

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting of the Parish Council 2nd February 2017

Present: Rachel Blake (RB)
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Mike May (MM)
 Janet Potts (JP)
 D/Cllr Ian White (IW)
 Stephanie Johns (SJ - Clerk)

Apologies: Alison Isherwood (AI)

The meeting was pleased to welcome 1 member of the public.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	There were no declarations of interests.	
Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
Planning		
P17/S0177/HH	Greenfields, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LE Single storey extension to kitchen – Recommendation: No Objections	
P16/S3243/HH	6 Plough Corner Sydenham OX39 4LF – Granted by SODC	
P16/S3914/FUL	18 Holliers Close, Sydenham, OX39 4NG – Refused by SODC	
Development of Sydenham Grove	The Parish Council are continuing to support those in Bakers Piece House, Kingston Blount who are wanting to move back to the village and one of the Councillors has attended a meeting on Wednesday 11 th January 2017 between Steve Lynch from SOHA and 2 residents of Bakers, Kingston Blount to discuss the agreement in a letter from SOHA in January 2015 that they could return to Sydenham Grove once the proposed redevelopment was complete. JR will write to Gerry Bough & Helen Novelle with a copy of the minutes taken at the meeting. The Clerk will also send a letter from the Parish Council to Mr Peacock. Encouragingly, the Housing department has stated that the covenant on Sydenham Grove will not be released until it is proven that housing is not needed in Sydenham. Adrian Duffield, head of planning has said that the site is not a Windfall Site.	MM
SSE electricity supply	More discussions have taken place and this is still progressing.	MM
Grass cutting	An allowance has been made for grass cutting costs in the budget for 2017 / 2018.	MM

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Emergency plan and funds for resilience grant	More discussions have taken place with regards to the location of the generator. This is ongoing.	JP
Footpaths, TOE2	One quote has now been obtained from Buryhook. MM will obtain the other as soon as possible. The Grant will be applied for now before it closes early March.	JP / RB
Speeding	DW has met with Keith Stenning who agrees that the main speeding issue is the stretch of road between Slade Farm & Box Cottages. He is putting together a plan to install a temporary inlet to deter speeding.	DW
Playing Field Project	A quote is still being sought for a replacement A Frame and new ropes for the climbing frame. The community grant previously applied for by SODC will re-open in March when it will be applied for again.	RB
New Website	The new website has now been launched and everyone agreed it was excellent and thanked RB for her efforts. RB & SJ will meet after the half term school break to discuss ongoing maintenance and updates. DW suggested adding a space for people to offer things for 'freecycling'.	RB
Road Drainage & Potholes	Various efforts have unfortunately not resolved the drainage issue and there is still a leak for which the cause and remedy is ongoing. The pothole is now filled but this didn't clear the gully to the ditch & all the material was thrown in, thereby blocking the ditch! Will Munday will be asked to unblock the ditch & re-dig the channel to allow the water to drain. A budget of £300 was approved to cover the costs.	DW DW
Great British Spring Clean	SODC are backing a new nationwide campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in March 2017. The Great British Spring Clean aims to help bring people together to clear up the litter that blights their local streets and parks & equipment is offered free of charge to groups and individuals who want to help. It was agreed that the Spring Clean would be held on Sunday 5 th March and SJ would add it to the next Newsletter. JP to organise with Carol Carney who has ordered all the equipment in the past.	JP
Community Support – D of E volunteer expenses	The expenses claim will now be made at the next meeting as they're not yet available. Sydenham Fayre are to be asked for a grant of to help pay for a new hedge. The old one is to be removed by Will Munday.	RB / JP
<u>Finance</u>	The following items were approved for payment: £ 3.07 to SSE for Defibrillator £ 12.56 Dog Hygiene Bin Emptying (Oct-Dec 2016) £500.00 Two additional green salt bins to be sited in the village (one by the playing field entrance and the other by the gate near to Box Cottages. £600.00 Sydenham Newsletter (annual) grant £ 33.75 Diane Malley (Payroll)	SJ

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<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £5,270.14</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £14,101.67</p>	<p><i>January</i></p> <p>Payments:</p> <p>£ 20.00 Mike may Expenses £ 143.53 Rachel Blake Expenses £ 600.00 OCC (Speed Survey) £ 429.28 Clerk's Salary £ 3.07 Southern Electric – defibrillator supply £ 100.00 Donation to Oxon South & Vale Citizens Advice</p> <p>Receipts: None</p>	<p>Closing balance at 30.01.17</p> <p>£3,974.26</p> <p>£14,101.67</p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>	<p>None</p>	<p>SJ</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>	<p>Following an email sent to the Parish Council from a Parishioner requesting confirmation of access to their property, it was agreed that SJ would respond confirming that the Parish Council do not have the authority to define access and if the information was not clear in the deeds, to contact Planning at South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC).</p>	<p>SJ</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 in the Old School Room at 7.30pm.</p>		

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