

# Sydenham Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6th November 2014

Present: Paul Stancliffe  
Alison Isherwood  
Janet Potts  
Rachel Blake  
Roy Harrison  
Heather Mullins

<u>Matters Arising</u>		
Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None.	
Approval of minutes	These were approved and signed.	
Drainage & flooding	Invoices are due for the ditching and trimming works that have been undertaken. Possible work to improve drainage to the field entrance opposite Windmill Cottage are being discussed. Thame Park have undertaken a lot of hedge trimming, and Mike May has very kindly raked debris out of the stream. Mr Cooper has been clearing the brook upstream of the Mill House. PS has produced a drawing to plot road gullies on and waterways, which can then be sent to Gordon Hunt at OCC.	PS  PS
Playing field	It was agreed that John Heathfield should be asked to complete the required works. A meeting to be arranged to go through the RoSPA report and discuss requirements. OPFA have been consulted about any required standards for new equipment. RB has investigated funding options for new equipment and is submitting a grant application in December.	RB  RB
Village archives	The archives have been returned.	
Overgrown verge	The hedge has been trimmed and has made a big difference to the available width of the road.	
Speeding	The SID exercise has been very successful and the data gathered has been submitted to Thames Valley Police. A site meeting has been held with OCC Highways Technician Mark Francis to look at possible physical measures to reduce speeding on the B4445. His recommendation was to install a pinch point at the location where the speed currently reduces to 30mph for traffic coming from the Chinnor direction, and to extend the 30mph zone towards Chinnor. A pinch point would not require lighting. As part of the project Mr Francis also suggested applying for the stretch of road between this point and Chinnor to be restricted to 40mph to reduce the overall speed. The proposed developments at Mill Lane would result in a change in access to the main road and more traffic coming along the B4445, and it might be possible to apply for s106 funding. The expenditure for the pinch point and movement of speed limits, including the necessary consultations is approximately £7,000. The project needs to be discussed with Cllr David Wilmshurst and with Chinnor Parish Council. Cllr Wilmshurst to be contacted regarding a suitable meeting.	PS

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	<p>Advice is being sought on power of expenditure for a project that benefits our residents but that is physically beyond the parish boundary.</p> <p>GATSO speed cameras were also discussed with Mr Francis, who advised that they are now in the jurisdiction of Thames Valley Police and that it was most unlikely that a camera would be sited on the B4445 due to accident statistics to date.</p>	26 HM
Broadband coverage	<p>The centre of the village should be upgraded by June 2015, and BT Openreach are now looking at the 56 direct exchange lines at Plough Corner, the Inn and at Emmington. These lines could be connected in a number of different ways and surveys are being undertaken to determine the most cost effective method. The timing of when this will be done has yet to be determined, but it is likely to be included in the intervention plan paid for out of the additional funding from SOD and Broadband Delivery UK.</p> <p>An update on superfast broadband has been included in the newsletter.</p>	
Footpath sign repair	c/fwd - the new map is ready to be installed once the cabinet is complete.	
Property marking	The Smartwater property marking kits are available online, but require an annual subscription as the scheme is linked to a national database. Further information to be sought following the link from TVP.	HM
January meeting	The January parish council meeting is to be moved from the 1st to the 8th and the OSR is booked.	
<u>Finance</u>	<p>The following items have been authorised for payment:</p> <p>£2.40 SSE electricity supply to the defibrillator £750.00 John Heathfield, playing field repairs</p> <p>The draft budget for 2015/2016 was approved, with a recommendation that funds ringfenced for the Sustrans project could be reassigned to speed reduction measures on the B4445 depending on reserves going forward at year end.</p> <p>The bank reconciliation was signed, and it was agreed that a direct debit could be set up for payment of the SSE bills each month.</p>	
<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £5,392.35</p> <p>Natwest Reserve a/c: b/f £7,738.94</p>	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£40.00 Oxfordshire Playing Field Association membership £139.60 HMRC PAYE for August-October £119.94 Roy Harrison expenses £25.12 SODC dog hygiene bin emptying £600.00 Will Munday, grass cutting of churchyard and greens (o/s) £178.30 Clerk's salary</p> <p>Receipts:</p> <p>£4,000.00 SODC precept, 2nd instalment £0.33 interest received</p>	<p>Closing balance at 31.10.14</p> <p>£8,889.39</p> <p>£7,739.27</p>
<u>Planning</u>		
P14/S2744/LB	<p>2 - 3 Crossways Sydenham OX39 4LU</p> <p>Proposed structural repairs and alterations to South and East elevations.</p> <p><i>Granted</i></p>	

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Appeal/Q3115/A/14/ 2221592	Thatchings, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, Chinnor OX39 4LJ Proposed erection of a detached two-storey, two bedroom dwelling with parking, access and amenity space <i>Appeal dismissed</i>
P14/S3087/LB	The Thatched Cottages 2 Sydenham Road Sydenham OX39 4LT Installation of gas boiler in the kitchen with an external flue. <i>No strong views</i>
<u>Correspondence</u>	
SODC	Community infrastructure levy preliminary draft charging schedule consultation Negotiations with developers and landowners regarding local infrastructure and service provision
OCC	Neighbourhood planning conference - March 2015 Entry to primary or infant school - Sept 2015
ORCC	Mobile library service consultation Annual review
<u>Any Other Business</u>	
Emergency Plan	The plan is complete and there will be a piece in the next newsletter to describe the measures in place.
SSE	Progress is being made with SSE Developments, and the high voltage cable will be underground between The Folly and the Holliers Close transformer. The Watlington supply cable will go underground at The Folly and run towards The Mill House, where it will then cross to the switch device in the field by the Old Vicarage. The low voltage cable will similarly be altered, following the same route to enable linking in the event of a transformer failure. These works are awaiting permission from all the necessary landowners, and money is allocated by SSE for the funding. This can be carried forward into the new financial year if necessary. A new radio controlled switch is being installed by The Folly which can switch off the supply from Stoke Talmage if there is a fault, instead of the whole supply to the village being lost as at present. This switch will soon be installed as it is not dependant on the rest of the works.
<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th December in the OSR at 8pm.</p>	

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