

Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July 2023 at Brook Cottage, Brookstones

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

068	Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)	None	
069	Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed.	
070	Planning	<p>P22/S4643/O Appeal reference: APP/Q3115/W/23/3323268 Land west of Thame Road Chinnor 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, 1 March and 6 March 2023).</p> <p>Sydenham Parish Council have been liaising with Chinnor Parish Council and other neighbouring parishes regarding the possibility of applying for Rule 6 Status to allow formal representation at the Public Inquiry to determine this application. There will be a CPC meeting on 10th July to make this decision. It was agreed that Sydenham PC will support Chinnor if they proceed with Rule 6.</p> <p>Planning consultants and barristers are being asked for outline costs and availability, and discussions held with SODC.</p> <p>Following the outcome of CPC's meeting on the 10th, an update to be given to the village via Sydenham Mail.</p>	
071	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 £522.00 Grafham Construction Ltd, verges and Sewells Lane work £300.00 Penny Farthing's Hoop School, Fayre £465.19 DSM Hospitality, food items for the Fayre £200.00 SODC fee for uncontested election 4th May 2023 £33.60 Vinyl Frontier, correx signs for Fayre £134.28 Tesco, food items for Fayre £276.00 R Mead, skip hire, Fayre</p>	

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		<p>£35.52 Amazon, printer cartridges £59.99 Microsoft 365 renewal £35.99 DW expenses, weedkiller</p> <p>As there is no scheduled meeting in August, the regular payments for July were also approved.</p> <p>In grateful recognition of the amount of mowing undertaken by Chris Morgan, a contribution towards costs was approved – the mower service (£424.80) and tyres (£48 each) to be reimbursed.</p>	
	<p>NatWest Current a/c: b/f £812.02</p>	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£28.00 Asda, ice cream - Fayre £7.16 Lidl, ice cream - Fayre £451.25 Clerk's salary for May £134.28 Tesco, consumables for Fayre £70.00 Toby and Vicki Roe, APM refreshments £36.00 Pet Waste Solutions, dog bin emptying for May £10.00 Asda, food scoops and tape - Fayre £14.00 Asda, sweets - Fayre £41.92 Booker, ice cream - Fayre £276.00 R Mead, skip hire - Fayre £160.00 Mr Pierce, balance of Mr Marvel payment - Fayre £33.60 The Vinyl Frontier Inc Ltd - Fayre £465.19 DSM Hospitality, food items - Fayre £7.96 Virtual Landline £300.00 Penny Farthings Hoop School - Fayre £10,000.00 transfer to reserve account £4.62 SSE Southern Electric - supply to defibrillator £35.52 Amazon, print cartridges £451.25 Clerk's salary for June £431.88 CPA Horticulture, play bark</p> <p>Receipts:</p> <p>£1,000.00 transfer from reserve account £11,247.70 Fayre takings £300.00 Fayre takings £8.00 Asda, refund on scoops - Fayre</p>	<p>Closing balance at 30/06/23</p>
	<p>NatWest Reserve a/c: b/f £35,478.83</p>	<p>Payments:</p> <p>£1,000.00 transfer to current account</p> <p>Receipts:</p> <p>£10,000.00 transfer from current account £37.98 interest received in June</p>	<p>£409.09</p> <p>£44,516.81</p>
072	Matters carried forward	<p>Playing field</p> <p>The bark levels have been topped up and weeding done. The front hedge will need some attention soon, and the base board for the slide is showing some water ingress – this might be a project that could be grant funded.</p>	
073		<p>Chicane installation on B4445</p> <p>CPC have confirmed that they are going to place the contract with ODS. An enquiry to be made regarding the timescale for the road closure.</p>	HM

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074		20mph zone OCC to be asked if Sydenham can be a pilot scheme for the parish obtaining their own VAS with funding from the council.	MM
075		Village repairs and maintenance Ditching works and grits are scheduled for Sept/Oct. Water leak on the village green to be reported to Thames Water. OPC to be called out to the blocked roadside drains. The millennium thicket needs ongoing basis, hopefully by volunteers. This led to a discussion on how best to recruit more people for the working groups. Quotes to be obtained for painting the telephone kiosk.	DW DW HS/DW
076		Footpaths and bridleways HS to ask the relevant landowner about footbridge repair work. It might be possible to apply for a small TOE grant. Sewells Lane footpath has been profiled to aid water runoff. The far end has yet to be done and will need some hardcore.	HS
077		Fayre Committee report The Fayre was a hugely successful day, raising a profit of £7,800. Local community groups and causes have been invited to submit requests for donations, and the committee will be meeting next week to consider these.	
078		Net Zero village project The indication from the businesses consulted is that we are probably 18 months early in looking at this type of project. A case study at this stage might lead to less accurate advice. To be revisited every six months as an agenda item.	
079		Coronation Stone It is likely that a faculty would be required to add a stone to the church wall. Further information is being sought.	HM
080		Social Media The new Instagram account has been well received.	
081		APM Feedback Suggested dates for next year are 19 th or 26 th April. Hall to be provisionally booked.	HM
082	Matters Arising	CPRE 'Championing our Local Countryside' meeting TG attended and reported back to the parish council. Points discussed included CPRE's suggested areas for parish councils to comment on the emerging Local Plan in October during the next consultation and their key concerns.	
083	Correspondence	OCC – Councillor Priority Funding OCC – Community tree care volunteers SODC – Register of Interests Thame and Wheatley footpath volunteers	HM
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 th September at 6.30pm in the Old School Room.			

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