

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Meeting of the Parish Council 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI)  
 Rachel Blake (RB)  
 Janet Potts (JP)  
 David Wilkins (DW)  
 Mike May (MM)  
 Stephanie Johns (SJ - Clerk)

Apologies:

14 members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	No interests declared	
Approval of minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.	
	D/Cllr White sent his report to the meeting (attached to these minutes).	
<b>Planning</b> <b>P17/S2649/FUL</b>	1 -8 Sydenham Grove, Sydenham, OX39 4LP <i>The meeting was structured to ensure there was a significant amount of time allowed for people to share their views.</i> <i>The new plans have remained largely the same apart from one semi-detached property to be social housing in order to allow two of the previous residents to return. The attached semi-detached property is then going to be available for private sale. There is no longer any provision for shared ownership properties. The overriding consensus is that the mix of housing in the development is not right. It does not reflect the needs of the community for smaller more affordable housing to enable younger people to return or join the village. The density of the houses means there is a significant proportion of larger 4/5 bedroom houses which are on relatively small plots and therefore the rooms would be small. The community and PC would prefer a greater number of smaller houses on a different layout perhaps around a 'hammerhead' style close.</i> <i>The Council voted to object to the proposal and the documented planning reasons will be prepared at a separate meeting in time for the submission date of 15<sup>th</sup> September.</i> <i>Parish Council Recommendation – Objection</i>	All
<b>P17/S2320/LB</b>	The Barn, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LT <i>Parish Council Recommendation – No Objection</i>	
<b>P17/S2418/FUL &amp; P17/S2419/LB</b>	2 Thatched Cottages, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LT <i>Granted 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017</i>	
<b>P17/S2147/LB</b>	Coopers Yard, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4NB <i>Granted 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</i>	

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<b>Footpaths, TOE2</b>	A site meeting has taken place with Kav from Buryhook. He believes the job of replacing the styles with gates will take about 2 days and this is likely to take place mid-September. JP is to be informed so that photographs can be taken to send to TOE2. Once the job is complete, Buryhook (Contractors) will invoice the Council. This will then be reimbursed by TOE2 (Trust for Oxfordshire Environment 2).	JP
<b>Speeding</b>	The average speed taken from the VAS data download for July was 33.4mph (Speeds under 20mph were not included in the average as they are probably cyclists). The download of data is very time consuming so alternative steps are being taken to try to make it an easier process. No quote has yet been received from Keith Stenning for the permanent Pinchpoint or white lines though he is away on holiday until 11 <sup>th</sup> September. SJ will email him shortly after this date as a reminder and invite him to present the quotes at the October meeting between 7pm & 8pm. One parishioner is very keen to put together a speed awareness group and has offered to lead a campaign group asking for a speed limit of 20mph. Cllr. R. Blake will support.	AI / SJ  RB
<b>Playing Field Project</b>	The annual inspection has flagged some issues in the park which were expected, however RB is awaiting a quote from the contractor and there is not yet any sign of the new A Frame being completed. JP will mention it when she sees him. DW has strimmed the area of weeds & nettles. The area will be included in the 'Village Spruce up' – see note under 'Any other business'.	RB
<b>Road Drainage &amp; Potholes</b>	Work is planned to repair the drainage issues though the actual start date is yet to be scheduled.	DW
<b>Grass Cutting</b>	The ditches will need clearing as the summer ends. DW will speak to Will Munday about this so that he can start at the beginning of October.	DW
<b>Defibrillator</b>	The online governance system for logging the site checks of the defibrillator is still showing that a site check is due. JP will speak to ken Hardiman to determine whether something is not quite working on the system & ask if he would like to run through it.	JP/SJ
<b>Correspondence</b>	Letter re: The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum in 2017 – SJ will scan the letter & send to the Councillors for their comments. Letter from AON regarding parish Council's Insurance policy – Aon has decided to cease its involvemens with Local Councils so BHIB Ltd will be writing to the Council in the next few weeks. Nothing will change until the renewal date in June 2018. Letter from John Howell OBE MP drawing attention to an Adjournment debate held in the House of Commons - Noted	SJ
<b>Any Other Business</b>	A 'Village Spruce up' is to be planned for Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November. JP will organise the equipment & SJ will publish via Sydenham mail. SJ highlighted a letter from OCC informing parishioners that from 1 <sup>st</sup> October there will be charges for the disposal of (DIY) household waste. This was noted and has been included in a Sydenham mail Newsletter.	SJ
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.		

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