

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2023 at Brook Cottage, Brookstones

Present: Michael May (MM) – Chair
 Vicki Roe (VR) - Vice Chair
 Tara Glen (TG)
 David Wilkins (DW)
 Heather Mullins (HM) – Clerk

Apologies: Hayley Smith (HS)

The meeting was pleased to welcome our District Councillors and one member of the public.

084	Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None
085	Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed.
086	Planning	<p>An appeal relating to application number P22/S4643/O has been deposited with the District Council as Local Planning Authority (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78) Site Address: Land west of Thame Road Chinnor Description of development: Outline planning application for up to 150 residential dwellings Appellants name: Gleeson Land Appeal reference: APP/Q3115/W/23/3323268 A public enquiry will take place at Chinnor Community Pavilion commencing 10th October 2023</p> <p>Sydenham Parish Council with Chinnor Parish Council have been given Rule 6 status for the inquiry. The Statement of Case was prepared and approved by the parish councillors for submission in August. Proofs of evidence are now being compiled to be submitted by 12 September. Aspects of the appeal were discussed together with action plan and communications. The appeal commenced on 10 October and will last for at least two weeks, possibly three.</p> <p>Appeal Ref: APP/Q3115/W/22/3306672 Park House Workshop, Park View, Sydenham, Chinnor OX39 4LQ <i>Planning Inspectorate decision - the appeal is allowed and outline planning permission is granted for the construction of one dwelling house at Park House Workshop, Park View, Sydenham, Chinnor OX39 4LQ in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref P21/S3405/O, dated 6 May 2022 subject to the conditions scheduled.</i></p> <p>P23/S1345/FUL Greenways, Sewells Lane, Sydenham</p>

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		<p>Removal of existing dwelling, construction of replacement two storey detached dwelling with car port, access, car parking and associated works <i>Awaiting update from SODC Planning Department</i></p> <p>P23/S2670/HH and P23/S2671/LB The Water Lane, Brookstones, Sydenham OX39 4LY Retrospective Listed Building and Householder applications to regularise unauthorised alterations to works approved under P13/S3921/HH and P13/S3925/LB <i>Parish Council response - no objection</i></p> <p>P23/S2716/HH Kingsland Barn, Thame Road, Sydenham, Chinnor OX39 4LA Part garage conversion to studio/gym with skylights <i>Parish Council response – comment submitted</i></p>	
087	Finance	<p>The following items were approved for payment:</p> <p>£7.96 Virtual Landline £4.62 SSE electricity supply for defibrillator £451.25 Clerk's salary £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions £600.00 Grafham Construction Ltd, footbridge repairs £118.86 Dulux Decorator Centre, paint for phone box £47.73 DW expenses – fuel for mower £80.00 S. Williams Garden Maintenance – playing field</p>	
	NatWest Current a/c: b/f £409.09	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£200.00 SODC uncontested election fees £357.00 Community Heartbeat, defibrillator battery £35.99 DW expenses - weedkiller £522.00 Grafham Construction, verges, ditches, reform footpath £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions, dog bin emptying for June £7.96 Virtual Landline £59.99 Microsoft annual renewal £4.62 SSE Southern Electric - supply to defibrillator £472.80 Reimburse Chris Morgan for mowing costs £451.25 Clerk's salary for July £118.86 Dulux Decorator Centre - paint for phonebox £31.40 DW expenses - fuel for mower £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions, dog bin emptying for July £200.00 Mill Lane summer club - Fayre beneficiary £700.00 Cricket club - Fayre beneficiary £50.00 Sleep Apnoea Trust - Fayre beneficiary £200.00 Nic Willoughby Fund - Fayre beneficiary £800.00 Sydenham Newsletter - Fayre beneficiary £300.00 Kingston Blount playground - Fayre beneficiary £7.96 Virtual Landline</p>	Closing balance at 31/08/23

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		<p>£16.33 DW expenses - fuel for mower £4.62 SSE Southern Electric - supply to defibrillator £300.00 Stokenchurch Dog Rescue - Fayre beneficiary</p> <p>Receipts: £1,000.00 transfer from reserve account £1,000.00 transfer from reserve account £3,000.00 transfer from reserve account £200.00 transfer from reserve account</p> <p>Payments: £1,000.00 transfer to reserve account £1,000.00 transfer to reserve account £3,000.00 transfer to reserve account £200.00 transfer to reserve account</p> <p>Receipts: £48.92 interest received in July £48.32 interest received in August</p>	<p>£696.31</p> <p>£39,414.05</p>
		<p>The monthly cost of the Virtual Landline will be increasing in October – likely cost to be £8.75. A grant could be available for the Neighbourhood Plan update scheduled for next year. NP Team to convene next month to discuss.</p>	
088	Matters carried forward	<p>Playing field The possibility of a rural grant from SODC to be explored for hedging works. The RoSPA inspection report is awaited, and expenditure for the inspection invoice approved.</p>	HM
089		<p>Chicane installation on B4445 The TTRO has been received for the works, which will take place 23-27 October. The B4445 will have 24hr road closure – details to be publicised on Sydenham Mail nearer the time.</p>	
090		<p>20mph zone No further update on the pilot scheme for VAS. Another request to be made on social media/Sydenham Mail for 30mph stickers to be removed from wheelie bins.</p>	HM
091		<p>Village repairs and maintenance A dead tree on the Brookstones green has been examined by a tree surgeon. Quote of £425+vat received to take the tree down, log and stump grind, including arranging all permissions required from SODC. Expenditure approved, and quote to be actioned. A quote for a twice yearly cut of verges throughout the village has been received for £200+vat. This was agreed for action. Cuts to be scheduled for before the village Fayre and before the end of October. This is in addition to the one cut undertaken by County. A quote of £250 for painting the telephone box was obtained and agreed over the summer. The work has been completed. Large potholes and pavement damage to be reported on FixMyStreet. Working parties required for the brook and by the allotments. In</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>HM</p>

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		order to try and get families involved a poll to be undertaken to determine the best time to plan these.	MM/VR/HS
092		<p>Footpaths and bridleways</p> <p>The footbridge repairs were completed over the summer, and the Jays footpath cut back.</p> <p>The Sewells Lane improvements have been well received, and the remaining hardcore will be laid on the stretch to the bridge before winter. A further hard cut to the vegetation on Sewells Lane is required – contacts to be followed up and expenditure up to £500 approved to enable work to be put in hand. This includes any further cutting required on The Jays footpath.</p>	DW
093		<p>Fayre Committee report</p> <p>The committee submitted the list of agreed beneficiaries to the Parish Council, and these are now being delivered. Some final details are yet to be received. The committee are looking at options for being able to take card payments at next year's event.</p> <p>The Fayre Committee to be asked to produce a policy with respect to future grant payments.</p> <p>The planned barn clearance will be rescheduled due to weather.</p>	
094		<p>Coronation Stone</p> <p>The church have confirmed that a faculty will be required, and that it would be helpful if the application includes photos and as much detail as possible.</p>	HM
095		<p>APM Feedback</p> <p>The hall has been provisionally booked for the suggested dates. Format to be discussed at another meeting.</p>	
096	Matters Arising	<p>Boundary dispute in Kingston Blount</p> <p>This has been brought to the attention of the parish council and the details have been shared with the Chair of Aston Rowant PC.</p>	
097	Correspondence	<p>SODC - grants for nature recovery projects</p> <p>TOE - project monitoring report for gate to FP378</p> <p>TTROs for B4445 in October and Stert Road in November</p> <p>SODC – Landscape evidence study</p> <p>OCC – winter preparedness, salt bins and salt supplies</p>	HM HM SM HM HM
		<p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.35pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.</p>	

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