will support a kettle, phone charging etc and possible connection to lights to be investigated.</p> <p>The installation should be complete in the next few weeks.</p>	DW
245		<p>Classification of Sewells Lane on the Definitive Map</p> <p>No progress so far.</p>	MM
246		<p>Parish Council elections</p> <p>To be promoted via Sydenham Mail and anyone interested in putting themselves forward asked to contact the clerk for further information and nomination papers.</p> <p>The current Trustees of the Munday Charity are looking to stand down. PC responsible for appointing Trustees. John Church has been approached and would be happy to lead and is to talk to Paul Stancliffe in the first instance.</p>	HM/SM MM
247		<p>May meetings</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 11th May following the elections.</p> <p>26th May proposed for the Annual Parish Meeting - to be confirmed.</p> <p>Quiz and social format to be repeated.</p>	DW/HM
248		<p>OCC tree planting</p> <p>Having looked at the suggested planting site by the playing field in detail, there is a risk to the road drain. OCC to be asked again to consider the Brookstones location, otherwise reluctantly the offer will have to be declined.</p>	MM
249		<p>Community Speedwatch scheme</p> <p>To be followed up if appropriate after the 20mph limit is implemented.</p>	
250	Matters Arising	<p>Phoenix Trail Project</p> <p>Cllr Gregory to be asked for an update on progress with their plans.</p>	HM
251		<p>Heat pump suggestion</p> <p>Following the press article about a village heat pump power station in Cambridge, a query has been raised on whether something similar might be viable for Sydenham. Further information to be sought in</p>	

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		the first instance, and an indication of interest could be sought at the APM.	MM
252		Review of key documents Clerk to review initially, and discuss with Chair before next meeting.	HM/MM
253	Correspondence	OCC – household waste centres for refresh in March/April SODC – deep cleanse team SODC – pre-election period guidance	CB(SM) HM HM
254	Any Other Business	Planting for the tubs £200 expenditure approved for spring/summer planting. Coronation Stone It has been suggested that a stone be added to the church wall to mark Charles III's coronation. Further details to be sought.	HM HM
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 th April at 7.30pm in the OSR			

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